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CONSUMER STIPEND ANNOUNCEMENT

The Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Texas Chapter has applied for a consumer stipend grant from the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities. The purpose of the grant is to enable individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities and their family members, who are without organizational support, to attend the 2017 AAIDD Texas Chapter Annual Convention. By promoting inclusion, AAIDD Texas Chapter can extend to stipend recipients the benefits that are available to all persons who will attend the convention.

Note: Registration fees include Wednesday – Friday sessions, daily coffee breaks and the Thursday Awards Luncheon. Hotel accommodations will be based on double occupancy at The Westin Galleria. Stipend recipients are responsible to make their own arrangements for meals and transportation.

The AAIDD Texas Chapter Consumer Stipend Committee will award stipends. In order to be considered, stipend application and eligibility verification forms must be submitted by June 30, 2017. To obtain stipend applications and eligibility verification forms, contact Lisa Shelby at 512/804-3175.

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WELCOME

Welcome to the 42nd Annual Convention of the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) Texas Chapter! We are pleased to return to the Westin Galleria in Houston, where the parking is free, mall shopping and restaurants are just a stroll away, and even ice skating is available if you're so inclined. The area is also central to many key Houston attractions.

Our Convention Program Committee has developed a timely and broad-based program to appeal to a variety of attendees. This Convention should provide you interesting presentations that will increase your knowledge and skills in the area of supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. Direct support staff and other professionals will find relevant information. Professional Development and Continuing Education credits will be available.

This year's theme, "Exploring Possibilities, Creating Opportunities," reflects the goals of our services and supports system, as well as recognizing the unique contribution to space exploration by the City of Houston. Our history as an organization is also unique. We have long been the premier site in Texas for cutting-edge research and discussion of service philosophies and practices. Both the presenters and the audience are highly diverse.

If you are returning, welcome back and enjoy networking with old acquaintances. If you are new, a special welcome! We are making a concerted effort to attract new people to the field, especially students. We hope that this Convention will be an important part of that attraction.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of AAIDD Texas Chapter, thank you for attending our Convention. We know that Houston is an exciting location, so please enjoy yourself and learn much!



Ellis M. (Pat) Craig, Ph.D.
AAIDD Texas Chapter
2017 Convention Committee Chair



SPECIAL EVENTS

OPENING SESSION

Wednesday, July 26, 9 - 10:30 a.m.



What Makes Companies and People Successful

Beverly Chiodo, Ph.D., Keynote Speaker

The Harris Center for MH and IDD “Voices of Harmony”

SILENT AUCTION

Wednesday, July 26, Noon - 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 27, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Back by popular demand is the AAIDD – Texas Chapter Silent Auction. Show your support for the association and participate in the Silent Auction. If you have an item that you would like to donate, contact Melissa Rasco at 210/647-0191 ext. 301 or by email at mrasco@calabinc.com. Proceeds from the auction will help support the convention. See you there!

AAIDD TEXAS CHAPTER AWARDS LUNCHEON

Thursday, July 27, Noon - 1:15 p.m.

We all know dedicated persons who are serving persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Visit www.aaiddtx.org for awards information. Help honor this year’s award recipients in all five categories:

- Helen G. FitzSimmons Leadership Award
- Knowledge Award for Excellence in Education or Research
- Support Award for Excellence in the Provision of Direct Supports
- Empowerment Award for Excellence in Promotion of Self-Advocacy
- Student Award for Excellence in Knowledge, Support or Empowerment

CLOSING SESSION

Friday, July 28, 9 - 11 a.m.

Continental Breakfast will be provided

State Leader Panel Discussion

- Moderator, Ollie Seay, Ph.D., President, AAIDD Texas Chapter
- Sonja Gaines, Associate Commissioner, Texas Health & Human Services Commission
- Gary Jessee, Deputy Executive Commissioner, Texas Health & Human Services Commission
- Kyle Piccola, Director of Government Affairs, The Arc of Texas
- Carole Smith, Executive Director, Private Providers Association of Texas (PPAT)
- Beth Stalvey, Executive Director, Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities
- Heather Vasek Consultant Legislative, Provider Alliance for Community Services of Texas (PACSTX)
- Texas Council of Community Centers Representative

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SCHEDULE-AT-A-GLANCE

TUESDAY, JULY 25

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Registration

8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Pre-Convention Workshop

1 – 4:30 p.m.

