



# Call for Conference Proposals

## 2020 PA Community of Practice Transition Conference

### Together Towards Tomorrow

Save the Dates! - July 15-16, 2020 - Penn Stater Conference Center, State College PA

#### Call For Proposals

The 2020 PA Community of Practice Conference planning team is requesting proposals from individuals or groups to present on a wide array of subject matter including: navigation of the education system and transition process for students and families; current research; practical applications for the classroom and the jobsite; identification and development of support systems; and setting a personalized vision for a meaningful life. The following session types are requested: youth panel discussions, family member panel discussions, community of practice sessions, interactive presentations, and presentations introducing resources and information. Proposal submitters will have the option of selecting their preferred session length. 60 and 90 minutes sessions will be available at this year's conference.

#### Conference Overview

Each year the PA Community on Transition Conference brings 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. The conference will take place July 15-16, 2020 at the Penn Stater Conference Center in State College Pennsylvania.

#### Transition Conference 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, Apprenticeship, 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://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2020TransitionPA>
- All proposals must support post-school outcomes and align with a conference strand
- Proposal Deadline – January 31, 2020

#### 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
- Dates of Availability
- Name, E-mail, Employer, Title/Role of Presenters
- Special Requests and/or Accommodations

*Note: All required fields must be completed for proposal 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 theme(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, 2020**

#### Conference Registration

- Conference registration will be available online **May 3, 2020** at [www.pattan.net](http://www.pattan.net).
- All presenters must register for the conference and pay the registration fee

Please direct questions regarding proposal submissions to:

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#### Important Dates

- ❖ Proposal submissions – Friday, January 31, 2020
- ❖ Speaker notification of acceptance – Friday, April 30, 2020
- ❖ Conference registration posted – Friday, May 3, 2020