

July 22
& July
23, 2022

Texas Parent to Parent is pleased to invite you to attend the TxP2P 17th Annual Parent Conference



We hope you'll join us this summer in Austin as we celebrate our **17th Annual Parent Conference!** We're very excited about our speakers, exhibitors, and keynote speaker this year! Hope you can join us!

This year's conference brings you 42 sessions to choose from that cover a great array of topics, including behavior, advocacy, transition, special education, mental health, parenting and self-determination issues. We know it's hard to choose just one session per time slot but pick the one that applies to where you are now – we'll be back next year.

There are several changes to the conference this year:

- We are at a new hotel – Hyatt Regency Austin.
- You will be required to pick your sessions for the conference when registering. When a room fills up, the Session Facilitator will not allow any more people in the room.
- **Family Fun Night** is still on Friday evening – it's for the whole family and we'll have kid activities followed by dinner with time to visit with old and new friends. We will have games set up from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. provided by our top sponsors, entertainment and dinner from 6:30-7:30 p.m. We'll end with time for families to go to the pool. **Registration for the Family Fun Night is required**, so don't forget to sign up when you submit your conference registration forms.
- In an effort to help save some trees, we will have a conference app for the conference this year. You will be able to read more about it and tell us your preference in the registration form.

And for the kids, as has been our custom, **childcare** will be available during conference hours so that you can attend sessions all the while knowing that your children are close by and in a safe environment. If you have a teen or young adult, we will again be holding the **Peer to Peer Summit** or if they are interested, **they can also attend sessions at the conference**, using P2P Summit as a home base or simply attend as a Self-Advocate without going to the Summit. And for siblings, we have our popular **Sibshop**. See page 4 for the descriptions on all these groups and read them carefully – each one comes with its own set of requirements. Hope to see you next year!

OUR 2022 KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Karyn Harvey, Ph.D. Karyn has worked as a clinician in the field of intellectual disabilities for over 30 years. She has her Ph.D. in Applied Developmental Psychology from the University of Maryland. She has published articles about therapeutic interventions with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), workbooks for individuals with IDD and two books. Her first book, Positive Identity Development was published in 2009 and Trauma –Informed Behavioral Interventions, published in 2011. Her third book, Trauma and Healing will be released in 2022 by AAIDD. She is the director of program development and training for the Park Ave Group practice where she does both individual and group therapy. In addition, she regularly conducts trainings on trauma-informed care and coping with COVID for both state and individual organizations throughout the country and in Canada.

Turning the COVID corner and the Path to Resiliency: Saturday, 10:30 – 12:00 pm Zilker Ballroom

Karyn will explore both traumas and triumphs we all experienced getting through the pandemic. She will also address resiliency and the many ways in which we have built our strengths. Then she will discuss happiness and moving forward!

NEW THIS YEAR-Affordable Connectivity Program:

Get Pre-qualified Now!

We are excited to let you know about a brand new benefit program provided by the FCC called the Affordable Connectivity Program. Anyone that is currently receiving benefits from any of the programs in the next box is eligible to receive a brand new Android 11 tablet along with a full year of high speed internet on the tablet (up to 25GB per month)! There is only a low, one time activation fee of \$20 that is required by the FCC, but other than that, there are no other monthly fees, contracts or commitments. For more information, you can visit the FCC's website that discusses this program: www.fcc.gov/apc For additional information, please visit www.acpenroller.com

Pre-registration link for the conference:

<https://acpenroller.com/?form=rsvp&affiliate=8&event=23>

Benefits:

- SNAP (also known as Food Stamps)
- Medicaid
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- WIC
- Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit
- Federal Pell Grant recipients in the current award year
- Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program

You may also qualify if your income is at or below 200% of the [Federal Poverty Guidelines](#)

HOTEL

A limited number of rooms are available **now** at the special conference rate of **\$165** (+ tax) (single, double, triple or quad) at the Hyatt Regency Austin. Rooms will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations made by **June 30, 2022**, will receive this negotiated group rate. **Please be aware that the reserved “room block” is usually filled prior to June 20**, and if this happens, reservations are subject to availability and possibly an increased rate, so don't delay in making your reservations.

You can call the hotel directly (877-803-7534) to make your reservation or register using this link: <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/AUSRA/G-GTPP>. You MUST identify yourself as being with the Texas Parent to Parent Conference to receive the **\$165 conference rate** (+tax & parking). This room rate will be available from July 21st through July 23rd. The hotel has accessible rooms with roll-in showers. If you need a roll-in shower, please let us know and we will have the hotel set one aside for you. You will need a credit card to reserve your room at the Hyatt. Check-in is at 4 pm and check-out is 11 am.

To ensure you receive the correct rate, be sure to have your reservation confirmation emailed or mailed to you (and check the rate and dates). Your room cost includes complimentary basic wireless internet. If you must cancel your hotel reservations, be sure to do so by 3:00 p.m., 72 hours prior to your first night for the reservation..

Also, because we are downtown Austin, there is no free parking. The hotel has offered a reduced rate of \$15/day for overnight parking in their garage; \$10/day for daytime parking. Superior HealthPlan has provided sponsorships for parking, so if you need financial assistance, you must request in your registration.

Lodging Stipends: We are thrilled to offer lodging stipends for the Hyatt Regency Austin to parents of children with disabilities attending the conference. As always, stipends are a hot item and will go fast, so act quickly! **Lodging stipends will be awarded based on financial need and you must register and request the stipend on your form.** First consideration for lodging stipends is given to new families who live **more than 70 miles** away from the conference hotel and those who have not received lodging stipends in the past 2 years.

