



A CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

Maryland Rehabilitation Conference 2016

October 27-28, 2016

Embassy Suites by Hilton, Hunt Valley, Maryland

CRC Credits Available

Sponsored by

The Maryland Rehabilitation Association and the Division of Rehabilitation Services



Proposals are due by July 20, 2016

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

In appreciation of the agencies with whom DORS works to assist Consumers in becoming employed, the theme of this year's Conference is "**Partnering Towards Employment.**" 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 20, 2016**. The Program Committee will select proposals and notify prospective lead presenters by July 30, 2016.

Email proposals and/or questions to, Derick Serra (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, 2016**. 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 Keeping It Green and Accessibility requirements, please contact Derick Serra.

Lead Presenter: _____

Co-Presenter(s): _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Topic: _____

Each session is 75 minutes. Please indicate if you will need:

- one 75 minute session two 75 minute sessions back to back (for a 2-part session)

Please indicate any request for accommodations:

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, 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, 2016**.

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