

New RFGA – Conference Sponsorship / Summary of Proposals

Contracts will be one year, July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025. Each contractor will provide a survey to participants to gather required performance measures and demographic information. All information is due to the ADDPC at the end of the contract period.

1. Care for the Caregiver, requesting: \$7,500.

The applicant will provide a parent advocacy training series (every other week) for twenty parents, covering five topics. Each training session will be two hours long, in-person and held in Phoenix. The intention of the training series is to equip parents with the skills and knowledge they need to advocate effectively for their children and others in the disability community. This project will be done in conjunction with Raising Voices Coalition and Brenda Walsh as a consultant. All materials will be created in plain language, in Spanish, and each training will provide accommodations if requested. There is no cost to register, each training will be recorded. The budget supports the costs of the training, including four speakers, accommodation requests by the participants, development of training materials, and the venue.

The specific five-week training courses include the following:

- Past and Present: An overview of the disability advocacy movement, historical progress and the ongoing need for advocacy.
- Independent Living Movement: A review of the principles and objectives of the independent living movement.
- Education Law: Understanding key concepts such as Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE), 504 plans, and Individualized Education Plans (IEPs).
- Policy and Legislation: Differentiating between policy making and legislative processes and understanding how each can impact advocacy efforts.
- Putting it into Action: Parents will break into groups to focus on either school advocacy or policy and legislation advocacy. They will work on practical activities, such as improving IEPs or advocating for specific legislative or policy changes.

2. Mary Glory Foundation, requesting \$7,489.

The applicant will partner with Southwest Institute for Families and Children to host the Inclusive Connections for People of Diverse Abilities: Family Resource and Career Exploration Conference in April 2025 for people with I/DD and their families and caregivers in Queen Creek and San Tan Valley communities. The half-day conference will focus on self-determination and meaningful careers for people with I/DD. They plan on reaching up to 75 participants to learn

about the importance of self-advocacy, different career paths, and opportunities for personal and professional growth. Vendors will be able to engage with participants to share their information. The event will take place at Arizona Central Community College. All materials will be created in plain language, in Spanish, and the conference will provide CART and ASL accommodations. There is no cost to register for the conference. Speakers will be identified to discuss the topics of the history of the self-advocacy movement, post-secondary education and transition planning, employment rights and responsibilities. Outreach to the Gila River Indian Tribe, the Gila River Youth Council and Tribal Health Department will occur to invite them to participate in the Conference and as a vendor. The budget supports the costs of the half day Conference, including SWI as consultants, accommodation requests by the participants, supplies and printing of materials and personnel. The Conference will not be recorded.

3. Southwest Institute for Families, requesting \$7,495.

SWI will host an online self-advocacy conference to bring 50 self-advocates around the state to learn and share their lived experiences on various topics that are important to them. Five presentations/themes will be covered, self-advocacy, education, healthcare, employment, and independent living. The Conference will be held in May 2025 and there is no registration fee. The Sonoran Center will partner with SWI to create the online registration form and will host the conference on their Zoom platform. They will also participate in SWI's conference committee. Conference materials will be in plain language and available in electronic format, but SWI will provide the documents in any alternative format as requested. Spanish translation of materials will also be available. The budget supports the costs of the conference, including personnel costs and any conference accommodation. The Conference will be recorded, and videos created to upload to SWI's YouTube page and on their website.