

State Conference 2019

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Saturday, October 26
Embassy Suites Conference Center, Noblesville

Special Olympics Indiana is excited to present our annual State Conference. This year we will focus on several key topics that are the pillars of the 2019-22 Strategic Plan. As we work together, we continue to focus on our athletes and their opportunities to grow, learn, reach their maximum potential, and safety. We continue to emphasize our athletes' health and fitness, discuss sports and activities to serve all our athletes, learn new ways to engage our volunteers and partners, and strengthen the skills of our leadership.

Please take this opportunity to make new friends from around the state who you can contact to ask questions, share ideas, and use as resources in your Special Olympics role.

SCHEDULE AND SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

REGISTRATION

Registration fees cover all sessions, conference materials, luncheon and a participant gift. No breakfast is included. Registration forms and fees are due in-house by **Monday, October 7**. All forms and additional information are available on the website at: soindiana.org/state-conference

Conference Fee: ~~\$65.00~~ **NOW \$45.00** - Thanks to a grant from the CDC and SO North America.

GMS Operator: Each Area & County Program may send their GMS operator to the State Conference for free. One person per Program. The Program will pay the conference fee if the GMS operator does not attend **BOTH** a GMS 101 session and a GMS 201 session.

SOSO Award Winner Package: FREE.
Area award winners are free.
Area family award winners receive four total entries free.

Luncheon-only: \$30.00

HOUSING

A room block is reserved at the Embassy Suites Conference Center in Noblesville. The room rate is \$159.99 plus taxes and fees. This includes open bar from 5-7 PM and breakfast.

13700 Conference Center Drive South
Noblesville IN 46060

To make a hotel reservation in this room block, visit <http://group.embassysuites.com/SpecialOlympics> and access the link.

Attendees are responsible for contacting the hotel directly to make reservations and room cancellations. Deadline to reserve a room is 11:59 PM on September 26th. Act fast! Requests received after September 26th are subject to rate and space availability. If you have accessibility needs, please inform them when you call.

STATE CONFERENCE CONFIRMATIONS

Confirmation, including a map and final details, will be emailed to all registrants prior to the conference. In the meantime, if you have questions or concerns, please contact Kevin Aders via email (kaders@soindiana.org) or phone (800-742-0612 ext. 235). *You are responsible for retaining a copy of your registration.*

STATE CONFERENCE CANCELLATIONS

Conference cancellations received before the deadline will receive a full refund. No refunds will be given after October 7th.

Friday, October 25

4:00 PM **Conference Attendee Check-in Opens**

5:00 - 7:00 PM **Complimentary Drinks**
Provided by Embassy Suites in hotel lobby lounge.

7:00 - 10:00 PM **Activity & Free Time**

Join your hosts and colleagues from across the state for an evening of fun activities. This evening will include opportunities to participate in various activities of your choice in the community.

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8:00 AM **Conference Attendee Check-in Opens**

9:00 - 9:15 AM **OPENING REMARKS**
Presenter: JEFF MOHLER, President & CEO for SO Indiana

9:15 - 10:00 AM **GENERAL SESSION: ARC OF INDIANA**
Presenter: JAMIE BECK, Arc of Indiana

Jamie is the first and only adult individual with an Intellectual Disability in Indiana to be emancipated under the new State law for supported decision-making agreements. Here her story about her journey and what she has done since. Very moving and motivational for all. Do Not miss this.

10:05 - 11:35 AM **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

CPR & AED TRAINING *Limited Slots Available*
Presenter: DAWN LOVELL WILSON, Certified Trainer: CPR 4 EMI

This CPR and AED session will allow you to use hands on skills to help prepare for cardiac and breathing emergencies. Upon completion of course, you will receive your certification card.

ATHLETE INPUT COUNCIL *AIC County Chairs, Vice Chairs & Facilitators only*
Presenter: HEATHER HIMES, MITCH BONAR, & MIKE FURNISH

This session is designed to allow athletes to convey their ideas and recommendations to help better the Special Olympics community. This will allow for athletes to discuss upcoming opportunities and make recommendations to the SO Indiana President & CEO. Although this is invitation-only, guests will be allowed to attend, but must sit in the gallery and are not allowed to interact with the council members.

ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING *This morning session is for Management Team Members ONLY*
Presenter: CHIEF CHUCK GARBER, Valparaiso University Police Department

This session will help you prepare for the unexpected. The goal is to enhance your preparedness and provide essential skills and tools to respond quickly and appropriately to an active shooter incident.

