

Call for Presentation Proposals

2021 ADARA Conference

Sunday, March 21 – Thursday, March 25, 2021

Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town

800 Rio Grande Boulevard NW,
Albuquerque, NM 87104



Goal of the Conference

The *American Deafness and Rehabilitation Association (ADARA)* is pleased to announce a national conference in 2021 to be hosted at Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town in **Albuquerque, New Mexico**. Our conference theme is **Soaring to New Heights**. With that in mind, attendees are invited to consider how they can help inspire fellow conference-goers with their insights and experiences, collaborations and undertakings, theoretical knowledge and research findings to further our collective work in meeting the needs of individuals who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing and DeafBlind.

With the conference approaching, it is crucial to recognize the value that this event brings forth. The conference will draw participants from around the country who are interested in training and networking opportunities for behavioral health professionals, researchers, vocational rehabilitation counselors, independent living service providers, educators, interpreters, transition specialists, community-based providers, professionals working in school settings, and any support staff in the helping professions. Attendees will converge for an exciting mix of learning and face-to-face networking.

Presentation Proposals

Presentation proposals for concurrent sessions, pre-conference sessions, or poster sessions should address effective or innovative practices used in working with Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind consumers related to behavioral health, research, post-secondary, and k-12 education, transition services, health services, vocational rehabilitation, and interpreter accessibility.

Submitted proposals should include learning objectives, a one-page vitae, and references that will assist in applying for continuing education units (CEUs) for conference attendees. Proposals for concurrent sessions should be for 90 or 180 minutes long. We will have several workshop tracks:

- (1) Behavioral Health/Interdisciplinary Team
- (2) Distance Learning (synchronous & asynchronous)/Tele-Health
- (3) Vocational Rehabilitation/Post-Secondary/k-12 Education/Transition Services/ Behavior Management/School-Clinical Collaboration
- (4) Research/Access

Proposal topics are listed below, but are not limited to:

Possible Areas and Topics	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Evaluations/Assessments: VR, Behavioral Health, Education● Peer support services● Supporting community living options● Drug/alcohol prevention, abuse and treatment strategies● Trauma-informed care● Working with language dysfluent consumers● Developing cultural competency● Therapeutic techniques/theories & effective counseling techniques & strategies● Interpreting considerations: Medical, mental health, substance abuse, vocational● Co-occurring disabilities● Research and related applications● Educational trends and access considerations● Behavior Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Professional management● Public policy● Using technology in therapeutic, educational and healthcare settings● Client-centered approaches/early interventions● Residential programming● Levels of care: residential, outpatient, intensive, group homes● Job coaching/Job placement● Transition● Work adjustment● Legal Considerations● Ethical Considerations● Mentoring● Interdisciplinary teamwork● School-Clinical collaboration

Process for Submitting Proposals

- Submit your presentation proposal(s) online: <http://www.adara.org/submit-proposal.html>

Selected presenters will be receiving reduced registration for the conference at half price (maximum of two presenters). Presenters will be responsible for their own travel, lodging, meals, and incidental expenses. Please plan to bring your laptop computer for PowerPoint presentations. If you have any questions about submitting your proposals, please email at office@adara.org.

The deadline for submitting proposals is September 20, 2020