



2023 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

July 24 – 26 | Las Vegas, NV

Playing To Win: Joining Together for A Better Future

You are invited to submit a proposal to present at the
2023 NCE Summer Leadership Institute

Proposal Deadlines

February 20, 2023: Proposal submission deadline

April 3, 2023: Speakers notified

[Submit A Proposal](#)

The 2023 National Conference of Executives (NCE) Summer Leadership Institute (SLI) is The Arc's premiere networking and professional development event for executives and managers in the field of intellectual and developmental disability (IDD). We are seeking presenters to create a meaningful, relevant, and memorable event. Presentations should reflect the spirit of [The Arc's mission and values](#). They should provide attendees with tools and techniques to support the accomplishment of their organizational and professional goals. Presenters should be eager to actively engage with The Arc's network leading up to, during, and after the event.

Why Present at the Summer Leadership Institute?

Together with The Arc's network of nearly 600 chapters, NCE is uniquely positioned to identify issues, seek and implement solutions, and raise awareness of the challenges people with IDD face as they strive for recognition as equal participants and valued members of their communities.

While service delivery systems vary across the country, today's challenges are universal: future planning, community inclusion, education, housing, employment, self-determination, access to justice, advocacy, health disparities, and the workforce crisis, to name a few. For those with IDD as well as 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. 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.

Challenging issues that demand examination include:

- Identifying 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
- Protecting 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
- Preventing efforts to weaken civil rights laws, including the Americans with Disabilities Act, while addressing the discrimination that cuts across identities
- Identifying and supporting emerging leaders and champions, especially those with lived experience
- Identifying cutting-edge promising practices and replicating them
- New evidenced-based practices in supports and services for people with IDD
- Identifying what success looks like for chapters, for people with IDD, for families, and other stakeholders
- Creating ways for our organizations to effectively address the issues facing people with IDD and their families in diverse communities throughout the country
- Addressing the ongoing workforce development crisis, especially recruitment and retention of direct support professionals
- Addressing the intersectionality of disability with other dimensions of diversity (e.g., race, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, etc.)
- Using research to inform advocacy, practice, and policy
- Building a strong online disability rights movement that fully engages our chapters, their volunteer leaders and staff, the individuals and families they serve, and other constituents
- Addressing generational differences among board members so that all perspectives are respected
- Cutting-edge staffing models
- Sharing funding solutions that go beyond individual giving

These are just a sample of the issues to explore this July at the 2023 Summer Leadership Institute in Las Vegas.

We invite proposals for breakout sessions of either 45 minutes, 60 minutes, or 75 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 support and services for people with IDD and their families.

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

Theme 2: Personal, Professional, and Organizational Development

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

Topic areas include: Chapter membership; fundraising/development; governance; internal communications; organizational development; strategic planning; social media; training and leadership development; workforce development

Theme 3: Public Policy

Federal and state policies affecting people with IDD and their families.

Topic areas include: ABLÉ accounts; growing our movement of advocates; the impact of the “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; and 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
- Able to 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 that 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
- Committed to not only presenting on a topic but networking with participants throughout the 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 email sponsor@thearc.org
- All proposals must include the following information:
 - A complete mailing address, email address, phone number, and organization name
 - A short (no more than 50 words) bio for each presenter.
 - A session abstract of 125 words is to be included in the conference program online if the proposal is accepted.
 - Session description of approximately 250 words
 - A professional photo for inclusion on the conference website (JPG, TIF, PNG, etc.) It should be 50kb in size.

Presentation Guidelines for Accepted Presenters

- Presenters are responsible for preparing all materials (PowerPoint presentations, handouts, etc.) to be distributed to attendees. Presenters should 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 Language & Style guidelines and Usage agreements. All presentations must be consistent with [The Arc's Core Values](#) and [Position Statements](#). Presenters must use the official NCE SLI 2023 PowerPoint presentation template.
- Presenters must submit their completed PowerPoint presentations by June 16. Presentations will be reviewed for accessibility before being made available to attendees. Please note, this may result in changes to the presenters' materials.
- Presenters are responsible for creating copies of their handouts. Shipping information will be sent to presenters four weeks before the Summer Leadership Institute.
- All presentations will be made available to conference participants on the 2023 Summer Leadership Institute website at: nce-sli.org
- Presenters must be in person. There is no virtual component for this event.

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 the Summer Leadership Institute.
- All submitters must read and agree to the 2023 guidelines (above). [Submit a Proposal](#) to begin your submission.

SELECTION PROCESS FOR SLI

Proposals will be reviewed by the members of the NCE Program Review Team along with subject matter experts and selected based on the following criteria:

- The presenter (s) have exemplary credentials or experience for presenting on the topic and can demonstrate an effective, interactive mode of presentation.
- The content demonstrates innovative and promising practices that are replicable and reflect community-based inclusive practices.
- The session embodies The Arc [Core Values](#) and content aligns with The Arc's [Position Statements](#).
- If your proposal is not accepted for the Summer Leadership Institute, you are more than welcome to submit a proposal to The Arc's National Convention for consideration. The Arc's National Convention will be in the Fall of 2023 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The proposal submission deadline is Friday, February 20, 2023.

Speakers will be notified via email of final decisions on April 3, 2023.

SUPPORT

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

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