



**PA Statewide Independent Living Council
Power Through Knowledge Conference
April 2 - 4, 2009**



Call for Presentations

Power Through Knowledge 2009 is the 8th biennial statewide conference produced by and for Pennsylvanians with disabilities. It will be held at the Hilton in Harrisburg, PA on April 2 – 4, 2009. We invite you to submit a proposal to present a workshop at the conference so you can share your ideas and experiences with others in the Pennsylvania Independent Living Movement.

The Program Planning Committee is looking for workshop presentations that support these suggested topics:

- Cross disability issues
- Roles of Family and Parents
- Focus on inclusion of certain disabilities in IL – TBI, autism, etc.
- Collaborations – issues with aging – IL services
- Military and Veteran issues with IL services
- Disability Culture – Arts, poetry, recreation, sports, etc.
- Disability Pride
- Transportation
- Housing
- Assistive technology
- Legislative process
- Advocacy options
- Personal assistance management
- Employment
- MiCASSA
- Money follows the person
- Community choice
- Voting
- Nursing home transition
- Advocacy via the Internet
- Coalition building
- Networking via the Internet
- The history of the disability rights movement
- Information and referral

Do you or someone you know have an idea for a workshop presentation? Can you see yourself or someone you know leading a workshop? If so, consider proposing a workshop. We are looking for many ideas so that we can choose a variety of presentations to benefit everyone who attends the conference. We also encourage a variety of styles of workshops. For example, some people have used games to teach valuable information, and yet others have used movies. Panels are popular, and everyone likes workshops where they are able to interact with the presenters and each other. Feel free to think creatively!

Please make this letter and the attached form available to people with disabilities, professionals, organizations, and other individuals who work towards independent living and self-determination.

Preparing a presentation can be intimidating, particularly if it's the first time. So we've made the procedure as simple as possible. Complete your form along with a description of your proposed presentation (250 words or less). All presentations are 90 minutes in length. The deadline for submission is July 10, 2008. Then the Call for Presentations Committee will review all submissions and choose the presentations for the 2009 conference. You will receive a letter in early September to let you know whether or not your session was accepted.

If you have any questions, please call Amy Selders or Bonnie Mountz at the PA SILC Office at 717-364-1732 or 1-800-796-9163.



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Call for Presentations Proposal Form

Name: _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone(s): _____ **TTY:** _____

Fax: _____ **Email address:** _____

Presenter Name(s): _____

Workshop Title: _____

Goals & Objectives of the workshop: _____

Attach description (no more 250 words). Presentations are 90 minutes in length.

Targeted Audience:
_____ Newcomer _____ Intermediate _____ Experienced

Audience Knowledge – Our attendees come to the conference with different amounts of background knowledge. For this reason, proposals must specify what type of audience member would be best suited to your session:

Newcomer - Someone who is new to the independent living or disability rights movement, including: consumers, individual advocates, a new CIL staff or board member, a statewide independent living council (SILC) member, or a state agency representative unfamiliar with CILs, SILCs, or independent living concepts.

Intermediate – Someone who has been involved with the independent living or disability rights movement, including: consumers, individual advocates, CIL staff or board members, a statewide independent living council (SILC) member, or a state agency representative somewhat familiar with CILs, SILCs, or independent living concepts.

Experienced - Someone who has worked in a center or who has a disability and has been active in promoting disability rights or someone who is directly involved in the administration of CILs or SILCs.

Presentation Style:

- _____ Roundtable Discussion
- _____ Panel
- _____ Interactive
- _____ Training Workshop
- _____ Best Practice Symposia
- _____ Lecture

Roundtable Discussion: A facilitated discussion group that centers on a series of CIL and SILC issues related to Advocacy, Best Practices, Enforcement/Implementation, or "The Missing Links."

Panel: A panel consists of a small group of six or eight persons, who carry on a guided and informal discussion before an audience as if the panel was meeting alone. A question and answer period would occur following the presentation.

Interactive: Training, discussion, or presentation with audience participation.

Training Workshop: An experiential learning opportunity with specific training objectives for workshop participants; focus on building new skills, changing attitudes, or increasing values.

Best Practice Symposia: An intense examination of "best practice(s)" in independent living; presented by an individual or panel with the audience sharing and analyzing successes and failures, best practice symposia are expected to produce a summary of what was found in their examination.

Lecture: A speech or presentation by an individual or a panel, allowing time for questions and answers. Uses a variety of media, such as flip charts, overhead transparencies, slides, film, videotape or handouts.

Room Setup:

All workshop rooms will be set up using accessible theater style. If you would prefer an alternate setup for your workshop, please contact Rhonda Hebbard, Conference Coordinator at 717-319-0559 or Rhonda@goluxor.com to determine if it is feasible.

- _____ Podium
- _____ Tabletop podium
- _____ Table for panel of presenters. Number of presenters: _____
- _____ Round tables for audience

Equipment:

Let us know what audio-visual equipment you will require for your presentation:

- _____ Slide Projector
- _____ Flipchart on Easel
- _____ Overhead Projector
- _____ TV/VCR or DVD Player
- _____ LCD Projector - Presenter provides own laptop computer
- _____ Other (specify) _____

Will assistance be required for use of the equipment: Yes _____ No _____

If Yes, please indicate assistance required: _____

Workshop Materials:

The production of workshop materials, including alternate format, is the responsibility of the workshop presenter. If you require assistance with funds or details for producing your workshop materials and/or alternate format, please contact Bonnie Mountz at the PA SILC office at 717-364-1732 or bjmountz@pasilc.org, and we will work with you to locate funding and a way to produce the materials.

Alternate Format:

Attendees who require alternate format will submit their requests with their conference registration. We will communicate alternate format requests for your workshop to you by February 28, 2009 to give you sufficient time to have materials produced.

Workshop materials in Alternate Format need to be submitted to the SILC Office by March 15, 2009 to be included in attendee packets.

Please complete one form for each workshop you are submitting. Also attach a description of your proposed presentation. Descriptions should be 250 words or less. If you need assistance with completing this form, please call the PA SILC at 717-364-1732. Be sure to email, fax, or mail your **submission no later than July 10, 2008** to:

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