Lodging stipends are available only to parents and family members of children with disabilities or self-advocates over 18, attending the conference and are awarded for a maximum of 2 nights.

Please note that lodging stipends for hotel expenses do not cover 100% of your room cost *unless you are sharing a room with another adult who is also receiving a stipend (this can be your spouse)*. If you are not sharing a room, you will still owe the difference between the stipend amount and the hotel room charges. For example, with the conference room rate of \$165, total charges for one day, including taxes, are approximately \$195. The maximum lodging stipend is \$131 per night, so unless you are sharing a room with another parent, you will owe everything over \$131—approximately \$64 per night. If you share your room with another parent who also is getting a stipend, your room cost would be completely covered for that night. We will not pay for parking if you get a room stipend.

Also, **if you receive a lodging stipend and are then unable to attend, you must cancel your reservation by 3:00 p.m. 72 hours prior to your first night** for the reservation. If you don't cancel in time, you and/or TxP2P will have to pay the first night's fees.

**** Hotel Information: Hyatt Regency Austin, 208 Barton Spring Rd., Austin, TX 78704 ****
Hurry! Space is limited and goes quickly!

Exhibitors: For information about exhibiting at the TxP2P Conference, please contact Melissa Fox at: 866-896-6001, 512-458-8600 or email: Melissa.Fox@txp2p.org.

Donations Needed: If you are able, please consider making a donation to help other families attend the conference. Every dollar counts—these donations have helped several families attend the conference in past years and are greatly appreciated!

Equipment Exchange: Due to space issues, we will not have the equipment exchange physically at the conference. We can still help you exchange equipment at the conference, but it will have to be arranged ahead of time and we can't store the equipment for you. You'll have to meet the parent and

exchange items. Please contact Patty Geisinger at Patty@txp2p.org for assistance ahead of the conference.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Online at <http://www.txp2p.org> or call the office 866-896-6001 and ask whoever answers to help you register on-line. Contact Norma Castro by email at Norma.Castro@txp2p.org or call 866-896-6001 to request a registration packet be mailed or emailed to you. **Register before June 15, 2022 for the Early Bird Fees!**

PLEASE NOTE: Each registered participant will receive a confirmation email. Please read it carefully and let us know if there are any errors. Your registration is complete only when full payment is received by TxP2P. To receive Early Bird or Regular conference rates, **we must receive payment by the designated cut-off dates.**

If a parent or professional registers and is paying for their registration by purchase order, it is the regular registration fee, only if you pay by check or with credit card by July 15, 2022. If you are sending a purchase order but not paying until after the conference, the flat rate is \$500.00.

On-site registration will be available at a higher rate of \$400.00 for parents and \$500.00 for professionals. There is no reduction in rate if you only want to attend for one day.

We must receive written cancellation (email or U.S. mail) no later than **July 15, 2022. No refunds will be made for any cancellations after July 15.** Payment in full will be required for all purchase orders if cancellation is not made on or before **July 15th. Special considerations will be made if you have been exposed to COVID-19, please contact our office to discuss options.**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Meals: Let us know if you plan to eat meals with us by completing the meal portion of your registration form. We will be providing breakfast (Friday/Saturday), lunch (Friday/Saturday) and dinner (Friday) for family fun night for all participants.

We will have two rooms for lunches again this year - one with a speaker (to be announced) and one without so you can visit with new or old friends or just enjoy a quieter lunch. Please make sure you pick which room you want for lunch on your registration form. **Please indicate your preference on your registration form. Children & youth receive lunch in the Child Care, Sibshop & Peer to Peer Summit rooms.**

Conference Scholarships: Money is tight for everyone, but help may be available to assist you in attending the TxP2P Conference. If you are receiving services from your HHSC, Local Authority, CSHCN, or a school district, ask them for help with your cost for the TxP2P Conference. Your local school district may have money allocated for parent training that you can use toward your costs.

CEUs: We are pleased to offer CEUs for Social Workers, Licensed Professional Counselors, Educators, and Early Intervention Specialists for \$50. If you need a certificate of attendance – just let us know on your registration form and we'll provide one at no charge.

Peer Parent Mentor Training

Thursday - July 21st, 3:30-6:30 p.m.

(Note: No registration will be allowed on-site. Child care will be provided if you register for it.)

You can connect and help other families like yours by becoming a Peer Parent Mentor. Do you remember when you first got your child's diagnosis? Who provided you support? Remember how important and helpful that was? Become a parent mentor now! To complete this shortened version of the Peer Parent Mentor training, you must also register for and attend two sessions on Friday, Session *Grief and the Stages of Adaptation* from 3:30 to 5:00 pm., and on Saturday, Session *Care for the Caregiver* from 1:30 to 2:30 pm. This will be a great opportunity to pay it forward, help a family new to a diagnosis, network with other attendees, and begin your conference experience with valuable information! To register, please check the box for the Peer Parent Mentor training on your conference registration form and we will contact you with additional information. If you **arrive after 4:00 p.m. on July 21st**, you will not be able to attend the training.

SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN, TEENS, YOUNG ADULTS, AND SIBLINGS

(Note: No registration will be allowed on-site.)



Child Care

(Note: No registration will be allowed on-site.)

