



CALL FOR PAPERS

Arizona's 2021 IDEA Conference

Renewal: Resilience to Results

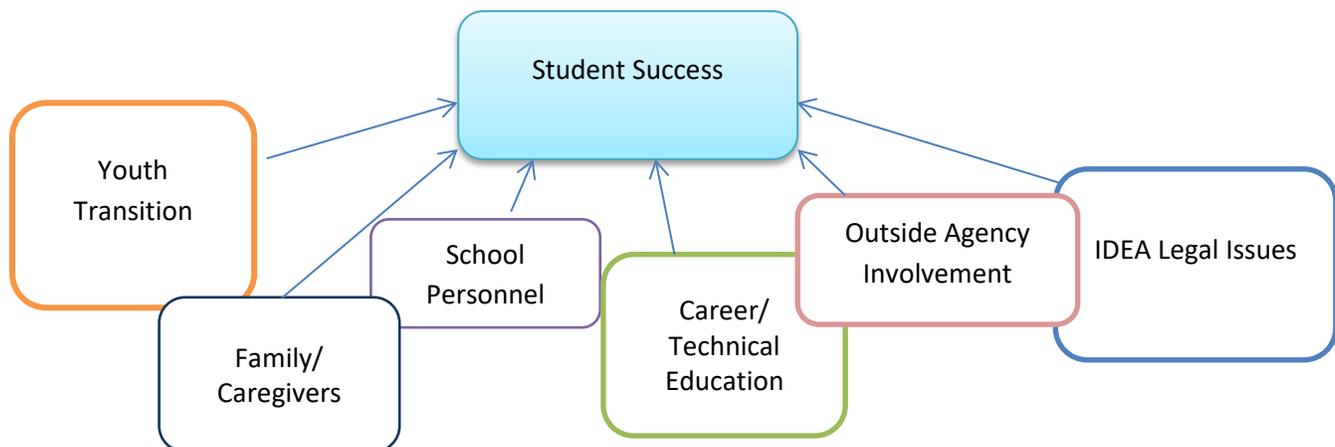
September 13–15, 2021

Virtual Conference

Arizona's 2021 IDEA Conference, *Renewal: Resilience to Results*, is soliciting proposals for breakout sessions. The audience for this cross-stakeholder event includes special education administrative staff, youth and young adults with disabilities, family members and caregivers, state agency staff, educators, service providers, and community members who share a commitment to positive student outcomes.

Sharing your experience in meaningful planning and implementation will help us to offer hands-on sessions that include practical applications to support the important work of serving students with disabilities.

Main topics to consider for your presentation submission may include:



Important Dates:

June 11, 2021—Deadline for proposal submission: Online completion of the “Call for Papers” application is at: <https://bit.ly/idea-conf-cfp-2021>

July 2, 2021—Notification of acceptance of proposal

July 30, 2021—Presentation and all materials due to ADE

Sessions should focus on these topics:

- Developing and supporting local stakeholder collaborations
- Social-emotional learning
- Services/activities
- Impact of federal and state regulatory and policy changes
- Dropout prevention
- High expectations
- Strength-based decision-making
- Assistive technology
- Universal design for learning and/or employment
- Self-determination/self-advocacy/skill building
- Work experiences, including volunteering, internships, paid employment, work-based programs
- Job skills development, including “soft skills”
- Career and technical education programs
- Community engagement
- Student/peer mentoring
- Person-centered planning
- Success stories—student, family/caregiver, educator, provider, and/or employer perspectives
- Secure care
- Health care/ Medical issues
- Guardianship and other legal options
- Resources, services, and supports for students and their family members after graduation
- Early and intentional student/family engagement in the IEP process

Proposal Review Process

Proposals must identify the primary topical strand the session is intended to address. Sessions must incorporate strategies and interventions, involve active participation of the audience, and include adequate time for reflection and sharing. **Your session description must be content-specific, complete, clearly written, and must accurately reflect the material to be presented to your audience.** If your proposal is selected, the session description you submit will be used in the conference program, so the description should be **no longer than 300 words**.

Please note: Arizona’s IDEA Conference Planning Committee reserves the right to edit session titles and descriptions to allow for accuracy, consistency, and clarity in all conference materials.

Arizona’s IDEA Conference Planning Committee will review all submissions based on the following criteria:

1. The degree to which the proposal clearly addresses one or more of the identified conference strands;
2. Clear identification of what the participants will know and take away as a result of their attendance at the session;
3. Relevance of session content to the intended audience(s);
4. The degree to which the proposal reflects evidence-based or promising practice; and
5. The degree to which the proposal has practical application and demonstrated results for the intended audience(s).

Application must be completed [online](#).

Send questions to Ideaconference@azed.gov ; Deadline: June 11, 2021.