



CONFERENCE WORKSHOP REQUEST FOR PRESENTATIONS

Deadline for Submission: September 1, 2020

Introduction

The National Inclusion Project (NIP) invites you to submit a proposal for the 10th annual Power of Play conference. The conference will be held virtually during the week of October 12th with morning and afternoon sessions each day as well as virtual networking events most days. The National Inclusion Project operates on three core beliefs: EVERY child can participate, EVERY child can make a friend, and EVERY child can be successful. With those beliefs in mind, we've made it our mission to make the inclusion of children with disabilities the EXPECTATION, not the exception. We work with community organizations and recreational programs, providing them with the training, tools, and support they need so that children with disabilities can be included in ALL of their activities and programs.

The purpose of NIP's Power of Play conference is to provide an annual event for professionals from various fields to gather to learn from and network with each other. NIP aims to provide youth-serving organizations with the framework, training, and resources they need to become fully inclusive and serve ALL children in their communities.

NIP envisions that this year's virtual Power of Play conference will attract approximately 200-250 professionals who include: recreation professionals, disability/inclusion advocates, therapeutic practitioners (OT, PT, etc.), educators & students, community program administrators, and others with a desire to ensure no child sits on the sidelines.

Presentations and Presenters

Schedule:

Each presentation will be 45 minutes in length to maximize the virtual effectiveness. If your presentation requires more than 45 minutes, please propose two sessions (e.g. Part 1; Part 2). Presentations will be scheduled during the morning or afternoon sessions October 12-16, and all presentations will be available at the conclusion of the conference for on-demand viewing.

Presentation Strands:

NIP will utilize the [Standards for Inclusive Recreation Programs](#) as content strands for Power of Play. The Standards for Inclusive Recreation Programs provide an operational definition of social inclusion, clearly outline best practices of inclusive recreation, and serve as the foundation for all NIP training resources, including accreditation. Developed in partnership with the Center for Social Development and Education (CSDE) at UMass Boston, the standards are an educational resource available to any recreation program wanting to provide meaningful inclusive experiences to their participants.

We ask that presenters note which Standards strand their presentation best falls under.

Strands:

1. Administration
2. Facilities & Resources
3. Staffing
4. Programming
5. Evaluation

For more information, visit <https://www.inclusionproject.org/standards/>. If you feel your presentation does not fit into one of the tracks, please designate so in your description.

Virtual Logistics

If your presentation is selected, NIP will work with you to pre-record your session. In preparation for recording, NIP will have several presenter orientations, and each presenter will need to attend one. We will provide guidance on lighting, sound, etc. as we work to make the conference presentations as quality as we can.

Presentation Elements:

Please take note of these suggested presentation elements as you plan your presentation proposal; we will consider these as we make our final presentation selections:

- **Goals of the Presentation:** Identify goals for participants who attend your presentation.
- **Encourage Active Learning:** Identify what methods you will use to encourage active learning.
- **Practical Tools:** Participants will be looking for practical tools that they can use to implement the strategies you will teach/explain.
- **Best Practices/Relevant Research:** Identify best practices and/or research that will help participants implement new strategies with credibility.
- **Handouts:** Providing a handout during your presentation will help participants follow your presentation, and can provide suggestions for additional resources.
- **Degree of Difficulty:** Identify whether the workshop will be geared toward professionals early in their careers or new to inclusive practices (beginner), who are mid career (intermediate), or who have advanced expertise and experience (advanced).

Participants:

We expect conference participants to range from individuals who are new to inclusion implementation to those who are more experienced. Participants will include recreation professionals, disability/inclusion advocates, therapeutic practitioners (OT, PT, etc.), educators & students, community program administrators, and others with a desire to ensure no child sits on the sidelines.

Requirements for Presenters:

- All presenters must commit to attending one virtual presenter orientation for the purpose of understanding recording requirements.
- All presenters must commit to recording their session and submitting all additional materials prior to the start of the conference on October 12.
- Presenters must grant permission for on-demand viewing of their presentation and online distribution of handouts and supplemental resources.

Personal Requirements for Presenters:

1. Primary Presenter Name
 - a. Credentials
 - b. Contact Information (email, phone, address)
2. Title of Presentation
3. 50-Word Presentation Summary (This will be included on the Power of Play website.)
4. Standards strand:
 - a. Administration
 - b. Facilities & Resources
 - c. Staffing
 - d. Programming
 - e. Evaluation
5. Target Audience
 - a. Beginner
 - b. Intermediate
 - c. Advanced
6. Presentation Abstract (150 words or less) - *only necessary if you feel your presentation description needs more than the summary above.*
7. 2-3 Learning Objectives
8. Co-Presenters (names, credentials, contact information)
9. Presenter Bios, including a headshot
10. Handouts/Uploads - *if they are available at the time of submission*

Important Dates

- September 1, 2020: Presentation proposal due date
- September 7, 2020: Presentations selected; presenters notified that week
- Week of September 14: Presenter Orientation Sessions
- September 30, 2020: Recordings of presentations and additional materials due.

SUBMIT YOUR RFP TO aronhall@inclusionproject.org BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2020