Childcare is very limited, so if you can make other arrangements for your children, please do. If you need childcare, please indicate this on your registration form and fill out the childcare form on-line. Limited stipends to help lower the cost of childcare **may** be available — let us know if you are unable to attend the conference without one on the registration form.

Child Care is provided in one large room with the children separated out into groups. If your child has a problem with noise level or large group settings, you may want to seek other arrangements. Also, if your child is 10 yrs. or up and is **incontinent**, you must come take care of that task yourself. **We are unable to accommodate children who need all day one-on-one care or any child over 12 years old.**

Children in childcare will be fed in the childcare rooms. If you prefer, you may purchase an additional noon conference meal for your child at the rate of \$50.00 per meal if you'd like to have lunch with him/her. Please discuss any change in the established childcare meal plan with your Child Care Team Leader and indicate the number of additional meals you would like to purchase on your registration form.

Child Care space goes very fast and will be closed when capacity is reached. The registration fee is refundable if you are unable to attend the conference and provide written notice to TxP2P (via email, fax or U.S. Mail) on or before July 15.

Child Care will run from 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. on Friday and 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. **We ask that you promptly pick up your child at the end of the day as indicated - our childcare workers need to be able to go home!**

Sibshop

Saturday - July 23rd, 2022 (Note: No registration will be allowed on-site.)

Sibshops are lively, pedal-to-the-metal celebrations of the many contributions made by brothers and sisters of kids with disabilities. Sibshops acknowledge that being the brother or sister of a person with disabilities or special health care needs is for some a good thing, others a not-so-good thing and for many, somewhere in between. They reflect a belief that brothers and sisters have much to offer one another if they are given a chance. The Sibshop model intersperses information, discussion, activities and games. Sibshops seek to provide siblings with opportunities for peer support, something TxP2P strongly believes in. Because Sibshops are designed primarily for children aged 8 to 12, peer support is provided within a lively, recreational context that emphasizes a "kids-eye-view." Group is limited to 15 children and will be facilitated by a trained Sibshop Facilitator. For more information on Sibshops, visit <http://www.siblingsupport.org/> or call us at 866-896-6001 (toll-free).

If your child(ren) wants to participate in Sibshop, please indicate this on your registration form and fill out the childcare form on-line. **The Sibshop is not designed to be a childcare venue.** Sibshop will run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday only. You will take your child to the Child Care Room and the facilitators will pick them up and deliver them back to that room before and after the Sibshop.

Peer to Peer Summit

(Note: No registration will be allowed on-site.)

The Peer to Peer (P2P) Summit is a two-day “conference within a conference” for teens and young adults, ages 13 to 22, **with and without** disabilities. We are pleased to have **Art Spark Texas** back to lead the Summit again this year. Through a series of varied activities, the teens & young adults will express themselves through art, music, movement, animation...and maybe just a few surprises! Working alongside professionals in their field they will discover their own hidden talents, share with their peers and family members and bring home some fresh ideas about what is creatively possible!

Each registrant is encouraged to participate as actively as possible, and support is available from Summit volunteers to help each participant “get the most” out of each activity. There are adult volunteers to provide help and supervision, but **P2P Summit is not designed to be a childcare venue**. The P2P Summit is provided in one large and sometimes noisy room. If your teen/young adult has a problem with noise level or large group settings, you may want to seek other arrangements. We are unable to provide **incontinence care** in the Summit so parents must come to take care of that task.


The P2P Summit space will serve as participants’ home base for the 2 days of the conference. Some participants will be able and allowed to come and go from the Summit location without being accompanied by another teen or adult, possibly attending conference sessions. We encourage responsibility for decision-making by the teens and young adults who attend. If your teen/young adult is unable or should not be permitted to leave on their own, please consider having a full-time attendant (non-parent) accompany your teen/young adult. The Summit leadership’s goal is for parents to be free to attend conference sessions and to promote self-determination for Peer to Peer Summit participants, so it’s best that attendants NOT be parents.

If your teen/young adult would like to participate, but you have concerns about whether they’ll be able to participate in the activities or any other aspect of the Summit, don’t hesitate to call us at 866-896-6001! Registration is \$150.00 and limited to the first 30 paid registrants. **Deadline for registration & full payment is July 15th.** Fill out the Peer to Peer Summit registration form on-line after you complete your registration form. **No registration will be allowed on-site.** Attendants are welcome at no additional charge, and lunch for attendants may be purchased for \$50 each day. Teen/young adult must understand and/or speak English to get the most out of this session. The Summit will run from 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. on Friday and 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Special Sessions	Friday – July 22, 2022		Saturday – July 23, 2022	
<p style="text-align: center;">Peer Parent Mentor Training Thursday, July 21, 2022 3:30 – 6:30 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Conference Registration on Thursday evening Thursday, July 21, 2022 5:00 – 7:00 PM</p>	Registration	7:30 – 9:00 AM	Registration	7:30-9:00 AM
	Welcome	9:00-10:00 AM	Session 4	9:00-10:00 AM
	Break	10:00-10:30 AM	Break	10:00-10:30 AM
	Session 1	10:30-12:00 PM	Keynote Speaker	10:30-12:00 PM
	Lunch	12:00-1:00 PM	Lunch	12:00-1:00 PM
	Session 2	1:30-3:00 PM	Session 5	1:30-2:30 PM
	Break	3:00-3:30 PM	Break	2:30-3:00 PM
	Session 3	3:30-5:00 PM	Session 6	3:00-4:30 PM
	Networking	5:00-5:30 PM	Closing Session	
	Family Fun Night	5:30-6:30 PM		

