



Providing support and information for families of children with disabilities, chronic illness and other special health care needs

## **TxP2P and Texas Hands & Voices: Parents Working Together To Help Families of Infants with Hearing Loss**

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At least one of every thousand newborns in the nation is born with hearing loss. In the past, many children were not diagnosed until well into their second and third years of childhood. In an effort to detect hearing loss early and provide positive interventions, Texas recently implemented a hearing test as part of the state's newborn screening program.

For a year now Texas Parent to Parent has been working with DARS Early Childhood Intervention Program to train Supporting Parent Volunteers to assist the parents of newly-identified infants in the difficult task of making informed medical and communication choices for their children. The response from families has been tremendous! So far we have trained more than thirty new volunteers.

Texas Parent to Parent is excited to announce that our next Parent Volunteer Training for families of children with hearing loss will be held in San Antonio on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. The day of parent training with TxP2P will be followed by a kick-off celebration for the newly-formed chapter of Texas Hands & Voices. Texas Parent to Parent supports Texas Hands and Voices in the belief that -

**What Works for Your Child is What Makes the Choice Right!**

Please join us in supporting Texas Parents! If you are interested in attending contact Erika Goyer ([erika@txp2p.org](mailto:erika@txp2p.org)) or Laura Davis ([laura.davis@txp2p.org](mailto:laura.davis@txp2p.org)) or call at 866-896-6001 or 512-458-8600 for more information.

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