



## **Conference Sponsorship Grantee Overview**

**All potential grantees are awarded for one year, July 1 – June 30.**

### **Arizona Center for Disability Law; Award Amount: \$10,000**

Funding to support the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual African American Conference on Disabilities, ACDL and Ability 360 will host a one day conference geared on eliminating barriers for African Americans people with disabilities. There will be 3 general sessions, and 24 disability-related sessions set up in six tracks or focus areas. Funding by the ADDPC will support one conference track to I/DD in the areas of self-advocacy, inclusion and integrated employment. The DD Network will be asked to participate. Registration costs will offset the total costs of the conference and scholarships will be available for those that have financial hardships. Scholarships will be available, but a specific number or process was not provided. The Conference is scheduled to take place on February 28, 2020 at the Desert Willow Conference Center.

### **The Arc of Arizona; Award Amount: \$10,000**

Funding to support the annual Developmental Disabilities Resource Conference, a one day conference covering a wide range of topics for self-advocates, families and professionals. The theme is "Advancing Compassionate Care through Collaboration." The Arc of AZ and AZ Autism Coalition intend to provide attendee's with ample resources surrounding quality of life issues affecting persons with I/DD and ASD. The format includes two sessions with keynote speakers, 20 breakout sessions and an exhibitor and vendor area. Registration costs will offset the total costs of the conference and 15 scholarships will be available for individuals and family members, and 4 scholarships will be available for professionals. The conference will take place on October 19, 2019 at the Desert Willow Conference Center.

### **Autism Society of Greater Phoenix; Award Amount: \$10,000**

Funding will support the BE SAFE Interactive Screenings Part 1 & 2. The Be SAFE Interactive Screening is an evidence-based curriculum that uses interactive activities and video modeling to show teens with I/DD what to do in different kinds of police encounters. Police Officers also participate in these trainings to learn about young people with I/DD and to help them practice life-saving skills. Youth will receive a BE Safe DVD to take home to view and practice their new skills. The trainings will support the Self-Advocacy goal to empower youth with I/DD to know how to speak to law enforcement, and how to appropriately disclose their disability to police officers. Four trainings will take place throughout the year in the communities of Show Low, Douglas, Yuma and Flagstaff. Trainings are free (no registration fee).

**Down Syndrome Network; Award Amount: \$10,000**

DS Network is proposing four – 3 hour workshops in Maricopa County, called “Down Life’s Path”. The workshops are geared to the Down syndrome community, including parents, caregivers, self-advocates and professionals. Workshops will feature national and local speakers who can provide current information and best practices in the field of Down syndrome. Self-advocates are the only group that will have free registration, family members and professionals will pay \$15 and \$50 respectively. Ten scholarships will be available for those that have financial hardships. Locations of the workshops will be in Maricopa County.

**Raising Special Kids; Award Amount: \$10,000**

RSK will host their third annual “Raising Special Kids Symposium: Exploring Solutions to Challenging Behaviors” on October 24, 2019 at the Desert Willow Conference Center. This will be one day symposium for persons with I/DD, family members, caregivers, and professionals. The format for the day includes keynote speakers for the morning and closing sessions, and 10 workshops (5 in the morning; 5 in the afternoon). Various topics for the workshops include: how to manage challenging behavior in childcare settings, PBIS, how to address barriers to employment, and caregiver self-care. RSK is proposing a tiered registration costs depending on when registration cut off dates are set. 120 scholarships will be available for those that have financial hardships.

**University of Arizona, Sonoran UCEDD; Award Amount: \$9,996**

To support the Inclusion goal, the Sonoran UCEDD is proposing a one day conference, “Adulthood: What it Means to Me and My Future.” The theme was selected because adulthood is an important yet ambivalent time for all youth who are transitioning into the next phase of their life. By using the Future Planning Roadmap resource tool, the Sonoran UCEDD and partners will serve as teachers to demonstrate how to practice “adulthood” skills while utilizing the Roadmap worksheets to facilitate future planning. Four workshops will cover the key topics: person-centered planning, health advocacy and wellness, relationships and personal safety, and transition into adulthood. The tentative date is March 2020 in Tucson. Individuals with I/DD pay no fee, and a nominal fee will be charged for family members (\$10) and professionals (\$25). Ten scholarships will be available for family members. Exhibitor tables will also be available.