

ANNUAL MEETING POSTER GUIDE & TIPS

Poster presentations provide a unique opportunity for the presenter(s) and the audience to talk with one another. The one-on-one interaction between the presenters and the audience can be extremely meaningful.

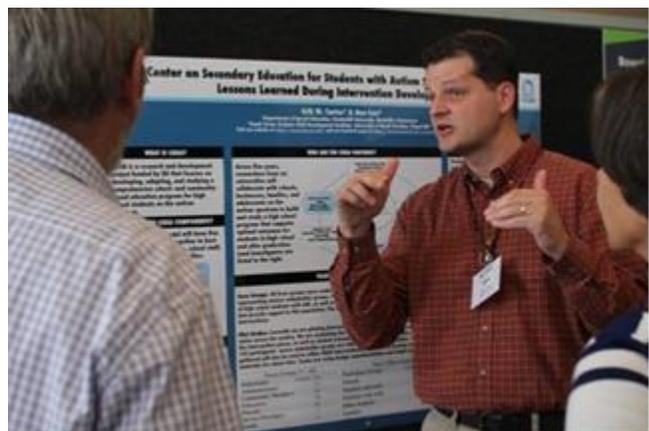
During the designated time period, the attendees move through the poster displays, stopping to interact with those who are presenting research, service, or policy information that is of special interest to them. Space is provided to display information and to offer handout materials.

When constructing your poster, remember to take full advantage of the opportunities provided by this unique presentation method.



AAIDD provides:

- ✓ A display board with a surface area of 4x8 feet.
- ✓ A table for your materials
- ✓ Push pins to pin your poster onto the board



Information and Recommendations:

1. Construct the poster to include the title, the author(s)/presenter(s), affiliation(s), and a description of the research, service, or policy initiative.
2. Highlight the major elements that are covered in the abstract or other handout materials.
3. Minimize detail and try to use simple, jargon-free statements.
4. Remember that pictures, tables, and figures contribute to interesting poster displays.
5. Make sure lettering is large enough to be read from a distance. Do not simply pin up a set of typed pages—reserve these for your handouts.
6. Consider using a flow chart or some other method of providing the viewer with a guide to inspecting your display. Clear sub-headings also enable the reader to move to areas of specific interest.
7. Don't overwhelm the viewer with excessive amounts of information; rather, construct a poster display that enhances conversation.
8. Be ready to pin up your poster well before the poster session begins. Unattended posters will be taken down by staff and AAIDD will not be responsible for unattended posters.
9. The poster should remain in place for the duration of the scheduled poster session.
10. Prepare approximately 15-20 copies of your detailed handouts for distribution and have a sign-up sheet so interested individuals can request additional copies of your materials. On the sign-up sheet heading, be sure to indicate the presentation title, author/presenter names, and that this session was conducted at the AAIDD meeting.
11. There will be no electrical outlets near the boards. If you are planning to use a laptop, please make sure your battery is fully charged.
12. Bring your business cards!

Opportunities to present at the AAIDD Annual Meeting are highly competitive. Accordingly, we hope your poster presentation will be creative and well organized, and that you will be at your display for the entire period. We welcome and appreciate your participation.