

Dear Colleagues:

The Hearing loss community is growing. Each of us has an obligation to ensure that we are equipping people with hearing loss and service providers with the most current information and best practices to ensure clear and understandable definitions of what hearing loss is and what are the solutions, services and latest technologies .

Are you a leader in your field? Do you have specialized knowledge to share with the Hearing loss community ? Have you conducted research, developed policy or innovated programs that you want share? Do you have a collaborative model in your field that engages consumers and professionals alike ? If so, please consider participating in our 2012 Conference on Hearing Loss as a workshop presenter to share and educate the community with your knowledge and experience .

Below are examples of topics we are looking to be presented at the 2012 Conference on Hearing Loss:

Individuals and Hearing Loss

- Hearing Loss 101
- Deaf-Blind 101
- Hearing Aids 101
- Mental/Social Health and Hearing Loss
- Self Advocacy
- Effective Communication
- Communication Access Rights in Legal Settings
- Person Behind the Ear

Disability Laws and Hearing Loss

- Americans with Disabilities Act
- Public Policy and Hearing Loss
- Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act
- Interpreters in Specialized Settings
- Hearing Aids and Consumer Rights
- Communication Access and Emergencies
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- 21st Century Communication & Video Accessibility Act of 2010
- Rehabilitation Act of 1973
- Architectural Barriers Act
- Hearing Loss and Services
- Services for Deaf-Blind Individuals
- Sexual Assault and Hearing Loss
- Social Security Benefits
- Medicaid and Hearing Loss

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Hearing Loss and Technology

- Personal Assistive Technology
- Telecommunications Relay Services
- Captioned Telephone Services & Equipment
- Wireless Telecommunications and Equipment
- Hearing Loss & The Law
- Hearing Aids
- Cochlear Implants
- Assistive Listening Devices
- Assistive Technology
- Telecommunications Relay Services

Guidelines:

To submit a proposal, please complete the attached application and submit via mail, fax or email no later than 4pm on January 15th, 2012. The application includes an abstract. The abstract must:

- Be no more than 250 words
- Identify target audience
- Workshop lengths are 60 minutes with an additional 15 minutes for questions and answers.

Conference details:

Location: Albuquerque Marriott
2101 Louisiana Boulevard NE
Albuquerque, NM 87110

Dates & Times:

Wednesday, April 25 th , 2011	7am-8am	Registration
	8am-5pm	Workshops
Thursday, April 26 th , 2011	7am-8am	Registration
	8am-5pm	Workshops

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact:

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Sincerely,

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