



**Call for Proposals**  
**2026 Conference on Inclusive Education in Grand Junction**  
**October 13 and 14, 2026**

**Location: Double Tree**  
**743 Horizon Dr, Grand Junction, CO, US**

**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 together members of these distinct groups to learn, collaborate, and focus 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
- Community Members

**Suggested Topics:**

Early Childhood Education  
Leadership and Advocacy for Inclusive Education  
Disability Advocacy, Disability Justice, and Disability Rights  
Emerging policy and system-related challenges families are navigating  
Accessing General Education for Curriculum  
UDL  
Dispute Resolution  
Transition to Adulthood  
Differentiated Instruction

Systems Change  
Data that Supports Inclusive Education  
Significant Support Needs and Inclusion  
Behavior Support Strategies  
Self Advocacy  
Assistive Technology  
Post Secondary Inclusive Education  
Advocacy Strategies  
Literacy and Reading  
Active Stakeholders Participation  
Inclusive Practices  
Accommodations and Modifications  
IEP  
Mental Health  
Social Outcomes on Inclusion  
Bullying  
What is Inclusion  
Topics for Parents

### **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. Presentations are 75 minutes long, 10 minutes for questions, and 5 minutes for session evaluations.
- PEAK Parent Center is unable to pay an honorarium or cover other expenses of conference presenters.
- Only submit a proposal if you are available and willing to present at *any time* during both days of the conference. Every attempt will be made to firm up the schedule by September 1, 2026.
- 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](#). Be sure to submit the contact information and bio for each presenter 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. This will be used in print materials and our conference app.
- Send your proposals no later than **June 1, 2026**.
- Direct any questions to [conference@peakparent.org](mailto:conference@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 250 words or less and outline exactly what will occur in the session, including presentation style and techniques (interactive, lecture, multimedia, discussion, role-playing, etc.).
- Include 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 include a significant number of repeat attendees. If you are using PowerPoint, handouts, and materials you have used previously, they will need to be updated.

#### **Proposal Notification:**

- Submission of a proposal does not guarantee a session slot. **Limited spaces are available.**
- Acceptance notifications will be emailed by **July 13, 2026**.