

DCDT 2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE OCTOBER 14-17



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DIVISION ON CAREER
DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSITION

COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

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ABOUT DCDT



The International Division on Career Development and Transition (DCDT) is an international professional educational organization which is affiliated with the International Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) whose members are dedicated to shaping policies and practices that impact the quality of career development and transition services of youth with exceptionalities.

Created in 1976 by Dr. Donn Brolin, DCDT is a private non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization established for the purpose of improving the quality of, and access to career development and transition services for individuals with all exceptionalities across the life span.

A secondary purpose of DCDT is to encourage and promote professional growth, research, legislation, information dissemination, technical assistance and interactions among CEC divisions and other organizations concerned with and involved in the career development and transition of exceptional individuals.

Mission Statement

The Division on Career Development and Transition (DCDT) advances equitable, high-quality career development and transition services across the lifecourse for people with exceptionalities by leading professional growth, technical assistance, knowledge translation, research, policy, advocacy, and collaborations with other CEC divisions.



Who Attends the DCDT Conference?

Conference attendees are leaders and decision-makers in every setting that concerns the delivery of transition and supporting youth with disabilities to achieve positive post-secondary employment, post-secondary education, and full community participation.

- Special Education Administrators
- Consultants
- K-12 Educators
- Higher Educators
- Disability Service Specialists
- State Level Special Education Leaders
- Psychologists
- Rehabilitation Specialists
- Researchers and Faculty
- Self-Advocates and Family Members

Exhibitor Profile

Exhibitors typically address the needs of those who support transition planning for youth with disabilities and programmatic services or products, such as

- Assessment tools and services
- Technology tools
- Books, curricula, and journals
- Communication and record-keeping support
- Education materials
- Employment supports
- Agencies/professional organizations
- Residential service supports
- Training
- Travel programs
- Video services
- University programs
- Post-secondary education supports



Partner with us

We are excited to offer the following sponsor and exhibitor opportunities to connect you with our audience.



● **Leveled Sponsorship**

Our leveled sponsorship includes four varied offerings, each with their own perks, including: Copper, Silver, Gold , and Platinum. See page 5.

● **Single Event Sponsorship**

Select from one of our two most prominent conference events ranging from \$7,500-\$12,500. See page 6.

● **Award Sponsorship**

Support one of DCDT's nine annual division awardees in celebration of outstanding contributions to career development and transition services though research, teaching, and service to youth and young adults with disabilities. See page 7.

● **Exhibit Tables**

Showcase your materials to our conference attendees in our strategically located exhibition space. See page 7.

● **Bag Inserts**

Provide customized bag insert items to highlight your company. See page 8.



Leveled Sponsorship

Pricing= July 1 or Before/ After July 1	Copper \$1,850/ \$2,312	Silver \$2,550/ \$3,187	Gold \$3,550/ \$4,437	Platinum \$6,500/ \$8,125
Exhibit Booth	Tabletop size			
Sponsor logo with hyperlink to website and conference app	X	X	X	X
Sponsor acknowledgement in welcome remarks, program, and event slide	X	X	X	X
Bag insert – one item to be included in attendees’ bag			X	X
Complimentary general registrations	2	3	4	5
One-time social media promo			X	X
One-time exclusive personalized email blast to conference registrants (pre- or post-conference)			X	X
Featured showcase conference breakout session during the conference- host a 30-minute pre-recorded session posted on the conference app for all to view			X	X
Yearlong advertisement on DCDT Website and DCDT Member Newsletter				X



Single Event Sponsorship

Pricing= July 1 or Before/ After July 1

President's Reception (1) \$10,000/ \$12,500

- Prominent recognition on the conference website
- Recognition in mobile app
- DCDT president will provide recognition and spotlight and introduce you to speak for up to 10 minutes
- May have a representative introduce opening speaker
- One (1) bag insert
- One exhibit
- 5 complimentary registrations

Opening Session (2) \$7,500/ \$9,375

- Prominent recognition on the conference website
- May have a representative introduce opening speaker
- One (1) bag insert
- One exhibit
- 5 complimentary registrations



Exhibit Tables

Pricing= July 1 or Before/ After July 1

The exhibit space for this conference will be in an area in which all attendees will congregate for substantial periods each day of the conference. Continental breakfast and evening light appetizers will be served in the exhibit area, plus the space will be used for our opening session and President's Reception. The area will be locked overnight. Conference registration is not included in exhibit table pricing. All exhibitors must register for the conference.

FEE

\$675/ \$843 per exhibit table

- Exhibitor space on the conference app
- One (1) skirted 6-ft table and two (2) chairs



Award Sponsorship

Each year we accept nominations for each of our division awards. You can view the complete list of awards here: <https://dcdt.org/dcdt-awards>). Awards, which range from research to practice are presented during the annual conference. If you are interested in a short or long term award sponsorship, please reach out to the DCDT Executive Director, Stacie Dojonovic (sdojonovic@ku.edu) to discuss options.



