



2022 SLI CALL FOR PROPOSALS

You are invited to submit a proposal to present at The Arc's 2022 NCE Summer Leadership Institute

Navigating the Winds of Change
July 18 – 20, 2022 | Chicago, Illinois

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Proposal Deadlines

February 25, 2022: Proposal submission deadline

April 1, 2022: Speakers notified

The Arc's Summer Leadership Institute, hosted by The Arc's National Conference of Executives (NCE), aims to create an experience that inspires and empowers attendees. Presentations should reflect the spirit of [The Arc's mission](#) and provide attendees with tools and techniques to support them to accomplish their goals when they return to their organizations. Presenters should be eager to actively engage with The Arc's network leading up to, during, and after the event.

The 2022 NCE Summer Leadership Institute

The 2022 NCE Summer Leadership Institute will bring together The Arc's chapter leaders and disability professionals to work through the disability and nonprofit sector's biggest challenges and engage in substantive discussions and knowledge sharing while networking with leaders at the forefront of disability issues.

With 600 chapters across the United States, The Arc and its National Conference of Executives is uniquely positioned to identify issues, seek and implement solutions, and raise awareness of the

challenges facing people with IDD as they strive to realize their place as equal participants and valued members in all aspects of community life.

While service systems vary across the country, today's challenges faced by people with IDD and their families are universal: future planning, community integration, education, housing, employment, self-determination, access to justice, advocacy, empowerment of self-advocates, health disparities, and solving the DSP crisis, to name a few. For those with IDD with other marginalized identities such as Black, Indigenous, or people of color, LGBTQIA+, immigrants and refugees, older adults, etc., the stakes are even higher. The Arc has long stood at the forefront of advocacy for the human rights of people with IDD. With their intersecting identities, all members of the disability community must be valued, respected, and celebrated for who they are.

Our chapters and sector leaders work diligently to address these challenges, approaching them as opportunities to effectively meet the needs of a diverse, ever-changing, IDD community. Now, more than ever, our sector must find innovative ways to address intersectionality and collaborate across social justice movements.

Difficult issues we'd like to explore at this year's event include:

- What are the skills professionals need to support the changing landscape in services and supports, especially for those least likely to be served within the IDD community?
- How can we protect the "lifeline programs" (e.g., Medicaid, Affordable Care Act, Medicare, SSI, and Social Security) from budget cuts and other changes that will hurt people with IDD and their families?
- How can we prevent efforts to weaken civil rights laws, including the Americans with Disabilities Act, while addressing discrimination that cuts across identities?
- How can we prepare our organizations to weather the storm of unexpected disruption from events like COVID-19?
- How do we effectively identify and support emerging leaders and champions, including those with lived experience?
- What are some of the cutting-edge promising practices being explored and how can they be replicated?
- What is new in the evidence base about supports and services?
- What does success really look like? For chapters? For people with IDD? For families? For other stakeholders?
- How can our organizations continue to effectively address the issues facing people with IDD and their families in diverse communities throughout the country?
- What can be done to address the growing concern regarding attracting and retaining DSPs?
- How do we meaningfully address the intersectionality of disability with other dimensions of diversity (e.g., race, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, etc.)?
- How is research informing advocacy, practice, and policy?

- How can we build a strong online disability rights movement and fully engage our chapters and their volunteer leaders and staff, and the individuals and families they serve and other constituents?

These are just some of the questions we seek to explore this July at the 2022 Summer Leadership Institute in Chicago.

We invite proposals for breakout sessions of either 45 minutes, 60 minutes, 75 minutes, or 90 minutes from community leaders, researchers, professionals, providers, and policy advocates addressing one (or more) of the following themes:

SESSION THEMES

Theme 1: Program Innovations

New developments and best practices in supports and services to people with IDD.

Topic Areas Include: Access to justice; art & culture; behavior supports & mental health; community inclusion; decision-making supports; education; employment; future planning; guardianship and autonomy; health, wellness & recreation; housing; technology; transition; transportation

Theme 2: Personal, Professional, and Organizational Development

New developments and best practices in board and staff skill building and building strong organizational systems for success.

Topic Areas Include: Chapter/organizational membership; fundraising/development; governance; internal communications; organizational development; strategic planning; social media; training and leadership development

Theme 3: Public Policy

Federal and state policies affecting people with IDD.

