



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

TxP2P Family Story

By Angela Weber, Dallas

I've been connected to TxP2P for about two years - from the time right after our 2-1/2 year old son was diagnosed with autism.

I don't remember how I found out about TxP2P. I may have found it on a general Google search or on a Yahoo group devoted to autism - I don't really remember, but I will tell you that it was a real stroke of luck! By attending the conferences and connecting with other families, I have learned more than I could ever learn from a book or by using the library or Internet - not only information specifically about my son's disability, but information about how the disability "game" works! I've been able to "cut to the chase" on issues such as Medicaid Waivers, the legislative process, advocacy, different types of therapies available - so many things I can't even remember them all. All in all, TxP2P has been a tremendous blessing to our family. I always say - there's nothing like another "Mom" to get the information that really MATTERS!

I've been able to connect with other families in my city and in the state through parent matching, have connected informally with other families through meeting them at the conference or on the regional Internet listservs. TxP2P has provided me a stipend to attend the conference both years that I have attended. While TxP2P is not in my city (Dallas), I have had the great fortune to have been able to attend some workshops that have been presented here in Dallas.

All in all, TxP2P has been a godsend to me, my child and our family. I can't say enough about how wonderful the organization is, and how very much we appreciate having them in our court, and in our state!

Note from Editor: We added this to the newsletter as an example of the kind of "family story" we need from you to use in our grant writing and reporting. Although it's always nice to get a "pat on the back", we aren't trying to just make ourselves look good here! These stories are invaluable in our never-ending quest for funding for TxP2P. We also need stories from grandparents, siblings, and our young self-advocates! If you have a story to share, please email it to Laura@txp2p.org or to Laura Warren at 3710 Cedar Street, Box 12, Austin, TX 78705-1449.

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