Session Tracks

(tracks are the middle 2 numbers in the session # - for example: 1020 - 02 is the Autism track)

1 Advocacy	11 Spanish
2 Autism	12 Special Education
3 Behavior	13 Transition
4 General	 <p>Texas Parent to Parent</p>
5 Disability Specific	
6 Medical/ Therapy	
7 Mental Health	
8 Parent Leadership	
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Session 1: 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 a.m., Friday, July 22nd, 2022

Session	Description	Speakers
1040 General	<p>Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Waivers</p> <p>Elizabeth will present information on the Texas Home and Community-Based Services waivers, including who is eligible, how to apply and the types of benefits available. Waivers pay for things like home modifications, respite, adaptive aids, habilitation, personal care services and respite. Texas does not consider a parent’s income when determining a child’s eligibility for most of these programs. The waivers open a world of new possibilities and opportunities for children and families.</p>	<p>Elizabeth Tucker</p>
1041 General	<p>DADS Only</p> <p>This is an informal chance for Dads to come together and just talk. To listen and to learn from other dads, to share great things about our kids and to discuss some of the challenges we face. As a dad, you are the expert on your child. Come by and share what you have learned from your child and what your hopes are for their future. Or just come and listen.</p>	<p>Jeff Garrison-Tate and Ron Lucey</p>
1042 General	<p>Positive Police Encounters</p> <p>This class is about how to facilitate the Positive Police Contact Class. I will show your attendees the class and discuss ideas about how to get the class presented by your local law enforcement agencies.</p>	<p>Aubrey (A.D.) Dale Paul</p>

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Session	Description	Speakers
1043 General	<p>Creating Community with Personal Support Networks</p> <p>Parents of children with disabilities face significant barriers to obtaining and maintaining high quality, reliable, inclusive childcare. This results in parents dropping out of the workforce, family isolation, turning to unregulated care and/or a missed opportunity to connect with other programs like Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) services. Come learn about the challenges and the opportunities Texas has to support truly inclusive early childhood opportunities.</p>	Denise Sonleitner
1060 Medical/ Therapy	<p>The Diagnostic Journey: Grief and Acceptance</p> <p>The diagnostic journey is unlike any other trip a family ever takes. Once an answer is discovered, there is a new reality. With that knowledge comes a period of grief that eventually leads to a new life with the individual who has been diagnosed. Our panel has been on that journey and would like to share some support and guidance.</p>	Mary Elizabeth Parker, Kristin Witte-Hubbard, Vanessa Vaughan, Betsy Furler & Patty Geisinger
1110 Spanish	<p>Déficit de Atención con Hiperactividad (ADHD por sus siglas en inglés), ¿Qué es?</p> <p>En esta sesión aprenderá que es el déficit de atención con hiperactividad y cómo ésta y otras condiciones se presentan en conjunto con este diagnóstico. Se hablará sobre tratamientos comúnmente utilizados y estrategias que se pueden utilizar en casa y en la escuela para ayudar al niño(a) a tener más éxito.</p>	Gilda Gil
1130 Transition	<p>Texas Guardianship Reform</p> <p>Jeff will provide information to individuals, families and others about the impact of Texas Guardianship Reform laws, which mandate courts to consider alternatives to guardianships and supports and services before creating a guardianship. He will also review the guardianship process, alternatives to guardianships, such as supported decision-making, and supports and services that can be utilized to avoid the necessity of guardianship. Jeff will also explore the benefits of self-determination and person-centered planning. Finally, he will review supported decision-making agreements that can be used to support the independence, self-determination and self-reliance of individuals with disabilities.</p>	Jeffrey Miller, JD

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Session 2: 1:30 – 3:00 p.m., Friday, July 22nd, 2022

Session	Description	Speakers
2040 General	<p>Inclusive Child Care: Challenges and Opportunities</p> <p>Parents of children with disabilities face significant barriers to obtaining and maintaining high quality, reliable, inclusive childcare. This results in parents dropping out of the workforce, family isolation, turning to unregulated care and/or a missed opportunity to connect with other programs like Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) services. Come learn about the challenges and the opportunities Texas has to support truly inclusive early childhood opportunities.</p>	<p>Jolene Sanders-Foster</p>
2041 General	<p>Transition Through All Ages and Stages</p> <p>There are many transitions that take place daily, weekly and throughout the school years: preschool to kindergarten, elementary to middle school, middle school to high school, high school to adult life and perhaps to a college experience. Brenda will discuss ways parents and school staff can plan for transitions at each age and stage with the ultimate goal of a fulfilling adult life.</p>	<p>Brenda Nelson</p>
2100 Self-Determination	<p>The Power of Peer to Peer Support</p> <p>Peer to Peer initiatives in Texas are thriving. More and more people with intellectual and developmental disabilities throughout Texas are supported by others with lived experiences. This creates a powerful relationship that leads to advocacy and support. People with lived experience are the experts. Jeff, Shelbi and Anand will provide an overview of the peer-to-peer process, the programs and training available. People with lived experience will be the key presenters.</p>	<p>Jeff Garrison-Tate, Shelbi Davenport & Anand Diyar</p>
2110 Spanish	<p>Cómo disciplinar con éxito</p> <p>En esta sesión los participantes obtendrán ideas para tener éxito cuando se tenga que disciplinar a un hijo/a. Ejemplos y destrezas serán parte de las herramientas que sabemos que existen pero que no siempre utilizamos.</p>	<p>Juan Alderete</p>

