



## A CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

### Maryland Rehabilitation Conference 2015

October 29–30, 2015

Radisson Hotel North Baltimore, Timonium, Maryland

CRC Credits Available

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#### Proposals are due by July 22, 2015

The MRA and DORS are joining once again to present the two-day **Maryland Rehabilitation Training Conference**. This year's venue is the Radisson Hotel North Baltimore in Timonium, Maryland. Our mission is, as always, to provide outstanding training opportunities for rehabilitation professionals as well as provide a venue for networking with colleagues.

This year DORS is commemorating the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the signing of the American's with Disabilities Act. In keeping with these milestone events, the theme of this year's Conference is **"The ADA at 25: Embracing Change and Empowering Abilities."** Presentations speaking to that theme will be especially welcome.

#### Submission, Review & Notification:

Deadline for submission of proposals for training workshops and breakout sessions is **July 22, 2015**. The Program Committee will select proposals and notify prospective lead presenters by July 30, 2015.

Email proposals and/or questions to Derick Serra ([derick.serra@maryland.gov](mailto:derick.serra@maryland.gov)), the Program Committee chair, or call him at 410-554-9381 for more information.

#### Handouts & PowerPoints:

In keeping with our policy of "Keeping it Green" and inclusion and accessibility for all, approved presenters will be asked to provide accessible electronic copies of all handouts, which must be submitted no later than **September 23, 2015**. With presenter approval, all final presentations will be made available to participants via the DORS website prior to the event. If you have any questions regarding our Going Green and Accessibility requirements, please contact Derick Serra.

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Lead Presenter: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Presenter(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

Each session is 1 hour and 15 minutes. Please indicate if you will need:

- one 1.25-hour session     two 1.25-hour sessions back to back (for a 2-part session)

Please indicate any request for accommodations:

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#### Please submit this form with the following attachments in order to be considered:

- Objectives to be learned — 3 training objectives
- Abstract of presentation in approximately 100 words with presentation title
- Biographical paragraph of 75 words or less of all presenters

### **Equipment Needs:**

The Conference will provide an LCD projector, screen, flipchart and markers to presenters. Computers ***will not*** be provided by the Conference and are the presenter's responsibility to provide, if required. Internet access is available in each of the session rooms, public areas of the hotel and guest rooms. If you require any additional equipment, please contact Derick Serra no later than **October 1, 2015**.

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## **TOPICS OF INTEREST INCLUDE:**

### **Leadership and Supervision**

- Performance Management
- Motivating and Retaining Talent
- Innovative Practices

### **Employment and Career**

- Innovative Strategies
- Job Acquisition for Individuals with Disabilities
- Evidence-Based Practice in Supported Employment
- Workforce Development
- Career Counseling and Assessment
- Building Partnerships
- Social Networking Tools and Employment
- Career Development

### **Professional and Personal Development**

- Practicing Ethical Principles
- Financial Management Planning
- Time Management and Work Efficiencies
- Self-Care & Health/Wellness
- Computer Application Skills

### **Disability**

- Identification of functional limitations and capacities
- Determination of transferability of work skills
- Medical Aspects of Disabilities – specific impairment
- Innovations in Treatment for Prevalent Disabilities: Pain, Obesity, Sensory Disabilities, Orthopedic
- Developmental Disabilities and Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Acquired Brain Injury
- Blindness/Low Vision
- Deaf/Deaf-Blind/Hearing Impairments
- Mental Illness

### **Special Topics and Best Practices**

- Rehabilitation Technology/AT Demonstration
- Transitioning Youth
- Individuals from Diverse Backgrounds and Cultures
- Benefits Planning and Work Incentives
- Ticket to Work
- Assisting Veterans with Disabilities
- Federal Programs and Legislation

### **Support/Advocacy**

- Support Groups for Families and Consumers of Targeted Disabilities
- Services and Advocacy of Centers for Independent Living
- The Americans with Disabilities Act

**We welcome submissions for topics not listed above**