



## 2021 PA Community of Practice Transition Virtual Conference

# Navigating the Future: A Lifetime Trip

August 11-12, 2021

## Call For Conference Proposals



### Call for Proposals

The 2021 PA Community of Practice Transition Virtual Conference planning team is requesting proposals from individuals and groups interested in presenting virtually on a wide array of subject matter including:

- navigation of the education system and transition process for students and families
- current research and practical applications for the classroom and the jobsite
- identification and development of support systems
- setting a personalized vision for a meaningful life

Each session will be 60 minutes in length. Session types requested include: youth panel discussions, family member panel discussions, community of practice sessions, interactive presentations, and presentations introducing resources and information.

### Conference Overview

The PA Community of Practice Virtual Transition Conference will bring together a diverse community of stakeholders to share information, explore resources, and gain knowledge regarding successful practices in secondary transition. The conference attracts more than 800 participants annually. Attendees include educators, students, family members, youth leaders, therapists, agency personnel, vocational rehabilitation staff, and many others.

### Transition Conference Strands

**Each proposal submitted must align with one of the following strands**

#### ■ Transition Planning

Assessment, Assistive Technology and Accommodations, Collaborative Partnerships, Agency Involvement, Models of Success, Career Exploration Planning/Preparation, Graduation/Post-School Outcomes

#### ■ Post-Secondary Education

Post-Secondary Planning, Pre-College Experiences, College-Based Transition, Postsecondary Education Programs, Postsecondary Career Training Programs, Vocational Technical Programs, Certification Programs

#### ■ Employment

Career Development, Career and Technical Education, Career Exploration, Discovery Process, Summer Employment, On-the-Job Training, Apprenticeships, Pre-Employment Transition Services

#### ■ Youth Engagement

Self-Determination, Self-Advocacy, Disability Awareness, Youth Development, Youth Leadership, Independent Living, Travel and Transportation Skills, Community-Based Experiences, Recreation and Leisure, Youth Engagement, Self-Management

#### ■ Family Engagement

My Role in the IEP, Learning About Agencies, Disability Specific Information, Involving My Child in Transition Planning, Resources for Families, Building Family Networks, Scheduling Respite, Person-Centered Planning

#### ■ Social and Emotional Health

Mental Health Resources, Social Skills Development, Friendships, Anti-Bullying Efforts, Emotional Well-Being, Relationships, Career Ready Skills

### General Guidelines for Submission

- Proposals must be submitted via online application at <https://fs25.formsite.com/3fHiZQ/xdcvxfi02a/index.html>
- All proposals must support post-school outcomes and align with a conference strand
- Submission Deadline – March 31, 2021

### Required Information for Session Proposals

- Title of Presentation (100 characters or less)
- Narrative Description of Session (300-500 words)
- Session Abstract (50 words or less)
- Alignment with Conference Strand
- Name, Email, Employer, Title/Role of Presenters

*Note: All required fields must be completed for proposals to be considered for presentation at the conference*

### Selection Criteria

Proposal selection is based upon the following:

- Degree to which the proposal aligns with the **conference purpose and strand(s)**
- Participation by **cross-systems teams** (e.g., interagency) including families/caregivers
- Participation of **youth/young adults** and/or adults with disabilities as presenters
- **Clarity, organization, and feasibility** of presentation proposal
- Inclusion of **evidence-based or promising practices**
- **Appropriate for a diverse audience** (e.g., youth/young adults, families/caregivers)
- **Potential to replicate and build capacity** of outcome-driven practices
- Degree to which proposal meets the **youth and/or family engaging criteria**

### Notification

- The primary presenter will receive notification regarding the proposal status on or before **April 30, 2021**

### Conference Registration

- Conference registration will be available online **May 15, 2021** at [www.pattan.net](http://www.pattan.net)
- All presenters must register for the conference

**Please direct questions regarding proposal submissions to:**  
PaTTAN – East - Kim Cole, [kcole@pattan.net](mailto:kcole@pattan.net)

## Important Dates

- ❖ Proposal submissions – March 31, 2021
- ❖ Speaker notification of acceptance – April 30, 2021
- ❖ Conference registration posted – May 15, 2021