

## **NJACP 2024 Annual Conference**

# **“THE HEART & SOUL OF IDD SERVICES”**

## **CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS**

### **Conference Information:**

Date: March 21 and 22, 2024

Location: Resorts Hotel and Casino, Atlantic City, NJ

**Presentation application deadline: Sunday, January 7, 2024**

*Historically, NJACP held its Annual Conference each Fall. Then, in 2020, when COVID hit, the conference was suspended. The decision was made earlier this year that it is time to hold our in-person annual conference again, and we originally scheduled a November conference. But times have changed since 2019. NJACP has increased its event and training schedule in the Fall (now offering Heroes, An Executive Forum, Documentation and Supervisor trainings – none of which existed before COVID). SHA has moved its conference up to November (from December). There is also a new virtual conference (Self-Direction Conference) that did not exist in 2019. So, after much thought and discussion, while NJACP believes we would have a successful November conference, we think the conference would be even stronger if we pushed it to its new timeframe – Spring! So, NJACP has made the decision to permanently move its Annual Conference from the Fall to the Spring.*

*NJACP will hold its first in person conference since 2019 on March 21 and 22, 2024! We are excited to be back with an in-person conference, at Resorts Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City. And so much is being planned for our “Return to Conference.”*

*We are determined to make our first conference back a memorable one, filled with insightful, current topics of interest to all those who serve the I/DD community.*

*We look forward to having you be a part of our Conference. You are receiving this information because you have been a speaker at a previous NJACP conference, or requested speaker information for our upcoming conference. Thank you for your interest in being a presenter at the 2024 NJACP Statewide Conference!*

*Our attendees will be staff members of organizations that provide services and supports to persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Attendees may be members or nonmembers of NJACP. While NJACP’s members all provide these services to adults, some of our conference attendees also provide supports and services to children and youth.*

*While the conference will be held over two days, the majority of break-out sessions will be held on Friday. On Thursday is our plenary session. We also are planning to host a panel discussion (topic will be released as we get closer), and a limited number of break-out sessions.*

*As a presenter at an NJCP conference, you receive the following benefits:*

- *The conference starts at 11 a.m. on Thursday. Sessions begin at 8:30 on Friday. The conference wraps on Friday by 3 p.m.*
- *Complimentary participation at all scheduled sessions and events on both days of the conference.*
- *All meals, which includes a casual lunch on Thursday, the dinner event Thursday evening, a continental breakfast on Friday, and the award/conference luncheon on Friday.*
- *NJACP will book your lodging for the night prior to your presentation. If you wish to stay an additional night, you will be responsible for the additional lodging at the room block rate. Please contact Colleen Klepser ([cklepser@njacp.org](mailto:cklepser@njacp.org)) for more information.)*

## **Details Regarding Presentations:**

*Unless otherwise noted, conference break-out sessions are 60 minutes. All break-out session rooms include a laptop and tv screen/monitor. If additional equipment is required, please contact NJACP.*

*To be considered as a presenter at the 2024 conference, please complete the presentation application (attached to this call for presentations).*

*If your presentation is accepted, NJACP requires your power point presentation and any additional hand-outs to be sent electronically to NJACP headquarters no later than March 1, 2024. NJACP will make materials for attendees available electronically. If you wish to have paper handouts for your presentation, please bring 50 copies with you. (An electronic copy will still be due at NJACP on March 1.)*

*NJACP will be offering CE units for as many topics as possible, including HR, Nursing, S/W, ABA, and possibly others. In order to apply or provide these CEU's please make sure to send a resume or curriculum vitae for all presentation speakers. If NJACP believes that your presentation would be a good fit for our conference attendees, you will receive an email of acceptance. Once your presentation is accepted, presenters will need to send a portrait photo for marketing materials and the Conference website and mobile app. (Specifications and more information will be in the acceptance email.)*

***Please email the completed application along with cv/resume to [cklepser@njacp.org](mailto:cklepser@njacp.org) by the January 7, 2024 deadline. Presentation decisions will be made and emails sent out by January 19, 2024. Presentation and hand-outs are due at NJACP electronically on March 1, 2024.***

**Theme:** *The theme of the 2024 Conference is: **THE HEART & SOUL OF IDD SERVICES***

**Proposed Session Tracks ...** *At this time, we have the following tentative tracks planned.*

- Leadership (Executive and Mid Managers)
- Finance
- Technology
- HR: With a focus on Workforce Recruitment & Retention
- Clinical Tracks: (Nursing (N), ABA (ABA) and S/W (S/W))
- Quality
- Emergency Preparedness
- Person Centered Supports (DSP Track)

## Examples of Suggested Session Topics

Below are SUGGESTED session topics from previous conferences or topics that NJACP's Member Resources Committee believes would be of interest to conference attendees.

**PLEASE NOTE** – with this being said, **we are always looking for new and engaging topics to share with our conference attendees.** The list is simply suggestions or prompts. **If you have a topic or presentation that is new or current, and believe our conference attendees would find it interesting and/or exciting, please submit it for our conference. Our goal is to have topics that will engage our attendees.**

### Suggested Topics:

- Critical National Trends: what the Trendlines Tell Us about Business, Tech & the Future of Supports
- Connecting Passion with Mission
- Evolving the Best Hybrid Team
- A comprehensive overview of managed care
- Understanding alternative payment models, i.e., value-based purchasing
- Apps Supporting Social and Emotional Learning (Apple App)
- Cyber Risk Assessment & Threat Management for NPOs
- Three-legged stool of Retention (Wages/Tuition Forgiveness/Education)
- Understanding the DHS Proposal for Credentialing of DSPs
- Enhancing the Employee Experience – Morale Matters
- Developing DSPs to Becoming Great Supervisors
- Telemedicine and Documentation (N)
- Aging in Place - Adults with IDD (N)
- PPMU's New Behavior Supports Policy (ABA)
- Applying the 7 Dimensions-Applied Behavior Analysis for Adults in Sometimes ABA-Hostile Environment (ABA)
- Using Applied Behavior Analysis to Help Adults with Autism to Successfully Enter the Workforce (ABA)
- Providing Support to Individuals with Complex Needs Still Living with Family (S/W)
- HCBS Individual Choice Requirements vs. Regulations (S/W)
- Utilizing Technology to demonstrate quality outcomes
- Supporting Workers With Disabilities in New Normal to Achieve the Dream of Real Jobs for Real Pay
- Supporting People with Disabilities in a Virtual World
- How to document while still supporting choice
- "Practice the Pause" Mental Health Support for Staff (Stress & Relief)
- Social Media Safety/HIPAA
- Work/life balance

**If you are interested in being a speaker at our conference, please complete the proposal for Conference presentation attached.**

For more information on conference break out session tracks, or if you have any questions regarding presentations, or the selection process, please contact Colleen Klepser, Director of Administration and Events at:

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