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Texas Parent to Parent is pleased to invite you to attend the TxP2P 2026 21st Annual Parent Conference



Join us this July at the beautiful campus of Southwestern University for the 21st Annual TxP2P Parent Conference! This year brings exciting updates, including a new location and a more affordable, all-inclusive experience.

Registration is less than half the cost of last year for families and includes suite-style dorm lodging, full access to all sessions, and meals in the campus dining hall - featuring omelet, vegan, allergy-free and pizza bars, plus a grill for burgers. Enjoy maximum flexibility with breakout sessions—no pre-selection required. Simply choose from topics like Advocacy, Behavior, Transition, and Special Education when you arrive.

Designed with families in mind, the conference offers safe, on-site childcare throughout conference hours, so you can fully engage in sessions. Teens and young adults can join the Peer-to-Peer Summit, while siblings can participate in our popular Sibshops - each offering meaningful, age-appropriate experiences (see program details for specific requirements).

And don't miss Family Fun Night on Friday from 5–7 p.m., an evening of games and activities hosted by sponsors, and a great opportunity to connect with both new and familiar faces. Experience a weekend of learning, support and community in the heart of Georgetown! We look forward to seeing you there!

OUR 2026 KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Al Condeluci, PhD

Understanding Social Capital – The Key to Engagement

There is no question that children and adults with disabilities remain disconnected from community activities, experiencing loneliness and isolation, and there is evidence as to why this is the case. This introductory keynote will explore some of this evidence, but more, will focus in on ways and means to address this void. The key to community engagement involves the building of “social capital” and as such, this session will explore the ways and means to developing relationships.



Saturday, 2:15 – 3:45 Special Session in Dining Room after closing: Questions about your HHSC Medicaid case? Ask the HHSC Experts

Do you have questions about Medicaid or Medicaid waivers in Texas, like how to apply or the different kinds of Medicaid? Come to this “Ask the Experts” session from Texas Health and Human Services. You can submit your questions before the session to the TxP2P staff.

TENATIVE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

	Friday, July 17, 2026		Saturday, July 18, 2026	
	Registration	7:30 – 9:00 AM	Registration	8:00 – 9:00 AM
Peer Parent Mentor Training	Keynote Speaker	9:00 – 10:30 AM	Session 4	9:00 – 10:30 AM
Thursday, July 16th	Break	10:30 – 10:45 AM	Break	10:30 – 10:45 AM
2:00 – 6:00 PM	Session 1	10:45 – 12:15 PM	Session 5	10:45 – 12:00 PM
	Lunch & Awards	12:15 – 1:30 PM	Lunch	12:00 – 1:00 PM
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION ON THURSDAY EVENING	Session 2	1:30 – 3:00 PM	Closing Session with Al Condeluci, Final Door Prizes	1:00 – 2:00 PM in the dining room
	Break	3:00 – 3:15 PM	Ask the Medicaid Experts	2:15 – 3:45 PM in the dining room
Thursday, July 16th	Session 3	3:15 – 4:45 PM		
4:00 – 6:30 PM	Family Fun Night	5:00 – 7:00 PM		

DORM ROOMS

Your registration covers your dorm bed and meals (Friday breakfast, lunch and dinner; Saturday breakfast, lunch) in the dining room. Most of the rooms are two bedrooms with a bathroom between them, with 2 beds in each room. You'll need to tell us how many people will be in your room so we can reserve the correct type of room for you in your registration form. You will not be put in a room with anyone that isn't registered with you.

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Peer Parent Mentor Training

Thursday – July 16th, 2:00-6:00 p.m.

Note: No registration will be allowed on-site. Childcare is available if requested in advance.

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 3041: *Grief & Stages of Adaptation* from 3:15 pm to 4:45 pm** and **Saturday Session 4041: *Care for the Caregiver* from 9:00 am to 10:30 am**. 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 2:00 p.m. on July 16th**, you will not be able to attend the training.

Conference Stipends: TxP2P will have limited stipends, and you can request one when you register. We will get back to you as soon as possible after we receive your registration form, so register early for the best opportunity to get a *stipend*.

CEUs: We are pleased to offer CEUs for Social Workers, Licensed Professional Counselors, Educators, and Early Intervention Specialists for \$150.00. Or if you need a certificate of attendance – just let us know on your registration form and we'll provide one at no charge.

Sponsors: For information on being a sponsor for the TxP2P Conference, please contact Laura Warren at Laura@txp2p.org

Exhibitors: For information about exhibiting at the TxP2P Conference, please contact Melissa Fox at melissa.fox@txp2p.org



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Register online at <http://www.txp2p.org> or call anyone in the office at 866-896-6001. For additional information, contact Norma Castro by email at norma.castro@txp2p.org

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 completed only when full payment is received by TxP2P. **Deadline for registration is July 1st.**



CHILDCARE



(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.

Childcare is provided in one large room with the children separated out into groups. If your child has a problem with high noise level or large group settings, you may want to seek other arrangements. Also, if your child is 10 years or up and is **incontinent**, you must come to take care of that task. **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.**

Childcare 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 10th. Childcare will run from 8:00 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. on Friday and 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 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!



