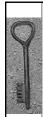


KEYS TO CONVENTION PLANNING

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PROGRAM:

If you build it, they will come!!

- Identify target audience(s)
- Research Topic Areas & Speakers
 - 1.Ongoing-Keep a file
 - 2. Read & Research
 - a. Internet
 - b. Review other programs/states
 - c. ASHA





SCHEDULE

- Time of Year
 - a. Critical time
 - b. Conflicting Events
 - c. Weather
- Day of Week/Weekend



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SCHEDULE...CONTINUED

- · Number of Speakers
 - a. Multi-session & overlapping
 - b. Strands
 - 1. Specific to target audience
 - 2. Overlap areas of interest
 - 3. Collaboration with other professions





ADVERTISING

Website

- 1. Post all future conference dates ASAP
- 2. Post partial listing of speakers & events
- 3. Highlight invited/guest speakers





ADVERTISING...CONTINUED

- Website
- 4. Continue updating program
- 5. Full conference program
- Newsletter





ADVERTISING...CONTINUED

- Mailings to target audiences
- Non-Members
 - a. Licensure List
 - b. ASHA
 - c. Other SHA lists
 - d. Purchase out of state advertising



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LOGISTICS:

Smooth as silk, milk, a baby's.....

- Convention Planner
 - 1. Economics
 - 2. Experience
 - 3. Negotiating
 - 4. Onsite Management
- Volunteer Members
 - 1. Board position
 - 2. Annual selection





LOCATION

- Space
- Parking
- Ease of Travel
- Access to food/entertainment and shopping
- Size



REGISTRATION

- Fees
- Pre registration
- On site registration
- Speaker Check h
- Waivers
- Record Keeping
- Materials





SET UP

- Strands
- Vendors
 - 1. Location
 - 2. Grouping
 - 3. Fee structure
 - 4. Non professional fun stuff
 - 5. Availability





LET'S EAT

- · Location of food
- · Menu and amount
- To Snack or not to Snack
- Signage/restrooms
- Meetings
- Receptions
- · Included or Excluded





AUDIO VISUAL

- Equipment Rental & costs
- · What to offer
- On-site management
- Trouble shooting



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CONFERENCE MATERIAL

- Ad Material
- Conference Program
- To Hand-out or not to Hand-out....That is the Question!
- CEU's





TIPS...DON'T SWEAT THE SMALL STUFF

- Communication
 - 1. Critical
 - 2. Access to conference chair, event planner, venue staff, volunteers, etc.
 - 3. Cell phones or radios





TIPS...CONTINUED

- Identification
- Moderators
- Student Volunteers
- Tips/Change
- Gifts
- · Keynote Speaker
- Special Events
- Honors and Awards





BUDGET ISSUES: WE'RE IN THE MONEY!!

- Site Negotiations
- 1. Meeting Room Rental
- 2. Block Hotel Room Rate
- 3. Catering
- 4. Security
- 5. Perks





BUDGET ISSUES...CONTINUED

- 6. Contract
 - a. Liability insurance
 - b. Attrition
 - c. Cancellation

Policy

7. Unions?





BUDGET ISSUES...CONTINUED

- Speakers
 - 1. Sponsorship
 - 2. Honorariums
 - 3. Call for Papers
- Sponsors
 - 1. Corporate or Local
 - 2. Raffles
- Printing: Don't 1. CD

 - 2. Website downloads



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