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**ADVOCACY SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE
FOR CALIFORNIANS WITH DISABILITIES
TO ATTEND
ALTERNATIVES '08 CONFERENCE**

APPLICATIONS DUE AUGUST 22, 2008

Every year, there is a national consumer/ex-patient conference for current and/or former mental health clients. This year, the Alternatives '08 Conference will be **held in Buffalo, New York from October 29 to November 2, 2008.**

Protection and Advocacy, Inc. (PAI) is providing up to 3 scholarships for mental health clients interested in attending the conference and sharing information with others.

If you or a client you know, would like to attend the Alternatives '08 Conference and need financial assistance, you may apply for an advocacy scholarship. This scholarship covers the registration fee, lodging, transportation costs to and from the conference, and a meal allowance for meals not included as part of the conference registration.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

PAI's PAIMI (Protection & Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness) Advisory Council will review all applications. Preference will be given to individuals who have not attended an Alternatives Conference before. Individuals who wish to be considered for a scholarship must complete the attached application form and return to PAI no later than August 22, 2008. Those selected will be asked to provide the PAI Board of Directors with a description of what they learned at the conference, and indicate how they will share information learned with other clients in their community.