



My Story

Sharon S. Glavan, TxP2P Family

My name is Sharon S. Galvan and I have a 15-year-old daughter, Sabrina Victoria, who has Hydrocephalus, Diabetes, visually and hearing impaired, Cerebral Palsy, Scoliosis, Autism and Spina Bifida. TxP2P has been a huge resource for our family. The support, the suggestions, advice, and opinions that are spread from one parent to the next by TxP2P has helped me get through stress from the struggles of rejection, opinionated people, and denial of access to many doors that we have tried to get through. Standing as a unit, receiving feedback, and having someone who supports you in the knowledge that we can achieve a better life and accommodations for our children with special health care needs is amazing. I never dreamed of a group that would help us find the resources, help us learn to advocate, or find those who can help us advocate for our children.



For many years, I would walk out of ARD/IEP meetings crying - I was terrified because I had no guidance as to who, what or even where to get help. Families that connected with me through this group have shared their experiences and bonded with us to teach us to be strong and know that we are on the right track. I learned after 14 years of Sabrina's life, that I do have a voice and got help and encouragement to use it to enhance my daughter's well being and education. And now, I am learning not be afraid to go to other meetings and help others advocate for our children.

I was terrified about the budget cuts that the CLASS program was making and that it was rolling down hill to our families. Then TxP2P reached out and clarified all the information and made it clearer for us all. We understood what was needed to

keep our services and others found things that they were not afraid to give up in order to help other families keep theirs.

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Being afraid to stand up for my daughter's rights was one of my biggest fears in front of school officials. Reading and talking with the group, parent's connections and support of professionals, I was finally not afraid and took the necessary stand to help change the policies in my daughter's learning environment. They gave me the confidence and encouragement to know that the school officials are people just like me. They put their pants on one leg at time, just like me. I have a right to



fight for her and my voice does count. Recently, I stood up for Sabrina and it all paid off. New educational environment, appropriate nurses, most appropriate issues addressed and continued due to the confidence I gained with the help of TxP2P. I feel GREAT!!!!

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