

**Event Planning Checklist**

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| **Event Planning Assignments** | **Timeline** | **Person/s Responsible** | **Task**  **Completed** |
| Confirm event date and time | 3-6 months |  |  |
| Develop a budget | 3-6 months |  |  |
| Reserve event location | 3-6 months |  |  |
| Contact potential sponsors if needed | 3-6 months |  |  |
| Identify target audiences to promote the event | 3-6 months |  |  |
| Contact/Confirm speaker if needed  Note: A PowerPoint presentation is available at www.nhdd.org (under “Spread the Word: Resources for Getting Started”) | 3-6 months |  |  |
| Copy/Print flyer/poster - template available at www.nhdd.org (under “Spread the Word: Resources for Getting Started”) | 2-4 months |  |  |
| Post event in newsletters and/or on Website | 2-4 months |  |  |
| Develop marketing plan | 2-4 months |  |  |
| Recruit volunteers to assist with marketing and assist with event | 2-4 months |  |  |
| Draft program agenda | 2-3 months |  |  |
| Contact refreshment venues | 2 months |  |  |
| Distribute event flyers/posters/mailing | 2 months |  |  |
| Develop PR or press kit from materials available at www.nhdd.org (under “Spread the Word: Resources for Getting Started”) | 2 months |  |  |
| Rent chairs, tables, projector or other equipment if need | 2 months |  |  |
| Find state approved advance directive to distribute at event | 1-2 months |  |  |
| Finalize presentation if needed  -Edit PowerPoint presentation to contain your organization’s information and local resources | 1-2 months |  |  |
| Hold an information session before the event to educate those working the event if needed | 1 months |  |  |
| Arrange media interview with local expert – newspaper, radio and/or TV | 3-4 weeks |  |  |
| Draft room layout | 2-3 weeks |  |  |
| Finalize volunteer schedule & tasks for event | 2-3 weeks |  |  |
| Review AV needs and confirm reservations | 2-3 weeks |  |  |
| Print final program | 1 week |  |  |
| Print handouts | 1 week |  |  |
| Print participant sign-in forms and feedback forms located in Toolkit | 1 week |  |  |
| Finalize and confirm refreshments | 1 week |  |  |
| Print badges if need | 1 week |  |  |
| Make signs to direct attendees to event location/room | 1 day |  |  |
| Set up event location, registration area, put up signs, etc. | 1 day |  |  |
| [Add more items if need to this checklist] |  |  |  |
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| **After event:**  Summarize participant feedback forms and media coverage |  |  |  |
| Complete NHDD evaluation |  |  |  |
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