



**2021 Iowans with Disabilities in Action – Make Your Mark!  
Conference  
Call for Presentations  
September 15-16, 2021  
West Des Moines Marriott  
1250 Jordan Creek Pkwy, West Des Moines, IA 50266**

**2021: Be a Game Changer!**

This year will mark the seventh annual Iowans with Disabilities in Action Make Your Mark! Conference. The last six conferences have brought Iowans with disabilities, direct care support professionals, parents and family members and other disability advocates together to develop skills to increase their civic and political engagement. This year our focus is on Iowans with disabilities to be a game changer in their communities and everyday life. Presentations should focus on one of the following categories:

- Community Inclusion
- Advocacy
- Volunteerism
- Grassroots Organizing
- Employment

**Target Audience**

The conference is intended for Iowans with disabilities who want to become more civically engaged in their communities. While we anticipate that parents and family members, caregivers and direct support staff, service providers and others affected by disability will attend the conference, the target audience for presentations is Iowans with disabilities.

**Presentation Format**

The conference will offer 75-minute breakout sessions. Presentations should address one of the presentation categories and incorporate the “Be a Game Changer” theme. Preference will be given to presentations that are interactive, include at least one presenter with a disability and provide specific actions that participants can use to make their own mark.

**Room Setup**

Breakout session rooms will be set in rounds or “classroom” style to accommodate 50 to 60 participants. If your proposed session requires a different setup, this must be indicated on the application. We cannot guarantee that we will be able to accommodate your preferred arrangement, but we will do our best.

## Topics and Tracks

We are interested in reviewing presentation proposals that focus on developing skills to increase civic and political participation among lowans with disabilities to be a game changer in their communities and everyday life.

Presentation Categories: Presentations should focus on one of the following categories:

- Community Inclusion
- Advocacy
- Volunteerism
- Grassroots Organizing
- Employment

## Instructions for Application Submission

To be considered as a presenter for the 2021 Make Your Mark! Conference, please fill out the MYM! Presentation Application form and provide us with a detailed description of your presentation. We will not share your presentation with others outside of our team. You will have the option to complete the online form or submit a hard copy. A link to the online and paper application can be found at [www.idaction.org](http://www.idaction.org) or by clicking on the links below.

## Proposal Submission and Deadlines

Presenter proposals and applications must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on April 16, 2021. Applications may be submitted to:

**Email:** [contactus@idaction.org](mailto:contactus@idaction.org)

**Mail:** lowans with Disabilities in Action, P.O. Box 737, Des Moines, IA 50309

**In person:** Iowa Developmental Disabilities Council, 700 2nd Ave., #101, Des Moines, IA 50309 **All applicants will hear from lowans with Disabilities in Action by April 23, 2021.**

## AV Equipment

All breakout sessions will include a PowerPoint package, which includes a podium with laptop computer, LCD projector and screen. Internet will be available. If additional equipment is needed, please make sure this is indicated on the application.

## Proposal Review Process

All completed proposals will be reviewed by the lowans with Disabilities in Action team. The committee will use the following review criteria:

- The presentation focuses on one of the presentation categories and follows the **2021: Be a Game Changer!** theme
- The presentation includes at least one person with a disability as a presenter
- The presentation leaves participants with specific actions they can take to make their own mark
- The presentation includes interactive activities for participants
- The presenter has outstanding qualifications and experience

We reserve the right to request modifications to a proposal before a final decision is made. We also reserve the right to combine presentations with similar topics in one session. Presenters will be notified in advance if this should occur.

**Questions**

Please contact Iowans with Disabilities in Action with any questions at [contactus@idaction.org](mailto:contactus@idaction.org) or 866-432-2846. Visit [www.idaction.org](http://www.idaction.org) for information regarding the conference.



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## Presenter Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Role/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation or Organization (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (Zip)

Work Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Presentation Information

Title of Proposed Presentation: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Topic Categories:</b>	<b>Description of Proposed Presentation (Please be sure to include the following):</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Inclusion	1. How the presentation will address the topic, why it's important and how to get started.
<input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy & Volunteerism	2. Why the presentation is relevant to the audience.
<input type="checkbox"/> Grassroots Organizing	3. How the presentation will incorporate the "2021: Be a Game Changer!" theme.
<input type="checkbox"/> Employment	4. What the intended outcomes for participants are.

## **Presenters Bios and Affiliations of Presenter(s)**

If the presentation includes multiple presenters, please include a bio of each and how each plans to contribute to the presentation. Please include contact information for each presenter.

## Submission Options

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