



Call for Proposals 2021 Conference on Inclusive Education February 18 - 20, 2021

Instructions and Submission Form

Conference Description:

Inclusive education is a process of school reform that creates equity in education and increases achievement for ALL students. In inclusive schools students, families, general and special educators, administrators, support staff, and community members work together to learn skills for differentiating instruction. This conference brings members of each of these distinct groups together to learn, collaborate, and focuses on strategies that support the inclusion of students with all types of disabilities in general education.

Who attends the PEAK Conference on Inclusive Education?

EVERY PERSON involved in the education and inclusion of diverse learners.

- Family members
- Self-Advocates
- School Administrators
- General Education Teachers
- Special Education Teachers
- College Students

Developing and Submitting a Proposal:

- Sessions will only be considered with the following criteria:
 - The session shares practical, concrete strategies that families and educators can implement right away to improve outcomes for all learners.
 - The session is accessible to a wide audience (families, general and special educators and administrators, related service providers, self-advocates, etc.).
 - The session is based on evidence-based, cutting edge information, data, and research that promote fully inclusive schools, classrooms and communities.
- Breakout sessions are 90 minutes in length.
- PEAK Parent Center is unable to pay an honorarium or cover other expenses of conference presenters.

- All presenters are required to register for the conference.
- Only submit a proposal if you are available and willing to present at *any time* during all three days of the conference. Every attempt will be made to firm up the schedule 30 days prior to the conference.
- All sessions are expected to utilize adult learning principles that promote engagement in the presentation, include visual aids, and to present information and use language that is inclusive and does NOT discriminate on the basis of disability, gender, race, color, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or gender expression.
- Complete all of the information itemized on the "Proposal Session and Presenter Information" form. The link to access this form will be emailed to you. Be sure to submit the contact information and bio for *each* presenter who will be involved in the proposed session.
- Note: Session proposals that primarily focus on promoting a specific product or program will not be accepted.
- Include your CV/ Resume or bio with your proposal.
- Send your proposals no later than **October 12, 2020 to conference@peakparent.org.**
- Direct any questions to conferece@peakparent.org.

Tips for Submitting a Proposal:

- Sessions should be accessible to both families and professionals. A goal of this conference is to "level the playing field" so that families and general and special educators have access to the same information at the same time with the hope of building capacity.
- Limit title to 10 words or less using language that clearly describes what the session will be about. If your proposal is accepted, PEAK reserves the right to edit requested session titles.
- Limit your session description to 100 words or less and outline exactly what will occur in the session including presentation style and techniques (interactive, lecture, multimedia, discussion, role-playing, etc.). Consider including information on the level of your content (beginner, intermediate, expert). If your proposal is accepted, PEAK reserves the right to edit submitted session descriptions.
- Be specific about your suggested audience - who will benefit the most from attending your session?
- Conference attendees are made up of a significant number of repeat attendees. If you are using a PPT, handouts and materials you have used previously will need to be updated.
- Since the 2021 Conference of Inclusive Education is virtual, be sure your presentation is tailored for virtual delivery and distance learning.

Proposal Notification:

- Submission of a proposal does not guarantee a session slot. **Limited spaces are available.**
- Acceptance notifications will be emailed by November 1, 2020.