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2120 Special Education	COVID-19 and Compensatory Special Education Services The COVID-19 pandemic has affected three school years, starting with the spring, 2020 semester. Many students with disabilities suffered with either reduced special education services or no services at all for extended periods. Both the U.S. Department of Education and the Texas Education Agency have released guidance for public schools on assisting students with disabilities to get back on track. The Texas Legislature passed a new law on special education compensatory services to speed recovery from the pandemic. Steven will explain what the guidance and new state law means for students with disabilities.	Steve Aleman
2130 Transition	Supplemental Security Income & Work Age 18 brings adulthood and too many new systems to understand!! Employment? OK, but I'm afraid my child will lose his benefits! SSDI or SSI? I don't understand the difference or how to apply! Mary Jane will reveal the secrets to the adult application process and how to use work incentives to keep Medicaid while working. Be Empowered!	Mary Jane Williams
2131 Transition	My Rights My Life: A Curriculum for Safer Relationships Unfortunately, students with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) are consistently excluded from healthy relationship and safer sexuality education. Lack of relationship and sexuality education leaves people with IDD at a higher risk for experiencing abuse. My Rights My Life: A Curriculum for Safer Relationships was developed by SAFE's Disability Services staff as a comprehensive healthy relationship and safer sexuality curriculum and abuse prevention tool. Heide will cover the importance of relationship education; provide current research about sexuality and people with IDD; and give a comprehensive overview of the SAFE curriculum and instruction on effectively teaching safer sexuality and relationship skills.	Heidi Lersch

Session 3: 3:30 – 5:00 p.m., Friday, July 22nd, 2022

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3040 General	What is ABA Therapy? Wendy will showcase the effects of early intervention with ABA therapy and highlight FREE statewide ABA resources to families and professionals.	Wendy Maurer

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3041 General	<p>Grief and the Stages of Adaptation</p> <p>Learn to make sense of the emotions you may be experiencing, how grief applies to being a parent of a child with a disability or special health care need and how to identify the stages that most parents experience on this journey.</p>	<p>Patty Geisinger & Rosalba Calleros</p>
3070 Mental Health	<p>Crossed Roads: Autism and Mental Health</p> <p>Join us for a discussion of family and individual's lived experience with autism and mental health conditions. Focus areas will include finding support systems, understanding the importance of integrating developmental and mental health services, and most importantly, supporting the child/youth in their self-determination and helping them plan for their goals and dreams.</p>	<p>Nidia and Adrian Heston</p>
3110 Spanish	<p>Estrategias para una disciplina positiva</p> <p>En esta sesión se presentarán estrategias que pueden utilizar los padres y los maestros para disciplinar a un niño (a) usando un modelo positivo. Al poder utilizar estas estrategias adecuadamente, podremos ver resultados inmediatos y al mismo tiempo construir una relación amorosa con nuestros hijos.</p>	<p>Gilda Gil</p>
3120 Special Education	<p>Top Ten Tips for IEP Meetings</p> <p>Going to your IEP/ARD meeting unprepared keeps you from participating fully and being a part of the TEAM! Learn the top 10 strategies you can do to get ready for your meeting. Learn about resources you can use to help you better advocate for your child. Get Educated! Be Empowered!</p>	<p>Mary Jane Williams</p>
3130 Transition	<p>Since When is “Health” a Part of Transitioning Planning?</p> <p>Exactly. Health is often overlooked in transition planning. Moving from pediatric to adult-based care is not an automatic, seamless process for youth with disabilities and/or chronic medical conditions. Come join a self-advocate and parent-professional who will share personal experiences and insights about this essential part of transition. We’ll share ideas for partnering with the school team to add “health” into transition planning and tips for initiating conversations with pediatric providers. You’ll take away tools and sample IEP goals to promote your child’s good, healthy life in adulthood.</p>	<p>Ivy Goldstein & Amy Litzinger</p>

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3131 Transition	Transition 101: Beyond the Red Tape Goal for the session...explore transition services and tips for creating a meaningful transition for your child and point you in a direction to learn more. Cindi will cover topics on starting early, identifying your beliefs, creating a vision, considering all aspects of life, researching possibilities, self-determination, self-advocacy, letting go, government funded programs and understanding eligibility requirements.	Cindi Paschall

Session 4: 9:00 – 10:00 a.m., Saturday, July 23rd, 2022

Session	Description	Speakers
4010 Advocacy	What to Expect from the American with Disabilities Act Do you ever wonder what impact the ADA is supposed to have on entities such as cities, schools, hospitals, universities, parks, restaurants, event centers and air travel? Do you know what to do if there is a sidewalk in your neighborhood you can't maneuver a wheelchair over or what the law says regarding taking service animals and emotional support animals in public places? Mary will answer these questions and provide other practical information about what is included in ADA compliance and who to contact if there are ADA violations.	Mary Klentzman
4040 General	EMS for Children: Working with Families to Improve Care The Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Program is the only federally funded program solely focused on improving the quality of pediatric emergency care. Join Texas EMSC Program Manager, Sam Vance as he introduces you to the EMS for Children program and ways to prepare families of children with disabilities for an emergency.	Sam Vance

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Session 4: 9:00 – 10:00 a.m., Saturday, July 23rd, 2022