Topic Areas Include: ABLE accounts; growing our movement of advocates; the impact of "disability vote" on local and federal elections; managed care for long term services and supports; proposed reforms to the lifeline programs; progress in implementation of the HCBS Final Rule; successful CMS/WIOA transitions

Theme 4: Grassroots Advocacy/Self-Advocacy

Effective strategies for engaging the IDD community and the public in holding local, state, and federal governments accountable.

Topic Areas Include: Developing self-advocate leaders; effectively engaging self-advocates; mobilizing communities and individuals; and self-determination

Theme 5: Access, Equity, and Inclusion

Best practices and emerging strategies to make organizations, advocacy, and services more accessible, equitable, and inclusive for a diverse IDD community that includes many intersecting identities and experiences.

Topic Areas Include: intersectionality; outreach to diverse and marginalized communities; developing diverse leaders; creating accessible, equitable, and inclusive organizations; equity planning and implementation; anti-racism and anti-colonialism; universal design and accessibility; cross-movement advocacy; and social justice

THE IDEAL SPEAKER IS:

- Comfortable in engaging with diverse audiences and can highlight the importance of intersectionality.
- Can bring lived experience with one or more marginalized identities and incorporate that experience in their presentation.
- Knowledgeable about a topic of importance to a diverse disability community.
- Skilled in presenting in an interactive style which allows attendees to contribute their perspectives.
- Equipped with concrete and replicable examples.
- Familiar with creating and delivering accessible and inclusive presentations.
- Able to incorporate the event theme into their session; and
- Committed to not only present on a topic but networking with participants in our event.

PRESENTER GUIDELINES

Submission Guidelines

- The same proposal may not be submitted multiple times
- Sessions must be non-commercial. For-profit companies interested in sponsorship should contact Matthew Boyer at boyer@thearc.org.
- All proposals must include the following information:

- A complete mailing address, email address, phone number, and organization
- A short (no more than 75 words) bio for each presenter.
- A session abstract of 125 words to be included in the conference program book and online if the proposal is accepted.
- Session description of approximately 500 words
- A professional photo for inclusion on the conference website (JPG, TIF, PNG, etc.)

Presentation Guidelines for Accepted Presenters

- Presenters are responsible for preparing all materials (PowerPoint presentations, handouts, etc.) to be distributed to attendees. Presenters should strive to create materials and handouts that are accessible, equitable, and inclusive (helpful guidance and resources will be shared with all presenters).
- All information presented must adhere to The Arc's Terms and Conditions and Usage agreements. All presentations must be consistent with The Arc's **Core Values** and **Position Statements**. Presenters must use the official NCE SLI 2022 PowerPoint Presentation template
- Presenters must submit their completed PowerPoint presentations by **June 10**. Presentations will be reviewed for accessibility before being made available to attendees. Please note, this may result in changes to presenters' materials.
- Presenters are responsible for creating copies of their own handouts. Shipping information will be sent to presenters a week prior to the Summer Leadership Institute.
- All presentations will be made available to conference participants on the 2022 Summer Leadership Institute website at nce-sli.org.

Financial Guidelines for Accepted Presenters

- The Arc does not provide honorariums.
- Presenters are responsible for their hotel and travel arrangements.
- Presenters will get **\$75** off registration to attend SLI.
- All submitters must read and agree to the 2022 guidelines (above). **Submit a Proposal** to begin your submission.

SELECTION PROCESS

Proposals will be reviewed by the members of the NCE Program Review Team and selected based on the following criteria:

- Presenter(s) have exemplary credentials or experience for presenting on the topic and can demonstrate an effective, interactive mode of presentation.

- Content demonstrates innovative and promising practices that are replicable, and which reflect community-based inclusive practices.
- Session embodies The Arc's [Core Values](#) and content aligns with The Arc's [Position Statements](#).
- If your proposal is not accepted for SLI, you are more than welcome to submit a proposal for consideration at The Arc's National Convention. The Arc's National Convention will be in the Fall of 2022. Location TBA.

The proposal submission deadline is Friday, February 25, 2022.

Speakers will be notified via email of final decisions on April 1, 2022.

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Support

For questions about the proposal process, please contact Abby Owusu at owusu@thearc.org or 202-617-3278.