

Call for Presentation Proposals

2024 ADARA Conference

Wednesday, May 29 – Saturday, June 1, 2024

Omni Atlanta Hotel at CNN Center

100 CNN Center
Atlanta, GA 30303



Goal of the Conference

The *American Deafness and Rehabilitation Association (ADARA)* is pleased to announce a national conference in 2024 to be hosted at the **Omni Atlanta Hotel at CNN Center**. Our conference theme is **Recover, Recharge and Reconnect**. 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 this event's value. 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 90 or 180 minutes long. We may have several workshop tracks:

- (1) Behavioral Health
- (2) Exploring Equity
- (3) Vocational Rehabilitation/Education
- (4) Research/Access
- (5) Interpreting

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● Work adjustment● Mental health/vocational rehabilitation literacy● Ethical Considerations● Drug/alcohol prevention, use, and treatment● Trauma-informed care● Generational trauma● Working with atypical language● Therapeutic techniques/theories● Psychosocial aspects● Family systems/dynamics● Interpreting considerations: medical, mental health, substance use, or vocational● Incorporating CDIs within VR/MH● Co-occurring disabilities● Peer support services● Behavior Management● Telehealth: Implications and strategies● Integrated treatment (VR+MH)● Navigating cultural humility and/or competency● Learning and language challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Professional management and/or supervision● Public policy development● Continuum of care: outpatient, intensive, residential, or community● Supporting community living options● Job coaching/Job placement● Pre-Employment transition services● Technology in therapeutic, educational, and healthcare settings● School-Clinical collaboration● Social-emotional learning in K-12● Educational trends, K-12 and/or post-secondary● Deaf infant and early childhood mental health● Criminal justice/ Legal considerations● Crisis Response● Mentoring/Coaching● Interdisciplinary teamwork● Racialized discourse● Lens and language to examine intersectionality● Interpersonal effectiveness● Research and related applications

Process for Submitting Proposals

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

Selected presenters will receive 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 Wednesday, October 25, 2023