



## Announcements & FAQ's Tip Sheet

This document is designed to keep individuals informed and prepared as we come together for the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day Conference. Below, you'll find important announcements, helpful event updates, and frequently asked questions to support a smooth and meaningful conference experience.

- There is a brand-new conference schedule lineup for 2026:

8AM – 9AM | **Registration**  
9AM – 9:30AM | **Welcome Announcement · Art Award Showcased**  
9:30AM – 10:30AM | **Keynote – doors will be closed**  
10AM – 3PM | **Vendor Fair**  
10AM – 2PM | **Healthy You Corner**  
11AM – 12PM | **Morning Sessions · Executive Meeting**  
12PM – 12:15PM | **Lunch Line Up**  
12:15PM – 1:30PM | **Lunch · Award Ceremony**  
1:45PM – 2:45PM | **Afternoon Workshops**  
3PM – 5PM | **Reception · Gift Basket Raffle**

- Doors will be closed during the keynote session to support a respectful & engaging keynote experience.
- Our keynote speaker will also be leading a workshop during the conference—don't miss this added opportunity!
- Name badges must be worn and visible throughout the entire conference.
- There will now be an on-site photobooth to allow attendees to capture the moment!
- A limited number of scholarships are available for individuals and families of individuals with a developmental disability.



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**How much is parking?**

Parking is **\$5** in city lots. You must bring your ticket in to get validated.

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**Where can I park?**

Please refer to our Facebook page for a visual of parking areas available near the conference location. <https://tinyurl.com/2rsn5nmv>

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**Do I have to register in advance?**

**Yes, every attendee must be registered. (families, caregivers, staff, etc.)** Anyone who doesn't register before the deadline will have to pay a higher ticket price at the door.

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**When will registration open/close?**

Registration **opens Monday, April 6th** and **closes Monday, May 11th** for both ticket sales and sponsorships.

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**Is lunch included with my ticket?**

**No,** lunch is not automatically included and must be purchased ahead of time. (*none available day of*)

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**Are there other food options?**

**Yes,** there will be an open concession stand with food to purchase.

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**When can vendors set up?**

We highly encourage vendors to set up for the vendor fair **the day before the conference.**