

## **2026 SOTA PROPOSAL SUBMISSION TAG INFORMATION:**

### **Academics**

Course-related topics like accommodations, modifications, faculty involvement, classroom experiences, and scheduling. They could also include topics about certificates and diplomas.

### **Accreditation**

Topics related to accreditation of IPSE programs. These would most likely be from programs that have gone through the accreditation process already.

### **Campus Collaboration**

Topics related to transition programs and/or their students working with other campus groups, organizations, and offices. How do they work together? Why is that collaboration essential?

### **Community Collaboration**

Topics related to transition programs and/or their students working with the surrounding communities. This could mean working with businesses and non-profits in the community, groups like VR or OPWDD, or specific identity communities surrounding the campus. How do they work together? Why is collaboration essential?

### **Creating New Programs**

Topics that would fit this tag include - Are you proposing information about how to create a new transition program? Or about creating a program that meets the new accreditation standards? Or how to meet CTP designation?

### **Employment and Finding Work**

Will you share how people with intellectual disability find and stay at jobs? Or share about how to prepare employers to employ people with intellectual disability? This could also include student and alumni reflections on their current paid employment. This tag is a better fit for competitive integrated employment conversations, NOT information about internships and employment training. That is a separate tag.

### **For Families**

Will families of people with intellectual disability who attend SOTA find this topic important and interesting? OR will the session and discussions within it benefit from gaining the perspective of families?

### **For Self-Advocates**

Is this presentation FOR people with intellectual disability to learn about actions they can take to advocate for better policy or other actions? This is a great tag if you are a self-advocate with an intellectual disability and want to share it with other self-advocates like you.

### **Health, Mental Health, and Well-being**

Topics related to all things health. Are you sharing information about nutrition, medication, physical fitness, healthy relationships, mental health, sexual health, or spiritual wellness? In creating your proposal, remember that SOTA promotes the dignity of risk. This means that people with intellectual disability should be able to make choices and be supported in understanding and living through the consequences. Sessions are rarely accepted if they do not promote or allow for the dignity of risk.

### **Internships and Work Training Experiences**

Topics related to how transition programs create and facilitate internships or other work training experiences and their outcomes. This could also include the perspectives of students or employers who have completed internships or other work training experiences.

### **Opening Doors for All**

Topics about which students are on campuses and in their communities. Who counts? Who might be missing? What barriers are in place? What can be done to address this?

### **Policy and Advocacy**

Topics related to national and international legislation supporting or not supporting IPSE programs. This may include state-wide or local initiatives that could be adopted on a broader scale.

### **Program and Family Collaboration**

Are you discussing how transition programs can engage families at any point from prospective students through post-graduation? What practices have been successful in this? What have been the challenges? Are you a family member who wants to share your

perspective on engaging with transition programs? This could also fit k-12 educators and other staff working with them to ensure families know about IPSE as an option.

### **Regional and State Alliances**

Sessions with this tag will discuss initiatives of either regional or state alliances.

### **Research**

Any qualitative, quantitative, or mixed methods research proposal could use this tag. Choose this as your primary (#1) tag if you plan to focus on research methods.

### **Residential Life**

Topics related to where transition students live and what living on campus is like. Some ideas include sleeping arrangements, safety considerations, program-specific support, and university support for resident life. Descriptions of apps and other helpful technologies to assist with campus living usually fit best as exhibitors for SOTA or for SOTA Shark Tank.

### **Summer Programming**

Topics related to any summer programming for IPSE/transition students or prospective students.

### **Systems Change**

This tag is great for any type of systems change. For example, this could mean you succeeded at changing a system at your University to allow IPSE students to walk at graduation, and you want to tell an audience about how you did that. Another example could be you advocated with your State Legislatures and changed IPSE funding systems, and you want to share about that.

### **TPSID**

Are you a current or former TPSID program wanting to present about a best practice developed through your TPSID grant, or how your program(s) grew through the TPSID experience? This may be a good tag for you.

### **Transition into College**

Topics related to the transition from k-12 education into college. This may include proposals with and by k-12 special education teachers, counselors, or others.

**Transition out of College**

Topics related to what happens after graduating from a transition/IPSE program. People often seek more information about these topics, so if this is you, please submit!