Session	Description	Speakers
4041 General	<p>Personal Support Networks: Do-It-Yourself...Together!</p> <p>Are you ready to get started? Come learn how to start a Personal Support Network for your child, step-by-step and side-by-side with other parents. This session is for families who attended the Personal Support Networks presentation on Friday morning or are already familiar with Networks. Denise will explain all the steps to starting a Personal Network, DIY style. We will work together in small groups, identifying possible Network members and developing Network goals. Parents agree that the hardest thing about Personal Networks is getting started, so join us and encourage fellow parents to take the first steps!</p>	<p>Denise Sonleitner</p>
4070 Mental Health	<p>Parenting and PTSD – Let’s Talk About It</p> <p>The session is for parents and caregivers of youth or children who have experienced trauma. Valencia will talk about Complex Trauma and PTSD, as a parent raising two children, 18 and 12, who live with PTSD. She will create a very open and honest space to discuss our real struggles when faced with this tough living dynamic. She will also talk through the ups and downs of how trauma impacts the whole family, coping strategies for parents and kids, healthy habits and ways to create a safe environment for our family.</p>	<p>Valencia Gensollen</p>
4110 Spanish	<p>Cinco cosas para estar preparados ante emergencias y desastres naturales</p> <p>Texas es un estado que es impactado por diferentes desastres naturales todos los años: incendios, tornados, huracanes o inundaciones. Las personas con discapacidades tienen un riesgo mayor de ser afectadas durante los desastres naturales. Esta plática ayudará a los padres con niños y jóvenes con discapacidades a cómo estar preparados ante una emergencia o un fenómeno natural. Se demostrarán 5 pasos esenciales de cómo hacer un plan que integre a toda la familia, cómo conectarse con los servicios de emergencia locales y cómo implementar un kit de emergencia en el hogar.</p>	<p>Marisol Acosta</p>
4120 Special Education	<p>Improving School Discipline Practices in Texas</p> <p>Students with disabilities are routinely overrepresented in school discipline measures like in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension, expulsions and placements in Disciplinary Alternative Education Programs and Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Programs. They are also far more likely to experience informal or “shadow” discipline practices like removal to “cool down” rooms, and informal suspensions or “early pickups.” The impact of COVID-19 has increased the need to address this historical disproportionality, as educators, students and their families continue to experience stress, disruption and isolation. Jolene will cover recent and proposed changes in law, and how families can get involved to support students.</p>	<p>Jolene Sanders-Foster</p>

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Session	Description	Speakers
4131 Transition	<p>Visioning Building: Creating a Life Full of Possibilities!</p> <p>Do you struggle to get through the day? Overwhelmed when thinking about what the future holds for your child? Wish you had a crystal ball? If you answered yes to these questions, you won't want to miss this session! Join Cindi as she explores tips, tools and strategies to help you (and your child) move from fear of the unknown to a vision with hopes and dreams for the future and an action-oriented plan to achieve them.</p>	Cindi Paschall

Session 5: 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Saturday, July 23rd, 2022

Session	Description	Speakers
5040 General	<p>Special Needs Trusts, ABLE Accounts and Estate Planning</p> <p>Alison will discuss special needs estate planning and explain the importance of first-party and third-party special needs trusts, ABLE accounts, wills, powers of attorney and non-probate beneficiary designations.</p>	Alison Packard
5041 General	<p>Care for the Caregiver</p> <p>We all need to find time to care for ourselves! But that can be such a challenge when our children are young, ill or struggling with health, behaviors or school issues! We know it is important to begin with just 5 minutes of self-care. Let's chat about all the ways we can reconnect with ways to care for ourselves so we can care for our children!</p>	Patty Geisinger & Greta James-Maxfield
5060 Medical	<p>Call the Doctor!!!</p> <p>Self-advocates, Amy and Tanya, will offer steps toward learning to communicate with therapists and doctors as a youth or young adult, to eventually self-direct and supervise some or all of your own medical care. Linda will add tips from other self-advocates and parents.</p>	Amy Litzinger, Linda Litzinger & Tanya Winters

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Session	Description	Speakers
<p style="text-align: center;">5080</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Parent Leadership</p>	<p>Learning, Connecting, Loving: Finding and Nurturing Joy</p> <p>We can nurture joy as our child grows. Peggy and Shahla will explore what joy is and the role of contingencies in understanding and changing family life for the better. They will discuss why it's vital to go beyond reducing problems and strive for fostering healthy relationships at all levels. They will also discuss how to surround children and families, and the professionals who work with them, in ways that nurture ongoing learning, human connections and loving approaches to teaching and intervention.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Peggy Heinkel-Wolfe and Shala Ala'i-Rosales</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">5110</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Spanish</p>	<p>Los fundamentos de la Transición a la vida adulta</p> <p>Descripción general de lo que cada padre necesita saber para apoyar con éxito la Transición a STAR Kids de su hijo.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Elizabeth Inclan y Denise Keller</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">5120</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Special Education</p>	<p>Appropriate Transition Planning</p> <p>Shemica will focus on the Transition Plan piece of an IEP. As a student approaches the time to leave high school, it is important that preparations for adult life are well underway and planned. One of the most common barriers to academic and career achievement for students with disabilities is low expectations on the part of those with whom they interact. Shemica will help parents to present data and information to their child's IEP team so appropriate and ambitious post-secondary goals can be developed.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Shemica S. Allen</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">5130</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Transition</p>	<p>Raised Expectations – Navigating Transitions and Employment</p> <p>It is easy to raise our expectations for graduates with disabilities when we are confident about what comes next. Since Texas is an Employment First state, which means employment is the first and preferred option for high school graduates with disabilities, we need to know what to do when it comes to employment and who to work with. Lauren will discuss who should be involved in the employment goal-setting process, what that should look like, when it should start and where students and families can go to get employment services.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Laura Gerken</p>