Bag Insert à la carte options and fees

Pricing= July 1 or Before/ After July 1

Stickers or Decals (2)
\$2,000/ \$2,500

Pen (unlimited)
\$1,200/ \$1,500

One 8.5 x 11-inch single page item (unlimited)
\$1,000/ \$1,250

Small promotional item 3x4x1" or less (unlimited)
\$1,000/ \$1,250

Giftcards (unlimited)
\$1,000/ \$1,250





Get Started



Online Order Form

<https://forms.gle/NziwnRUDmWmGs7J28>

25% discount
on all orders
processed
before July 1

**Contact us with questions and
additional sponsorship inquiries**



Stacie Dojonovic
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Logistical Information



Wednesday

October 14, 2026

- 3-4:30pm Exhibitor set up
- 4:30pm Exhibit hall open
- 5-6:30pm Opening session
- 6:30-8:00 Reception



Thursday

October 15, 2026

- 7:30-9am Breakfast in Exhibit hall
- 8am-6pm Exhibit hall open
- 5-6pm Appetizers in the exhibit hall



Friday

October 16, 2026

- 7:30-9am Breakfast in Exhibit hall
- 8am-5pm Exhibit hall open
- 5-8pm Exhibit hall tear down

EXHIBITOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS

ACCEPTABILITY OF EXHIBITS - All exhibits shall serve the interests of the members of DCDT and its affiliates and shall be operated in a way that will not detract from other exhibits or the convention as a whole. DCDT reserves the right to deny the exhibit space to any potential exhibitor if DCDT determines that the content or intention of the exhibitor is inconsistent with the goals and objectives of DCDT. Acceptance of an exhibit does not imply an endorsement of the exhibitor.

EXHIBITOR RESPONSIBILITIES- Each exhibitor is responsible for their own costs related to dedicated electricity, internet connection, and AV equipment. An exhibitor information sheet will be sent by the end of September 2025 with specific contact information with AV needs.

EXHIBIT ASSIGNMENTS - Reasonable effort will be made to avoid the assignment of adjacent booths to direct competitors. Location assignments will not be made until payment is received in full.

CANCELLATION OF EXHIBITS - In the event that fire, strike, or other circumstances beyond the control of DCDT cause the meeting to be cancelled, a full refund of exhibit fees will be offered.

PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION - The exhibit fee must accompany the agreement. Vendors may cancel this agreement by written notice to DCDT. Cancellations made on or prior to September 14, 2026, will be subject to a \$75 cancellation fee. No refunds will be made on cancellations after September 14, 2026.

SECURITY AND INSURANCE - The Exhibit area will be secured in the evening. However, we encourage you to take valuable items with you when you leave the table. DCDT nor the hotel will not be liable for damage or loss to exhibitor's property nor shall DCDT be liable for any injury that may occur in the exhibition area. Exhibitors should make their own insurance and material storage arrangements.

DAMAGE TO EXHIBIT AREA - Nothing shall be posted on or tacked, nailed, screwed, or otherwise attached to columns, walls, floors, or other parts of the hotel, conference, or exhibit area without permission from the proper building authority and DCDT. If such damage appears, the exhibitor shall be liable to the owner of the property damaged.

INSTALLATION AND DISMANTLING - All exhibits must be in place and set up by the time of the official opening to the show. Space not occupied or set up by that time may be reassigned for other purposes.

DEFAULT OCCUPANCY - Any vendor failing to occupy space that has been contracted is not relieved of the obligation of paying for such space at the full rental price, and DCDT shall have the right to use such space as it sees fit.

RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF SPACE - No exhibitor shall sublet, assign, or share any part of the space allocated to it without the written consent of DCDT.

CODE OF CONDUCT - Exhibitors are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner and treat other with respect. Exhibitors shall not engage in disruptive behavior of any type. DCDT reserves the right to remove exhibits that are not following the code of conduct.

RESPONSIBILITY OF DCDT AND THE EXHIBIT FACILITY - Insurance and liability are the full, sole responsibility of the exhibitor. The exhibitor agrees to protect, save, defend, and keep DCDT and the venue forever harmless from any damages or charges imposed for violation of any law or ordinance occasioned by the negligence of the exhibitor, as well as to comply strictly with the applicable terms and conditions contained in this agreement between DCDT and the exhibit facility regarding said premises; further, the exhibitor shall at all times protect, indemnify, save and defend, and keep harmless DCDT and the Hotel against and from any and all loss, cost, damage, liability, or expense by reason of any accident or other occurrence to anyone, including the exhibitor, its agents, employees, and business invitee that arises or by reason of said exhibitor's occupancy and use of the exhibit premises or a part thereof. DCDT does not assume responsibility for any advertised or exhibited services or materials.