



Dear DADD Members,

We remain deeply committed to the safety and well-being of all attendees at our upcoming 2025 Conference in Clearwater, FL. To further enhance the safety and inclusivity of the event, we've implemented the following protocols:

Hotel Safety Measures:

- 24/7 Security: A dedicated security team, including a Manager on Duty (MOD) and a Night Auditor, will be on-site to address any concerns.
- Inclusive Bathroom Access: The hotel has agreed to designate two single-occupancy bathrooms in the lobby as gender-neutral to provide additional options for attendees.

Additional Initiatives:

- Action Station: DADD will have an interactive space designed to engage conference attendees in meaningful education and allyship efforts related to LGBTQ+, gender equity, disability rights, and other issues affecting underrepresented and marginalized communities. This station will include resources, activities, and opportunities for participants to take tangible steps toward supporting inclusivity and equity.
- Post-Conference Virtual Sessions: There will be a small number of sessions that members can access virtually, if you cannot attend the conference. We will provide you with more details after the conference when those videos are available.

As a reminder, we are actively working towards improving our policies and procedures around site selection that support and promote non-discrimination laws and policies. We're currently finalizing the location for our 2026 conference and will share more details soon.

If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to contribute to our efforts, please reach out to us. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

In solidarity,

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