



Pennsylvania Community on Transition Conference

Empowerment in an Environment of Change

July 25–27, 2012
Penn Stater Conference Center and Hotel
215 Innovation Boulevard, State College, PA 16803

Call for Proposals to Present

The Pennsylvania Community on Transition State Leadership Team invites all interested persons to submit proposals to present at the *11th Annual Pennsylvania Community on Transition Conference: Empowerment in an Environment of Change*.

The sponsors of the conference are the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education and the PA Training and Technical Assistance Network, in collaboration with members of the PA Community on Transition including:

- Center for Rehabilitation Counseling Research & Education, The George Washington University
- PA Office of Vocational Rehabilitation
- PA Youth Leadership Network
- Pennsylvania's Initiative on Assistive Technology (PIAT)
- Transition State Leadership Team including members from:
 - *Advocacy, Systems Change and Capacity Building Organizations (Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Planning Council and Abilities in Motion [Center for Independent Living])*
 - *Higher Education (Pennsylvania State University and Temple University)*
 - *PA Department of Education (Bureau of Special Education, Bureau of Career and Technical Education)*
 - *PA Department of Health (Bureau of Family Health and Bureau of Community Health Systems)*
 - *PA Department of Labor & Industry (Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Bureau of Workforce Development Partnership and Pennsylvania State Workforce Investment Board)*
 - *PA Department of Public Welfare (Office of Developmental Programs, Office of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services, Office of Children, Youth & Families)*
 - *Parent/Advocacy Organizations (Parent Education Network, PA Education & Advocacy Leadership Center, PA Families Inc., Parent Mentoring Project, Hispanos Unidos para Ninos Excepcionales (HUNE); and The Arc of Pennsylvania)*

Primary Purpose

The primary purpose of this conference is to expand the capacity of local education agencies and communities, in partnership with youth, young adults and families, in promoting the successful transition of youth/young adults with disabilities to post-school outcomes of employment, post-secondary education and training, community participation and healthy lifestyles. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about effective practices to assist youth/young adults with disabilities to be empowered in an environment of change.

[Conference Overview](#)

All proposal applicants should review the attached 2012 PA Community on Transition Conference Overview, prior to completing the Call for Proposal to Present. A copy of this document and the overview can be obtained electronically at www.pattan.net.

[Proposal Submission Requirements: Deadline – December 21, 2011](#)

- ✓ **Presentation Proposal Form:** The proposal is to be submitted electronically to paconf@pattan.net in Microsoft Word format on the attached Presentation Proposal Form on or before the close of business on 12/21/11. Excluding any information will cause your proposal to be ineligible for consideration.
- ✓ **Session Title:** Title should contain a maximum of 8 words
- ✓ **Proposal Description:** Narrative of 300-500 words to describe the presentation, presentation format, and role of presenter(s).
- ✓ **Name File:** Prior to submitting your proposal, be sure to save the file using the title of the proposed presentation.

[Presentation Format \(90 Minute Sessions\)](#)

All sessions are 90 minutes in length and should include at least 15 minutes for discussion. To be accepted, all proposals must support post-school outcomes and align with a conference theme.

Please note: If you feel the content of your presentation requires more than 90 minutes to adequately address your topic, indicate on the proposal form that you are requesting two 90 minute sessions.

[Selection Criteria](#)

Proposal selection is based on the following:

- ✓ Degree to which the proposal aligns with the **conference purpose and themes**.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Include **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 proposals meet the **youth and/or family engaging criteria**.

[Notification](#)

- ✓ You will receive written notification regarding your proposal status by **March 1, 2012**.
- ✓ If selected, you will receive instructions regarding the submission of your materials.
- ✓ If selected, you will be asked to submit handouts electronically by **June 1, 2012** so that materials may be provided electronically for distribution to attendees.
- ✓ If you'd like to provide the audience with handouts during your presentation, you will be responsible for supplying 75 copies and two electronic copies of all materials in an accessible format.

Conference Registration

Conference registration will be available online after **April 1, 2012** at <http://www.pattan.net>.

