

Arizona's 2021 IDEA Virtual Conference

September 13–15, 2021

Who can attend?

Typically, 800 people attend the conference. Most participants are educators, state agency staff, service providers, and community members who share a commitment to exceptional special education for students of all ages and the successful transition of students to adult life.

A limited number of free VIP slots are saved for:

- Youths/young adults aged 14 through 26 with a documented disability
- Family members of a student with an IEP or 504 plan
- Personal assistants/mentors who attend with a student or family member

Parents often ask if the conference is suitable for their child. The conference sessions are education and classroom environments. The sessions run for 75 minutes. Students are inspired by special guest presentations and workshops focused on youth transition requirements and best practices. Most students attend sessions without supervision. Some students attend sessions with a parent or mentor.

What is the IDEA Conference?

The virtual conference will feature over 75 professional, youth, young adult, and family learning opportunities addressing legal issues, special education compliance, preschool and secondary transition, social/emotional learning, and new this year, a content strand for related service providers.

What is the schedule?

- Monday–Tuesday
8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
(includes lunch break)
- Wednesday
8:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Note: Program and targeted events will be posted prior to start of conference.

Comments from past participants:

-We could have never accessed all the resources you provided had we not attended.

- I learned how to better prepare my child for employment.

- I think all the training we got was good. I think we are going to need it someday. (student comment)

How do I apply for FREE registration?

<https://bit.ly/IDEA21-scholarship>

Information:

IDEA Conference will be **virtual** this year

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