

**TxP2P 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**  
**June 22-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**  
**Advocacy Sessions**

**Session 1: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 p.m., Friday, June 22<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**

Session	Description	Speakers
<p style="text-align: center;">1010</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Advocacy &amp; Special Education</p>	<p><b>Strategies for Special Education Reform</b></p> <p>Texans for Special Education Reform, a grass-roots advocacy group, with a mission to build real solutions for special education improvement in Texas, will present tools, methods, and strategies to help parents, educators, and others become effective change agents. Topics will include how to work with board members in your ISD, how to become a voice for parents, how to ensure that no child is under-served, and more. Come meet the group who has grown overnight to 2,000+ parents and teachers.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cheryl Fries &amp; Jana McKelvey</b></p>

**Session 2: 1:30 – 3:00 p.m., Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**

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<p style="text-align: center;">2010</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Advocacy</p>	<p><b>Changes to the Texas System of Services and Supports</b></p> <p>This presentation will cover some of the big changes to services and supports that recently happened, are coming in the future, and opportunities for advocacy. We will present information on STAR Kids, Community First Choice, Promoting Independence, Medicaid waiver interest list funding, the carve in of the IDD waivers into managed care, and potential changes to day habilitation.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Elizabeth Tucker &amp; Susan Murphree</b></p>

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### Session 3: 3:30 – 5:00 p.m., Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

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3010  Advocacy	<p><b>Using Your Journey to Make a Difference</b></p> <p>We all have a unique journey as we raise children with disabilities. Learning to share those experiences with others will help them understand what life is like raising a child with particular needs. We will discuss ways we can share our story to bring change. We will learn how to educate ourselves in order to have conversations with those who make the policies and develop the process used with our children. This session will empower you to be a stronger advocate for your child and others and will assist you in looking at the high and lows of your personal journey to strengthen your influence with others.</p>	<b>Barbara Granger</b>
3090 Self-Determination & Self-Advocacy	<p><b>You Can Impact Disability Policy in Texas!</b></p> <p>Come learn the legislative process in Texas and discuss the critical role of self-advocates and family members in driving progressive policies for people with disabilities. Participants will gain tools to effectively communicate with decision-makers about priority issues and get a review what happened last session and what is on the horizon.</p>	<b>Jolene Sanders</b>

### Session 4: 9:00 – 10:00 a.m., Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

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4010  Advocacy/ Autism	<p><b>The State of Autism Services in Texas</b></p> <p>Families in Texas routinely struggle to access autism services that could provide critical supports and decrease lifetime costs for the individual and family. Jolene will discuss some of these barriers and how families can get involved in reshaping policies to ensure access to quality services.</p>	<b>Jolene Sanders</b>

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### Session 5: 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

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5010 Advocacy	<b>Advanced Advocacy</b> Learn how to put your issues front and center! Linda & Jolene will discuss strategies for relaying problems with education or managed care into the lens of those in charge. They will explore how to gain an appointment at the top, tell your story, use social media, join with other parents, and more.	<b>Linda Litzinger, Jolene Sanders, &amp; other rock star advocates</b>

### Session 7: 3:00 – 4:30 p.m., Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

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7010 Advocacy	<b>Collecting Your Ideas for the Next Legislative Session</b> Come share your ideas with other conference participants. We will divide up by issue, brainstorm, and list needed changes. This will be co-lead by TxP2P, Easterseals, Hogg Foundation, Texans for Special Education Reform, Twice Exceptional Network of Texas, Decoding Dyslexia of Texas, Coalition of Texans with Disability, the Arc, and many more.	<b>Linda Litzinger &amp; other agency advocates</b>