**2025 Fall**

**NCSAB In-Person Conference**

**November 5-7, 2025**

Manchester Grand Hyatt, San Diego, CA

Are you ready to make a difference in the blind and visually impaired community? The **National Council of State Agencies for the Blind (NCSAB)** invites passionate professionals, innovators, and advocates to present at the *“****Waves of Change – Advancing Public Policy for the Blind****”* conference taking place **November 5-7, 2025, in San Diego, CA**.

This isn’t just a conference. It’s a movement to **uplift, educate, and inspire**. We are seeking **engaging, high-impact presentations** that highlight groundbreaking strategies, cutting-edge technology, and success stories that drive real change.

Why Present?

* Share your expertise with a national audience
* Network with top professionals in the field
* Inspire the next wave of change-makers in blind and visually impaired services

**Presentation Tracks:**

We are looking for speakers who can provide insight, strategies, and success stories in these key areas:

**Track #1:** Employment & Technology

* Companies successfully employ individuals who are blind or have low vision
* Self-employment initiatives and entrepreneurship opportunities

**Track #2:** Older Blind Services & Specialized Staff Recruitment

* Creative funding solutions and best practices to enhance services
* Strategies to recruit and retain skilled professionals (O&M instructors, braille educators, technology specialists, etc.)

**Track #3:** Randolph-Sheppard Program

* Expanding business opportunities within the Randolph-Sheppard Program
* Military dining program updates and best practices

**General Session Topics**

We are seeking **insightful and impactful presentations** from state agencies for the blind that have successfully **recruited and retained professionals** in our specialized field. Additionally, we invite discussions on the **integration of AI practices**, **innovative Supported Employment strategies**, and **best practices from Training Centers**.

Share your experiences and strategies that are shaping the future of services for the blind and visually impaired community.

**Key topics include:**

* **Recruitment & Development** – Successful strategies for attracting, keeping, and developing specialized professionals. Certification programs and career ladders for staff
* **AI Practices** – How state agencies are leveraging wearable technology to enhance services
* **Supported Employment** – Innovative approaches to helping individuals achieve career success, specifically self-employment
* **Californian Employers –** A spotlight on Californian employers
* **Successful Practices** – A spotlight on client success stories.
* **Prison Systems** – Delivery of services in the prison systems and best practices for reentry
* **RSA Updates** – Insights on state plan innovation and expansion
* **Fiscal Management** – Strategies for effective VR program funding and reporting. Social Security reimbursement requests
* **Trends in Eye Health & Care** – Updates in research

We want to hear your **success stories, strategies, and innovations** that are making a real impact—let’s collaborate to drive meaningful change!

**How to Submit Your Proposal:**

To be considered, please complete the Presenter Information Sheet and submit it by **September 19, 2025,** to Greg Trapp at greg.trapp@cfb.nm.gov.

Accepted presenters will be notified by September 30, 2025.

**Important Details:**

* All sessions are 45 minutes long
* Presenters must attend in person
* PowerPoint presentations and handouts are encouraged (please provide 10 Braille copies or email materials by October 15)
* Presenters attending only to present are not required to register for the full conference
	+ Speaker registration for the full conference is $300
	+ One day registration is $400 (early) and $450 (late)
	+ Speakers attending only to present do not pay a fee but should register as a presenter.

**Let’s Make a Difference Together!**

This is your chance to inspire, educate, and lead. Join us in shaping the future of services for the blind and visually impaired. We can’t wait to hear your ideas!

**Questions?** Contact Greg Trapp at greg.trapp@cfb.nm.gov

**Let’s Make Waves of Change—together!**

**NCSAB PRESENTER INFORMATION SHEET**

*Please return the completed sheet to* greg.trapp@cfb.nm.gov *by* ***September 19, 2025****.*

**Presenter Information:**

**Contact Name:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Company/Agency Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Co-Presenter Names and Titles:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Email:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Presentation Details:**

**Presentation Title:**

**Presentation** **Objectives:**

**Presentation Description:**

**Presenter(s) Bio(s):** *(250 words or less)*

**Presentation Requirements:**

* Will you use PowerPoint or other video content? (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* If yes, please email your PowerPoint to rfreeman@uacurrents.org by October 15, 2025
* Will you provide handouts? (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(If so, please bring 10 Braille copies or email your materials in advance to rfreeman@uacurrents.org by October 15, 2025)

Thank you for your contribution to this exciting event! *Please submit the completed form to Greg Trapp* *greg.trapp@cfb.nm.gov* *by* ***September 19, 2025****.*