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Session 6: 3:00 – 4:30 p.m., Saturday, July 23rd, 2022

Session	Description	Speakers
6040 General	<p>Recreation: What’s It Good For?</p> <p>Meredith will discuss the benefits of finding and engaging your child in recreational activities and the barriers and benefits to participation. She will also discuss adaptive programs vs inclusion programs and how to find programs that are the best fit for your child.</p>	<p>Meredith Silcox</p>
6050 Disability Specific	<p>Seeing Visual Impairments and Blind Eligibility through New Eyes</p> <p>Mara and Christine know that IEPs can be overwhelming and stressful, particularly those for students with blindness and visual impairments. Are you asking the right questions? Assembling the right team? Pushing for the right provisions? We’re aware that this is an arduous undertaking. We understand your challenges and concerns. Although we cannot guarantee outcomes, we can help provide a framework for achieving a more meaningful IEP. An emphasis will be placed on Cortical Vision Impairment, the leading cause of blindness in children.</p>	<p>Mara LaViola and Christine Broughal</p>
6060 Medical	<p>Does Your Child Have a Medical Home?</p> <p>When I was first asked if my son had a medical home, I pondered the question and then said we have no medical equipment in our home. The service coordinator then explained what a medical home is and how it could help my son. So, what is a medical home? Should my child have one? How do I get one? Learn more about a medical home and how to work with your physician to get one for your child.</p>	<p>Maureen Benschoter, Greta James-Maxfield & Laura J. Warren</p>
6070 Mental Health	<p>Trauma and Families</p> <p>This talk will cover the unique trauma of raising a child with a disability in a world of challenges. Fortifying our children and families and moving forward will be discussed.</p>	<p>Karyn Harvey</p>
6080 Parent Leadership	<p>Y’all Want Me???</p> <p>If suddenly you're asked to serve on a group, committee or council, how do you know if it'll be a good fit? Come learn how to analyze the opportunity in order to have the best experience, utilize your passions and make a difference.</p>	<p>Linda Litzinger & Amy Litzinger</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">6100</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Self-Determination</p>	<p>My Journey with Asperger’s</p> <p>Daniel brings an enthusiastic perspective about Asperger’s during his time in school, job world and dating/relationships to share with parents, professionals and others with his condition. He will discuss his childhood struggles in school, transitioning experiences into adulthood, up & downs in the job world and approaches to help others similar with his condition. Daniel will help you grasp a deeper understanding of what life is like living with Asperger's syndrome, devising strategies to improve cognitive processing and problem-solving techniques, and recognizing some of the unique social patterns.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Daniel Durany</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">6110</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Spanish</p>	<p>Programas de Exención de Medicaid (Medicaid Waivers)</p> <p>Esta presentación se enfocará en los programas de exención de Medicaid. Se proveerá información breve sobre los diferentes programas que proveen servicios a niños y jóvenes con necesidades médicas o de salud mental. Estos son programas especiales de servicios médicos comunitarios que expanden servicios adicionales o especiales, así como programas que permiten a personas que tradicionalmente no califican para Medicaid, poder obtener ciertos servicios. Algunos de estos programas son: CLASS, YES, DBMD, HCS, MDCP, HCBS y Texas Home Living.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Marisol Acosta</p>

2022 Participant Registration

To register online, go to: <http://www.txp2p.org>

*** Please note - Lunch is provided, and each participant receives a t-shirt with paid registration. ***

1st Participant Name: (first & last)		2nd Participant Name: (first & last)	
Email:		County of Residence:	
Address:		City, State & Zip:	
Daytime Phone:		Cell Phone:	
Participant # 1 T-Shirt Size	ADULT <input type="checkbox"/> Small <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Large <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> XXL	Participant # 2 T-Shirt Size	ADULT <input type="checkbox"/> Small <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Large <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> XXL

I am a (check only one)

Parent/Family Member <input type="checkbox"/> #1 <input type="checkbox"/> #2 Parent Professional* <input type="checkbox"/> #1 <input type="checkbox"/> #2 Foster Parent <input type="checkbox"/> #1 <input type="checkbox"/> #2 Counselor <input type="checkbox"/> #1 <input type="checkbox"/> #2 Self-Advocate** <input type="checkbox"/> #1 <input type="checkbox"/> #2	Educator <input type="checkbox"/> #1 <input type="checkbox"/> #2 Social Worker <input type="checkbox"/> #1 <input type="checkbox"/> #2 Medical Professional <input type="checkbox"/> #1 <input type="checkbox"/> #2 Other (specify) <input type="checkbox"/> #1 <input type="checkbox"/> #2 _____
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*parent of child w/ a disability working in disability profession **youth/person with a disability

Please check all that apply	Friday	Saturday
I/We need an interpreter: <input type="checkbox"/> Sign Language <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish - neither are available if register onsite		
I/We will eat lunch at the conference (provided by TxP2P on-site with paid registration)		
I/We will eat lunch in the room with a speaker (pick days for each)	Participant 1	Participant 2
I/We will eat lunch in the room without a speaker (pick days for each)	Participant 1	Participant 2
I/We will attend the Family Gathering on Friday evening: # of adults: _____ # of kids: _____		
I/We need special accommodations for participant - please list needs (for adults only - children & youth will be covered in another place):		
I/We would like to attend the Peer Parent Mentor Training on Thursday, July 21th (3:30-6:30pm) _____ Yes_ No		