Conference Registration Fee:

- ✓ Registration fee is \$125.00 per person.
- ✓ Family and youth who need support in order to attend the conference can apply for a scholarship to cover the registration fee and hotel (one room up to a maximum of 3 nights). Additional information regarding scholarships will be made available at www.pattan.net.
- ✓ The registration fee will be waived for presenters who are only attending the conference for the day of their presentation.
- ✓ **ALL PRESENTERS MUST REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE EVEN IF YOU ARE ONLY PRESENTING AT YOUR SESSION TO PROVIDE AN ACCURATE LUNCH COUNT.**

For Additional Information Regarding Conference Proposals

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Presentation Proposal Form

Proposal Title: Title should be brief, descriptive, and enticing - maximum eight words
Proposal Description: Narrative describing presentation, presentation format, and role of presenter(s) - 300-500 words
CONFERENCE Theme: Please select the <i>ONE</i> theme most applicable to your presentation. Refer to conference overview for suggested topics.
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>A Focus on Youth Development & Youth Leadership</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Aligning Accommodations & Supports</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Building Knowledge, Engagement, and Empowerment of Families/Caregivers</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Employment</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Expanding Capacity of Teams Through Leadership Development Strategies: Promoting Local Transition Coordinating Councils</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Healthy Lifestyles, Independent Living & Community Participation</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Knowledge Building Topics</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Models For Success</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Partnerships</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Post-Secondary Education & Training</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Promoting Success of All Youth by Addressing Transition Needs</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Transition & Career Assessment</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Unified, Holistic Planning</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Universal Design</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Other: (Please list)</i>

Youth Engaging	<input type="checkbox"/> Only select if you meet <u>ALL</u> criteria listed below. <i>To be considered "Youth Engaging" the presentation must address the following:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A lecture style presentation should last no longer than a half hour, without any breaks or activities or change of presentation style. ✓ All attendees should receive an outline of issues that will be addressed and the main points that the presenter would like the audience to gain from his/her session. ✓ Engage youth through audience participation and include activities that keep youth's attention. ✓ Accommodate all types of learning modalities. 		
Family Engaging	<input type="checkbox"/> Only select if you meet at least <u>ONE</u> of the criterion listed below. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Information is provided that will help families support their youth develop the skills they will need as adults. ✓ Strategies are shared that could be utilized in community settings and the systems that impact families. ✓ Information is provided to assist in understanding legal processes, procedures, requirements and professional jargon. ✓ Information is practical and addresses the role of families and youth in achieving positive post-school outcomes. ✓ The session provides families with information, skills or strategies that promote their ability to advocate for their youth. 		
Presentation Format	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Co-Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Panel	Identify Presenter(s) by Role:	<input type="checkbox"/> Educators <input type="checkbox"/> Families/Caregivers <input type="checkbox"/> Youth/Young Adults with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Agency Staff <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Please describe _____
Technology Availability/ Needs	<p>All rooms will be arranged theater style. Each room will be equipped with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 1 podium with a fixed microphone ✓ 1 flipchart with markers ✓ 1 screen ✓ 1 LCD projector ✓ 1 laptop (with DVD, CD, and USB) <p>We prefer that you do not bring any of your own equipment because of the logistics of managing the schedule. A PC computer and LCD projector are set up in the rooms for all presenters. Please bring your presentation files on a USB or CD. Save your file(s) according to the listed operating systems:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Microsoft Vista - save your documents as Windows XP ✓ Microsoft Office 2007 - save documents as Microsoft Office 97-03 version ✓ Apple/Mac - please let us know once proposal is accepted 		
Special Requests: If you have a special request for room set-up, internet access, sound system/speakers, double sessions or other needs, please describe:			

Lead Presenter's Information					
Name					
Affiliation					
Mailing Address					
City		State		ZIP	
Office Phone				Home Phone	
Fax			E-mail		

Co-Presenter's Information					
Name					
Affiliation					
Mailing Address					
City		State		ZIP	
Office Phone				Home Phone	
Fax			E-mail		

Co-Presenter's Information					
Name					
Affiliation					
Mailing Address					
City		State		ZIP	
Office Phone				Home Phone	
Fax			E-mail		

<p>Presenter(s) Accommodations:</p> <p><i>Please describe any accommodations needed by the presenter(s), as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act: (e.g. Sign language interpreter, ramp to elevated stage, etc.).</i></p>	
<p>Additional comments, requests or questions:</p> 	