

Fundraising for Conference

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websites listed here



More research and
action will be required

National Family Conference

June 25 – 28, 2020

in

Tulsa, OK

Marriott Tulsa Hotel, Southern Hills

<https://www.cdlsusa.org/conference/>



Benefits of Attending Family Conference

Know the costs *(an illustrative example)*

Expense	Qty	Cost	Total	Notes
Registration (adult)	2	\$ 370.00	\$ 740.00	Mom & Dad
Registration (individual with CdLS)	1	\$ -	\$ -	Peyton is free
Registration (child 3-17)	1	\$ 190.00	\$ 190.00	Dennis is 3, Davis is 2
Registration (childcare provider)	1	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	Good education for AuPair
Hotel	6	\$ 125.00	\$ 750.00	2 rooms for 3 nights
Flight	5	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,500.00	Davis flies free
Transportation (Uber, taxi, rental car, etc)	4	\$ 20.00	\$ 80.00	There is a complimentary airport shuttle with advance reservation
Meals/Snacks	3	\$ 50.00	\$ 150.00	
Extras - sightseeing, Childcare excursions	2	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	
Grand Total			\$ 4,860.00	
Savings			\$ 500.00	
Total Need			\$ 4,360.00	



Think
Outside the
Dollar

Travel Help

- <http://www.angelflight.com/>
- <http://autismescapes.org/>
- <http://miracleflights.org/>



How do I get the school district to financially support attending conference?

Know the Law



Request an IEP Meeting



Don't Give Up



Empower Yourself and Know the Law

Funding through the IEP Process:

- Sec. 300.34 Related services (a) General. Related services means transportation and such developmental, corrective, and other supportive services as are required to assist a child with a disability to benefit from special education, and includes speech-language pathology and audiology services, interpreting services, psychological services, physical and occupational therapy, recreation, including therapeutic recreation, early identification and assessment of disabilities in children, counseling services, including rehabilitation counseling, orientation and mobility services, and medical services for diagnostic or evaluation purposes. Related services also include school health services and school nurse services, social work services in schools, and **parent counseling and training**.

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- *Sec. 300.34 (8) (i) Parent counseling and training means assisting parents in understanding the special needs of their child; (ii) Providing parents with information about child development; and (iii) Helping parents to acquire the necessary skills that will allow them to support the implementation of their child's IEP or IFSP.*

Website for additional insight:

<http://www.wrightslaw.com/advoc/articles/support.bardet.htm>

Request an IEP Meeting

- A parent is able to ask for a meeting at any time
- Ask for an IEP meeting via email
 - At the IEP meeting, we wish to discuss the school district funding our attendance at the CdLS National Family conference. Our understanding is the law (Sec 300.34) specifically states parent training as a related service, and further defines parent training (Sec 300.34.8i) as assisting parents in understanding the special needs of their child. Considering there is no local expert on CdLS, we are requesting funding to attend the CdLS conference in Tulsa, OK. You can find more information about this conference at <https://www.cdlsusa.org/conference/>.

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- Make your ask reasonable. It is easiest to get a school district to commit to paying for registration fees
- At the meeting, document the funding that the school district is committing to and whether the funds will be paid directly or reimbursed
- If they say no, explain this is necessary for you to help meet your child's unique needs and that you are willing to seek mediation over the issue. Mediation will cost the school district more than the funds you are requesting (attorney fees, multiple staff being away from job responsibility requiring substitutes to be paid, etc).



Don't put
all your
eggs in
one basket

Who to Contact

- National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities - <https://nacdd.org/councils/> (Conference Participation Fund)
- Center for Parent Information and Resources - <https://www.parentcenterhub.org/find-your-center/>
- National Center on Deaf-Blindness - <https://nationaldb.org/>

Who to Contact

- Lions Clubs
- Elks
- Schools for the Blind in your state
- Masons
- Independent Order of Odd Fellows
- Active 20-30 Clubs
- Boys & Girls Clubs
- Knights of Columbus
- Jaycees
- YMCA
- YWCA
- Rotary
- Kiwanis
- Area women's clubs
- Jewish Community Centers
- Optimists
- Altrusa
- Pioneers
- PTA
- Teachers' organizations
- National Grange

Who to Contact

- Farm Bureau
- Farmer's Union
- Business associations
- Employee's associations
- Chamber of Commerce
- Senior Citizen Groups
- Business and Professional Women's Foundation
- Church groups
- Urban League
- NAACP
- Local colleges and universities
- Fraternities or sororities
- University alumni groups



Share your
truth and
Make a
Request

Use Powerful Messaging

- Begin with an emotional appeal
- State the problem being solved
- What is the goal of attending conference?
- Include the specifics

Link to letter template on Conference site:

<https://www.cdlsusa.org/conference/>



Get Creative



**Follow up
and say
Thank You!**

Let me know if you have any questions...

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