



**TO:** Parties Interested in Services to Individuals with Developmental Disabilities

**FROM:** Jim Casey and Cathy Arrowsmith, Co-Chairs  
MACDDS Conference Committee

**DATE:** May 7, 2010

**SUBJECT:** **CALL FOR CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS – 2010 MACDDS ANNUAL CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 14-15, 2010, LAKE OZARK, MISSOURI**

The **Missouri Association of County Developmental Disabilities Services (MACDDS)** Annual conference will be held October 14-15, 2010, at the Lodge of Four Seasons in Lake Ozark, Missouri. The theme is *Bridging the Gap*.

Potential session topics of broad interest among our members for inclusion in the conference include the following:

- Human Resources
- Technology
- Programs/Supports - Best Practices
- Access/Transportation
- Outreach/Advocacy
- Emergency Preparedness
- Aging Population
- Innovative Partnerships
- Employment Practices
- Taking Care of Yourself

Attached are general descriptions of session topics. Visit the MACDDS website at [www.macdds.org](http://www.macdds.org) regularly for new information about the MACDDS 2010 Annual Conference.

MACDDS members and other interested organizations are invited to submit proposals for presentation at the conference. Presentations will vary in length from 45 to 75 minutes, including questions. Please keep the conference theme in mind when submitting session topics and titles. **Please be advised that if you have A/V needs for your session, you will be responsible for bringing and setting up the equipment prior to your session (this includes projectors, laptops, etc.). Microphones, A/V stands, and sound equipment (if needed) will be supplied by MACDDS. Hotel A/V technicians should be called in the event of any difficulties with equipment set-up or functioning.**

The deadline for completing the Call for Conference Presentations is **June 4, 2010**. If you would like to discuss a potential topic before submitting an abstract, please do not hesitate to email the MACDDS office at [cabllc@earthlink.net](mailto:cabllc@earthlink.net) or call the office at 573-632-2700.

# Descriptions of Session Topics

## **Human Resources**

Workshops in this category may focus on issues related to recruiting, selecting, evaluating, developing, and compensating employees or the basics of effective supervision including worker motivation, leadership styles and practices, managing conflict, communication with workers, selection, promotion, training, counseling, evaluation and discipline within the confines of front-line management.

## **Technology**

Workshops in this category will focus on information technology that improves services to individuals with developmental disabilities as well as technology that enhances operations of organizations that provide administrative or direct services to individuals with developmental disabilities. Technology may include but not be limited to databases, information systems, internet/web-based technology, assistive technology, etc.

## **Programs/Supports - Best Practices**

This session will focus on presentations concerning best practices or innovative programs related to education and early intervention, employment, formal and informal community services, health, housing, quality assurance, recreation and transportation, etc. Special interests are practices related to targeted case management.

## **Access/Transportation**

Sessions under this topic will be related to programs or innovative collaborations that address access to services through transportation or involve coordination among multiple disciplines to leverage additional funds for improving access.

## **Outreach/Advocacy**

Sessions in this category will focus on the importance of outreach and how to obtain the engagement of the general public and important interest groups or stakeholders, such as local and state policy makers. Topics might address elements of advocacy efforts and/or specific outcomes achieved as a result of outreach or advocacy efforts. Elements might include how to use data and research for advocacy, identifying advocacy audiences, developing and delivering advocacy messages, making persuasive presentations, etc.

## **Emergency Preparedness**

Sessions under this topic will be related to types of training available to employees and employers, improvements in emergency preparedness, and efforts to increase public awareness of security issues. Specific examples, where multiple disciplines came together to manage a specific incident, such as rescues, evacuations, relocations, repairs and service restoration, would be ideal.

## **Aging Population**

Workshops in this category will focus on the impact of individuals with developmental disabilities aging – particularly as people with lifelong conditions are living longer. Topics might include developing an emergency planning guide, which describes the adult child's goals, lifestyle, health needs and preferences; advance directives, living wills, health-care proxies, and "Do Not Resuscitate Orders"; and/or changing roles of siblings, etc.

## **Innovative Partnerships**

Workshops in this category will focus innovative partnerships and may be partnerships at the state or local level.

## **Employment Practices**

Session in this category will present programs of excellence that assist individuals with developmental disabilities to obtain jobs, increase public and employer awareness of hiring persons with developmental disabilities; or focus on hiring persons with severe disabilities.

## **Taking Care of Yourself or Others**

Sessions in this category will focus on taking care of oneself. These workshops may include grief counseling, stress relief programs, yoga, various therapies, positive touch and positive thought, and more.

## **Other**

If you have an abstract for a workshop session that does not fall within one of the above categories, please submit your abstract under this category and it will be reviewed and considered.

# Missouri Association of County Developmental Disabilities Services

2010 MACDDS Annual Conference

October 14-15, 2010 ♦ Lodge of Four Seasons ♦ Lake Ozark, MO

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## PROPOSED PRESENTATION SUBMITTAL FORM

1. NAME OF PRESENTER: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Title of Presentation: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Topic Areas – Check (✓) all that apply

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| <input type="radio"/> Quality Enhancement                | <input type="radio"/> Emergency Preparedness  |
| <input type="radio"/> Human Resources                    | <input type="radio"/> Aging Population        |
| <input type="radio"/> Technology                         | <input type="radio"/> Innovative Partnerships |
| <input type="radio"/> Programs/Supports - Best Practices | <input type="radio"/> Employment Practices    |
| <input type="radio"/> Access/Transportation              | <input type="radio"/> Taking Care of Yourself |
| <input type="radio"/> Outreach/Advocacy                  | <input type="radio"/> Other                   |

4. **Ideal** length (not guaranteed) for my presentation is:

- 45 minutes (3/4 hour)
- 60 minutes (1 hour)
- 75 minutes (1.25 hours)
- 120 minutes (2 hours) – split with break 75/45 or 60/60

5. **ABSTRACT:** Please attach an abstract of **no more than one page** describing the subject to be presented.

6. I do not have a presentation, but I am interested in:

- Moderating a session                       More information on Exhibiting at the Conference

**PLEASE EMAIL THIS SUBMISSION FORM AND THE ABSTRACT BY JUNE 4, 2010 TO:**

**Doris Boeckman at [cabllc@earthlink.net](mailto:cabllc@earthlink.net)**

**Or by mail to Doris Boeckman, MACDDS Conference Coordinator at  
606 Dix Road, Jefferson City, MO 65109**

**NOTE:** This opportunity is open to MACDDS members and others interested in issues pertaining to individuals with developmental disabilities. If you are interested in becoming a member of MACDDS, contact Doris Boeckman, MACDDS Executive Coordinator, at 573-632-2700.