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## **El Grupo VIDA's 19th Annual Conference**

A conference presented in Spanish for persons with disabilities or special needs age 15 or older, their parents, guardians, family members and professionals who support them.

**Saturday, October 22, 2016  
8:00AM-5:00PM**

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Denver  
3203 Quebec Street, Denver, CO 80207

(English or sign language interpretation available upon request)

More Information to Come—[www.elgrupovida.org](http://www.elgrupovida.org)





## Sponsorship Levels 19th Annual Conference

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Logo recognition on our website, social media pages, printed materials, conference banner, pens and bags

Full page ad in the conference program

Vendor table at the conference

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Vendor table at the conference

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1/8 page ad in conference program

### *Patron Sponsor* ~ \$500 to \$1,499

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**Completed donation form for sponsorships must be received by September 5, 2016 to make our printing deadlines!**

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(You can also donate on <https://www.coloradogives.org>)

Mail form and payment to: El Grupo VIDA, 801 Yosemite Street (Ability Connection  
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For more information and questions, please call 303.335.9875.

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## History

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El Grupo VIDA (Overcoming Disabilities with Love) was founded in 1989 by the late Ellie Valdez-Honeyman and Maria Castillo to help Spanish Speaking persons with disabilities and their families to overcome barriers to services and supports due to language limitations. Spanish speaking families find it difficult to access information and support on behalf of their loved ones with disabilities in schools, health care system and in the community. All types of disabilities are addressed, however, the majority are those defined as intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). These are the conditions that appear at birth or after suffering an injury to the brain and affect the individual throughout their life. These include Cerebral Palsy, Down syndrome and Autism Spectrum Disorder. The organization received tax exempt status with the IRS in 2006.

El Grupo VIDA (EGV) provides education and training to Hispanic/Latino people with disabilities, their families and the professionals who serve them in the Denver metropolitan area and throughout the state. EGV has been working in the community for the past 26 years and is the only Spanish speaking and parent run organization to serve the disability community in the state. The programs are conducted in Spanish and the services are provided through the telephone, office or home visits, educational training and support groups, social events, educational workshops and an annual conference.

El Grupo VIDA was conceived because of language disparity. It is an organization that is inclusive of different Spanish language cultures. EGV is attuned to the diversity of culture within the Spanish speaking world and, therefore, our focus remains on those communities.

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## Services

We provide information, training and support to families and professionals. We offer services in Spanish including, but are not limited to:

- Educational Trainings and Support Groups—monthly meetings with different educational topics and opportunities for families to connect with other families.
- Social Events—Annual Thanksgiving Dinner and Picnics.
- Annual Conference—a conference that provides education, resources and support provided in Spanish by experts in the community for Hispanic people with disabilities age 15+, their families and the professionals that serve them. (Interpretation offered for English speakers).
- Educational Workshops— workshops throughout the year to expand on what families have learned at the conference and support groups, find what is working for them and what areas they still need support.
- Guardianship Assistance
- Information and Referral

and much more!

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## Survey Feedback

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In 2015, more than 100 families (450 individuals) attended our training and support groups consistently and provided feedback on their evaluation forms. The total number of individuals served for the year 1,200 persons. At least 95 percent of the families indicated that:

- the individual/family was treated with respect;
- the training and information received on the day of the support group informed them about the options and services that exist in the community to help them;
- they "strongly agree" that the training and information received on the day of the support group will be used in their household and will be shared with other families;
- they "strongly agree" that they were satisfied with the education training and support group.

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