We are planning to use a conference app this year - this will allow us to offer you several items on your phone, tablet or computer:

- Easier check-in
- Program on the app
- All the handouts from the conference on the app
- Floorplan of the hotel without looking for a piece of paper
- Nearby restaurants and other services on the app

We will have a team of people available to help you get on the app with whatever device you have. Which are you most likely to use:

The app
 Paper

Child Care

*** Please note - Lunch is provided and each child receives a t-shirt with paid registration. Extra lunch \$50.00***

1st Child's Name (first & last):		Child # 1 T- Shirt Size:	YOUTH ADULT	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L
2nd Child's Name (first & last):		Child # 2 T- Shirt Size:	YOUTH ADULT	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L
3rd Child's Name (first & last):		Child # 3 T- Shirt Size:	YOUTH ADULT	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L
4th Child's Name (first & last):		Child # 4 T- Shirt Size:	YOUTH ADULT	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L
5th Child's Name (first & last):		Child # 5 T- Shirt Size:	YOUTH ADULT	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L
6th Child's Name (first & last):		Child # 6 T- Shirt Size:	YOUTH ADULT	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L

Days childcare will be needed. (Please check all that apply) Friday Saturday

Sibshop

* Please note this session is ONLY for the siblings of children with disabilities.

I/We would like our child without disabilities to attend the Sibshop Event on Saturday Saturday

Sibshop T-shirt size: YOUTH: M L OR ADULT: S M

Peer to Peer Summit

*** Please note - Lunch is provided, and each participant receives a t-shirt with paid registration.***

1st Teen's Name (first & last):	Age	Shirt Size:	ADULT	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL
2nd Teen's Name (first & last):	Age	Shirt Size:	ADULT	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL
3rd Teen's Name (first & last):	Age	Shirt Size:	ADULT	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL
4th Teen's Name (first & last):	Age	Shirt Size:	ADULT	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - REQUEST A STIPEND

PLEASE READ THIS WHOLE THING IF YOU NEED SOME ASSISTANCE PAYING FOR THE CONFERENCE

We know that the cost of this conference can be a problem for families (we are all parents of children with disabilities ourselves and know how expensive life is) so we have secured some funds to help families who may need it. Please fill out the information below if you want to request a stipend. We cannot cover the whole cost of the conference for you because we have so many families asking for assistance, but we try to cover some expense for everyone who asks. First consideration for lodging stipends is given to those who live **more than 70 miles** away from the conference hotel and who have not received lodging stipends in the past 2 years.

We have a lot of families that cancel in the last 2 weeks before the conference and have typically been able to cover some expenses for everyone. But you must stay on the registration list until the very end - if you cancel, you lose your position in the line and go to the bottom and may not get funding. So just stay on the list until the end.

We will try to cover 1 of the items shown below - please pick the 2 you need the most. Please be aware that the stipends that cover the hotel are the hardest to get so there are fewer of those and they run out the quickest.

- #1 - Hotel cost for 1 adult 18 or over (we can only cover \$131 of the room cost, parking not included) or for 2 adults (will cover the whole expense, parking not included)
- #2 - Registration for 1 or 2 parents
- #3 - Childcare costs, up to 2 children
- #4 - Peer to Peer Summit or self-advocate for the main conference - up to 2 self-advocates

Registration Summary and Payment

<u>Participant Registration</u>	Early Bird Ends June 15th	Regular Ends July 15	Total Number of Participants	<u>ONSITE Registration</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Parent / Family Member (Check, cash, credit)	\$300.00	\$350.00		\$400.00	
Professional / Foster Parent (Check, cash, credit)	\$400.00	\$450.00		\$500.00	
Peer to Peer Summit (check, cash, credit)	\$150.00	\$150.00		NA	
Self Advocate (check, cash, credit)	\$150.00	\$150.00		\$150.00	
ANY PAYMENT BY PURCHASE ORDER (if payment is after conference)	\$500.00	\$500.00		\$500.00	
CEUs - Per Participant	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00	
2022 TxP2P Conference <input type="checkbox"/> Speaker <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibitor <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor					No Fee
Child Care & Sibshop Registration		1 Child	2nd Child	3rd Child	<u>TOTAL</u>
Child Care (2 days)		\$150.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	
Sibshop Registration - SATURDAY ONLY (waived if paying child care)		\$ 75.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	
PAYMENT INFORMATION					
I would like to help pay another family's conference expenses (enter amount)					
I would like to purchase additional noon lunches @\$50 each ___ Friday ___ Saturday / ___ meals x \$50 =					
I would like to make a tax-deductible contribution to TxP2P (enter amount)					
Total Amount Due (Including Fees for Participant Registration, CEUs, Teen Summit, Child Care, Sibshop)				\$	
Method of Payment: <input type="checkbox"/> Check (made payable to TxP2P) <input type="checkbox"/> Purchase Order <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card: <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> American Express <input type="checkbox"/> Discover					
Credit Card#*	Expiration Date*	3-digit security code* (back of card)	Phone #*(related to card):		
Name on Credit Card* (print):			Cardholder's Signature*		
* Required to complete credit card payments. For your convenience, payment can also be made on our secure website: www.txp2p.org or call us at 866-896-6001.					