

2025 NADD Annual Conference Call for Presentations Guide

The 2025 NADD Annual Conference will be held in person from **October 15-17** at the **Minneapolis Marriott City Center** in Minneapolis, MN.

NADD values diverse perspectives from individuals with lived experience, families, clinicians, researchers, providers, and direct support professionals within the **intellectual/developmental disability and co-occurring mental health needs (IDD/MH) community**.

New this year: NADD is using **CE-Go** for the CFP submission process and continuing education tracking. Please be patient as we implement this new tool.

Preferred Presentation Topics

Presentation proposals should focus on evidence-based best practices that enhance wellness and quality of life for individuals with co-occurring IDD/MH. **Advanced clinical sessions** and those incorporating the **perspectives of individuals with lived experience** are highly encouraged.

Topics of interest include:

- **Diagnosis & Assessment**
- **Ethics**
- **Cultural Considerations**
- **Life Span Issues** (Early Intervention, Adolescence, Adults & Aging)
- **Family & Caregiver Issues**
- **Workforce Development** (Direct Support Professional Training)
- **Gender Identity & Sexuality**
- **Technology Innovations**
- **Program Models** (Funding Innovation, Criminal Legal System)
- **Transition** (Community Living, Employment, Higher Education)
- **Treatment Approaches**
 - Counseling & Therapeutic Approaches
 - Trauma-Informed Care
 - Behavior Support
 - Psychopharmacological Approaches
 - Substance Use Disorder
 - Crisis Intervention

Presentation Format & Requirements

- **Session Length:** All sessions will be 90 minutes, and must include at least 20 minutes of audience interaction or Q&A.
- **Presentation Materials:** Uploading slide with your submission is optional but encouraged. Updates can be made after submission – up until September 16.
- **Presenter Limit:** Up to **4 presenters per session** (1 primary and 3 secondary presenters).

- **Submission Platform:** All proposals must be submitted through **CE-Go**. Incomplete submissions will automatically be rejected.

Presenter Requirements

The following information is required *for each presenter*:

- **Contact Information**
- **Curriculum Vitae (CV) or Resumé** ([see examples](#))
- **Presenter Disclosure Statement & Terms & Conditions** (linked in the submission portal)

Proposal Requirements

Each submission must include:

- **Presentation Title:** Maximum **8 words**.
- **Three Learning Objectives:**
 - Must be **measurable and observable** (avoid vague terms like “learn,” “know,” or “understand”).
 - Refer to **APA’s Writing Learning Objectives and Assessments** for guidance.
- **Five References:** Each session should have at least 5 references with at least 3 of those being peer-reviewed journal articles published within the last 5 years.
- **Presentation Level:**
 - **Basic:** Introduces a topic to an audience with minimal prior exposure.
 - **Intermediate:** Assumes foundational knowledge or familiarity with DSM criteria.
 - **Advanced:** Targets experienced professionals with significant knowledge in the subject area.
- **Presentation Description (500-character limit):**
 - Should include:
 - Summary of information to be presented.
 - How audience engagement will be incorporated.
 - Accuracy of techniques presented
 - Utility in clinical practice
 - Limitations to consider
 - Positive and negative consequences of methods discussed

Presenter Discounts:

- Primary presenter: **50% conference registration discount**
- Secondary presenters: **25% discount**

We look forward to your proposals and thank you for your contributions to the field!