

Texas Parent to Parent Presents...

# Advocacy Network

Facilitated By TxP2P Staff

Free one-day seminar which equips parents, self-advocates & family members to work with legislators, state agencies, and the media to affect public policy.

Topics include how to:

- Utilize Texas' two-year legislative calendar to best advantage
- Communicate with legislators and state agencies
- Turn an idea into a bill
- Locate bill sponsors
- Link local parents with out-of-town parents for a united effort
- Link advocacy groups for a united effort
- Testify in a bill hearing
- Create media interest
- Create 'actions': a press conference, rally or Town Hall Meeting
- Support self-advocates within this process

The TxP2P Advocacy Network trains parents, self-advocates (youth and young adults with disabilities), siblings, extended family, friends, and interested individuals to advocate for the issue of their choice. Examples: an appropriate education, community-based issues in health and human services, accessible transportation and housing, meaningful employment. Trained advocates will have regular interaction with legislators and their staff in order to create a face to disabilities for the legislators. Advocates will receive an initial training (travel expenses will be covered) and then continuing education via on-going conference calls and webinars, along with monthly reminders via our Adopt-a-Legislator listserv.

Open to adults, self-advocates and siblings ages 10 and up who wish to learn to advocate for policy change. Parents may attend with or without their child. If youth attend alone, they must be self-sufficient or bring an attendant for needs beyond simple favors from a tablemate. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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Texas Parent to Parent is a nonprofit organization created by parents to provide support and information for families of children with disabilities, chronic illness, and other special health care needs throughout the state of Texas.



## JUST THE FACTS

### DATE & TIME

Saturday–April 13, 2013  
9:00 am – 2:00 pm

### LOCATION

First Baptist Church of Hurst  
1801 Norwood Drive  
Hurst, Texas 76054

### REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

Registration Deadline  
**Noon**, Wed., April 10, 2013

### CHILD CARE AVAILABLE

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**Noon**, Wed., April 10, 2013

To Register: online at  
<http://www.txp2p.org/training/registerfortraining.html>

Or call 866-896-6001  
(Austin 512-458-8600) or email:  
[Linda.Litzinger@txp2p.org](mailto:Linda.Litzinger@txp2p.org)

To register your child:  
<http://fs12.formsite.com/txp2p.org/form15/index.html>

Lunch will be provided  
CEUs available for parents who are SW, LPC, and EIS

**This training is free!**

**SPACE IS LIMITED - RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!**

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