



The PEAL Center's #NextGen Capitol Region Conference

Call for Proposals

Thank you for your interest in presenting at the **PEAL Center's #NextGen Capitol Region Conference**, hosted by the **Parent Education Advocacy and Leadership (PEAL) Center**.

We invite educators, administrators, families, advocates, service providers, community organizations, and subject matter experts to submit proposals for engaging and informative presentations that support inclusive practices in education, healthcare, and community living.

Conference Information

Date: Saturday, October 24, 2026

Location: Penn Harris Hotel & Convention Center
1150 Camp Hill Bypass
Camp Hill, PA 17011

About the PEAL Center

The Parent Education Advocacy and Leadership (PEAL) Center is dedicated to educating and empowering families to ensure that children, youth, and young adults with disabilities and special health care needs lead rich, active lives as full members of their schools and communities.

We are seeking conference presentations that align with our mission and provide practical information, resources, and strategies for families and professionals.

For more information, please visit the PEAL Center website at www.pealcenter.org

Proposal Topics

PEAL is seeking proposals that address one or more of the following topics:

1. Successful Inclusive Education

What does it take to create and sustain successful inclusive education practices in elementary, middle, or high school settings?

2. Universal Design for Learning (UDL)

How can schools implement UDL as a comprehensive, school-wide systems approach?

3. IEP Implementation

What steps can educators, administrators, and family members take when an IEP is not being implemented as written?

4. Transition Planning

What options, supports, and pathways are available for students transitioning from high school to employment, higher education, vocational/technical training, or military service?

5. Dyslexia Services and Supports

What services, interventions, and accommodations are available for students identified with dyslexia?

6. Understanding Evaluation Reports

What should families know about medical, educational, and other evaluation reports, and how can they use this information to support their child?

7. Technology Tools for Inclusive Classrooms

What technology tools and resources can help educators support students with diverse learning needs in general education settings?

8. Technology Tools for Home and Family Life

What technologies can support independence, communication, organization, and daily living at home?

9. Legal Considerations in Inclusive Education

What important legal issues related to inclusive education should families and educators understand?

10. Community Living and Engagement

What community-based opportunities and support exist for recreation, housing, employment, and independent living?

11. Mental Health and Emotional Well-Being

What strategies, support, and services can help promote mental health and emotional well-being for children and youth with disabilities? Topics may include but are not limited to; anxiety, depression, emotional regulation, school avoidance, caregiver stress, and connecting families with community-based support.

12. Intersectionality and Equity in Disability Services

How do disability, race, culture, language, socioeconomic status, and other aspects of identity intersect to shape educational and life experiences? What strategies can help address disparities in diagnosis, access to services, educational opportunities, and system navigation?

Presenter Information

Please note the following:

- There is **no registration fee** associated with this conference.
- The conference will feature **nine (9) concurrent breakout sessions**, each lasting **60 minutes**.
- Sessions will be scheduled across **three breakout time slots**, with three presentations offered during each period.
- Selected presenters may be asked to repeat their session based on attendee interest and scheduling needs.
- Presenters are asked to provide their own handouts and presentation materials.
- All approved speakers must register for the conference.
- Presenters are responsible for their own travel and related expenses.

Proposal Submission

Proposal Submission Form:

<https://www.tfaforms.com/5225594>

Important Dates

- **Proposal Submission Deadline:** August 15, 2026, at 11:59 p.m.
- **Notification of Acceptance:** September 1, 2026
- **Conference Date:** October 24, 2026

For questions regarding the conference or proposal submission process, please contact:

Email: outreach@pealcenter.org

Conference Agenda (Subject to Change)

Event: #NextGen Capitol Conference

Date: Saturday, October 24, 2026

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Time	Activity
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Registration and Vendor Setup
9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Welcome and Opening Remarks
9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Breakout Sessions 1, 2, and 3
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Breakout Sessions 4, 5, and 6
12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Lunch and Vendor Exhibits
12:50 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.	Breakout Sessions 7, 8, and 9
2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.	Keynote Presentation
2:50 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Closing Remarks

Vendors will be available throughout the day.

Parking

Parking information and directions will be provided to registered attendees and presenters prior to the conference. Please follow the posted signage for designated conference parking upon arrival.