Saturday – July 18, 2026 (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. It is for children without disabilities and between the ages of 8 to 12. 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. 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. **Sibshops is not designed to be a childcare venue.** Sibshops will run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday only. You will take your child to the Childcare Room, and the facilitators will pick them up and deliver them back to that room before and after the Sibshop.

Texas Parent to Parent 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, from 13 to no age limit, **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 high 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.

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 \$100.00 and limited to the first 30 paid registrants. **Deadline for registration & full payment is July 1st**. Fill out the Peer to Peer Summit registration form on-line after you complete your registration form. Attendants are welcome to register for \$50 for their meals. 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. - 5:00 p.m. on Friday and 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Saturday.



Donations Needed: If you are able, please consider donating 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!



2026 Participant Registration

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

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 ADULT size	Small Medium Large XL XXL	Participant # 2 T-Shirt ADULT size	Small Medium Large XL XXL

I am a (check only one)	Parent/Family Member	#1	#2	Check all that apply:	Educator	#1	#2
	Parent Professional*	#1	#2		Social Worker	#1	#2
	Counselor	#1	#2		Sponsor	#1	#2
	Self-Advocate**	#1	#2		Exhibitor	#1	#2
	Medical Professional	#1	#2		Other (specify)	#1	#2

*parent of child with a disability working in disability profession

** youth/person with a disability

	Friday	Saturday	
Interpreters	Spanish - not guaranteed with on-site registration		
	Sign Language - not guaranteed with on-site registration		
I/We would like to attend the Peer Parent Mentor Training on Thursday , July 16 th (2:00-6:00pm) No. of adults _____			
Dorm Rooms			
Will you be staying on campus in the dorms? If so, please give us the number of people staying with you in the dorm rooms for each night?	Thursday	Friday	

Child Care

1st Child's Name (first & last):		Child # 1 T- Shirt Size:	Youth	S	M	L
			Adult	S	M	L
2nd Child's Name (first & last):		Child # 2 T- Shirt Size:	Youth	S	M	L
			Adult	S	M	L
3rd Child's Name (first & last):		Child # 3 T- Shirt Size:	Youth	S	M	L
			Adult	S	M	L
4th Child's Name (first & last):		Child # 4 T- Shirt Size:	Youth	S	M	L
			Adult	S	M	L
5th Child's Name (first & last):		Child # 5 T- Shirt Size:	Youth	S	M	L
			Adult	S	M	L
6th Child's Name (first & last):		Child # 6 T- Shirt Size:	Youth	S	M	L
			Adult	S	M	L
Days childcare will be needed. (Please check all that apply).			Friday		Saturday	

Sibshops

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.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Sibshop T-shirt size:	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth M <input type="checkbox"/> Youth L <input type="checkbox"/> Adult S <input type="checkbox"/> Adult 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 only)	S	M	L	XL
2nd Teen's Name (first & last):		Age					
3rd Teen's Name (first & last):		Age					
4th Teen's Name (first & last):		Age					

Registration Summary and Payment

<u>Participant Registration</u>	Registration Ends June 30th	Total Number of Participants	<u>ONSITE Registration</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Parent / Family Member Self-Paid	\$150.00 /2 nd parent \$130		\$250.00 each parent	
Professionals or Parents paid for by 3 rd parties	\$350.00		\$400.00	
Peer to Peer Summit	\$100.00		NA	
CEUs - Per Participant	\$150.00		\$150.00	
Child Care & Sibshop Registration		I Child	Each additional child	<u>TOTAL</u>
Child Care (2 days)		\$50.00	\$25.00	
Sibshop Registration - SATURDAY ONLY (waived if paying child care)		\$50.00	\$25.00	

PAYMENT INFORMATION

I would like to help pay another family's conference expenses (enter amount)	Amount: Donate to Conference	
Additional attendee meal pass for those not registered (\$50.00 each)	Number	Amount
Total Amount Due (Including Fees for Participant Registration, CEUs, Teen Summit, Child Care, Sibshops)	\$	

Method of Payment: **Check** (made payable to TxP2P) Purchase Order Credit Card
 Online

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - REQUEST A PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIP

PLEASE READ THIS WHOLE THING IF YOU NEED SOME ASSISTANCE PAYING FOR THE CONFERENCE. Parents, family members, self-advocates, your registration covers dorm bed and meals.

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 are trying to cover some expenses for everyone who asks. We have limited funds to cover childcare and P2P.

Parents, self-advocates, family members, friends: please select the two options that best fit your situation:

- TIER 1** - Required Assistance: I require the \$80 stipend to be able to attend the conference. I agree to pay the remaining balance (\$70 1st participant, \$50 2nd participant).
- TIER 2** - Optional Assistance (Secondary Waitlist): A stipend would be helpful, but I can pay the full rate if funds are needed for families with greater financial hardship. I understand that my request will be placed on a secondary waitlist and fulfilled only if funds remain available after all primary need-based requests have been met.
- Childcare
- Peer to Peer Summit
- No Assistance** - I do not require a stipend and will pay the full registration fee.

Mandatory Agreement (Required for all stipend requests):

I understand that the stipend covers \$80 of my registration fee, and I agree to pay the remaining balance (\$70-\$50) to complete my registration.