



**2020 Iowans with Disabilities in Action – Make Your Mark!
Conference
Call for Presentations
September 24-25, 2020
West Des Moines Marriott
1250 Jordan Creek Pkwy, West Des Moines, IA 50266**

2020: Your Vision for the Future

This year will mark the sixth annual Iowans with Disabilities in Action Make Your Mark! Conference. The last five 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 creating a vision for your future:

- What work needs to be done to create the future you want to see?
- How can you create goals for the future?
- How can you use the skills you have, or what skills do you need to develop to achieve goals?
 - Employment
 - Advocacy

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 “Your Vision for the Future” 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 create the future they want to see.

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 2020 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 or by clicking on the links below.

Proposal Submission and Deadlines

Presenter proposals and applications must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on March 30, 2020.

Applications may be submitted to:

Email: 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 3, 2020.

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 **2020: Your Vision for the Future** 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 or 866-432-2846. Visit www.idaction.org for information regarding the conference.



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Preparation, Participation, Power

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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: _____

Topic Categories:

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

Description of Proposed Presentation (Please be sure to include the following):

1. How the presentation will address the topic, why it's important and how to get started.
2. Why the presentation is relevant to the audience.
3. How the presentation will incorporate the "2020: Your Vision for the Future" theme.
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

Applications submitted by mail or email need to be received by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 30, 2020.

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