ATHLETES AS ROLE PLAYERS - HEALTH CLINICIAN TRAINING
Presenter: DR. MARY CICCARELLI, IU School of Medicine

In this session, we are looking for Special Olympics athlete leaders to be actors! As an actor, you will play the role of a patient so doctors and health teams can practice their healthcare skills. Our goal is to help doctors and health teams learn how to talk and listen better when caring for their patients with intellectual disabilities.

GMS 101 - GAMES MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
Presenters: REUBEN SILVA, Special Olympics International

This session will introduce Special Olympics' Games Management System (GMS) to rookies or those who need a refresher. Lead by Reuben Silva of SOI, attendees will walk away more confident in their abilities. Within SO Indiana's 2019-22 Strategic Plan, our goal is to have the 2021 Summer Games be paperless! All online registration!

ARC OF INDIANA - SUPPORTED DECISION-MAKING

Presenter: KATHY POULTER, Family Advocacy Program Manager for the Arc of Indiana

Learn from the experts on Governor Holcomb's new law recognizing supported decision-making agreements, which was signed in April of this year. What's this mean for our athletes? Let's find out together.

COACHES TRAINING - SOCCER

Presenter: DAVE MARQUARDT, DeKalb County Coach

The morning session of Soccer Coaches Training will be a classroom style format meant to introduce our coaches to the sport of soccer. Topics will include an overview of soccer rules, where to find valuable coaching resources, equipment needed, and more. Health, fitness, diet, nutrition, and hydration will also be covered.

11:35 AM - 1:15 PM RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

Speaker: JEFF MOHLER, President & CEO for SO Indiana

Take a break from the classroom and help us recognize some outstanding people as we present the 2019 *Spirit of Special Olympics Indiana* awards! Following lunch and the presentation of awards, Jeff Mohler will have a few words to share.

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COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERS

Presenters: ITZEL GRABER, Manager of Health & Fitness for SO Indiana

Don't miss this opportunity to sit down with leaders from your part of the state to exchange ideas and discuss practical ways to improve the athlete experience for the people you serve. Learn about how to help your local or state program to engage in a healthier Indiana.

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GMS 201 & ONLINE ATHLETE REGISTRATION

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ABLE ACT & THE INDIANA ABLE AUTHORITY

Presenter: AMY CORBIN, Executive Director for the Indiana ABLE Authority

ABLE accounts are tax-advantaged savings accounts for eligible individuals with disabilities. Millions of individuals with disabilities and their families depend on a wide variety of public benefits for income, health care, food and housing assistance. For the first time in public policy, the ABLE Act recognizes the extra and significant costs of living with a disability. ABLE accounts allow eligible individuals the opportunity to save and fund a variety of qualified disability expenses without endangering eligibility for certain benefits that are critical to their health and well-being, such as Medicaid and Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Find out more from the experts.

COACHES TRAINING - SOCCER SKILLS (PART 1 OF 2)

Presenter: TODD SHEELY, Olympic Development Director for Indiana Soccer

The afternoon session of Soccer Coaches Training will be a more hands-on style of training. Coaches will head to Westfield's Grand Park to learn how to train soccer players, how to setup a practice, and how to transform drills for our athletes. Coaches will also get to see an Indiana Soccer Olympic Development Program team training to get an idea of what these drills look like in a practice setting. This session will be outdoors, so please dress accordingly. Grand Park is approximately 20 minutes from the conference hotel. Participants will either ride share or provide their own transportation. Coaches are expected to attend both afternoon sessions.

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ATHLETE LEADERSHIP PRACTICUM SESSION

Presenters: ATHLETE LEADERSHIP UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

For each class of ALPs University, athlete leaders must completed a practicum designed to enhance the learning experience. For some athlete leaders, giving speeches is their practicum. Come hear some athlete leaders give their speech. This will provide a fun, safe environment before they venture out into the community giving these same speeches.

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Council Members Only

Presenters: BUZZ LAIL, SO Indiana's Director of Programs

The Leadership Council is comprised of athlete leaders, County Coordinators, Area Directors and staff. They will be meeting to discuss topics and key opportunities for the future of the program.

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SPECIAL NEEDS TRUST & GUARDIANSHIP

Presenters: ELIZABETH HOMES & GORDON HOMES, Attorney & Financial Planner

With changes to Home and Community-Based Medicaid Waivers and the direction of government benefits unclear, it has become critically important for families to plan for the future of their dependent with special needs. This workshop covers: wills, special needs trusts and guardianship, and financial issues, such as special needs trust funding, Medicaid, SSI/SDI, and letters of intent.

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