Pre-Convention Workshop

1 – 5 p.m.

Exhibit Hall/Silent Auction Set-up

4:45 – 6 p.m.

Reception

6 p.m.

AAIDD Texas Chapter Board of Directors and
Convention Committee Meeting/Dinner

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Registration

8 – 8:45 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

9 – 10:30 a.m.

Opening Session & Welcome

10:45 a.m. – Noon

Breakout Sessions

Noon – 4:30 p.m.

Exhibit Hall/Silent Auction Open
(Lunch on your own)

1:30 – 2:45 p.m.

Breakout Sessions

2:45 – 3:15 p.m.

Break (Exhibit Hall)

3:15 – 4:30 p.m.

Breakout Sessions

4:45 – 5:30 p.m.

AAIDD Texas Chapter Annual Business Meeting

5:30 – 7 p.m.

Reception/Poster Presentations

THURSDAY, JULY 27

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Registration

8 – 9 a.m.

Continental Breakfast (Exhibit Hall)

8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Exhibit Hall/Silent Auction Open

9 – 10:15 a.m.

Breakout Sessions

10:15 – 10:45 a.m.

Break (Exhibit Hall)

10:45 a.m. – Noon

Breakout Sessions

Noon – 1:15 p.m.

Awards Luncheon

1:30 – 2:45 p.m.

Breakout Sessions

2:45 – 3:15 p.m.

Break (Exhibit Hall)

3 p.m.

Silent Auction Closes

3:15 – 4:30 p.m.

Breakout Sessions

4:30 – 5 p.m.

Silent Auction Pick-up

Evening on your own

FRIDAY, JULY 28

8 – 11 a.m.

Registration

8 – 9 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

9 – 11 a.m.

Closing Session

SCHEDULE-OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, JULY 25

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
REGISTRATION

8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
PRE-CONVENTION WORKSHOP

Ethical Issues in Services for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disability Services – 2017*

This Pre-Convention workshop will address major ethical issues in services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. An overview will be provided of the philosophical concepts underlying ethical behavior as well as description of several professional codes of ethics. Key areas in which ethical issues arise will be highlighted, such as consent, service eligibility and loving relationships. The perspective of self-advocates will be presented. Finally, there will be open discussion of the key ethical issues being faced currently by professionals in the field, as identified by the participants.

- Ellis M. (Pat) Craig, Ph.D., Consultant
- Joanna A. Jones, LCSW, Social Worker
- Ollie Seay, Ph.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Texas State University

1 – 4:30 p.m.
PRE-CONVENTION WORKSHOP

Missing Chapters in Aging: Substance Abuse, Mental Illness, Trauma and Related Issues for Older Adults Including Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities*

Although rates of substance abuse, mental illness and other related issues do not disappear in the aging process, they are often missed in programs on older adults, and in older adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They may also be missed in the care and treatment planning for individuals. The aging process in general affects each of these issues differently, and may need to be considered when formulating treatment and care plans for individuals. These issues will need to be more carefully considered as the number of older adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities grows with the general population, and as more of these adults come from more independent and less supervised settings.

- Andrew W. Griffin, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist, Independent Practice

1 – 5 p.m.
EXHIBIT HALL/SILENT AUCTION SET-UP

4:45 – 6 p.m.
RECEPTION

6 p.m.
AAIDD TEXAS CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETING/DINNER

WEDNESDAY JULY 26

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
REGISTRATION

8 – 8:45 a.m.
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9 – 10:30 a.m.
OPENING SESSION

What Makes Companies and People Successful

- Beverly Chiodo, Ph.D., Keynote Speaker

The Harris Center for MH and IDD
"Voices of Harmony"

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WEDNESDAY JULY 26

10:45 a.m. – Noon

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1. Tools You Can Use – Keeping People Stimulated & Active*

This presentation will be an interactive session on how to keep individuals of all ages and ability levels stimulated. This will be fun and will help to get the creative juices flowing for day habs, classrooms, and homes. Reduce behaviors and improve quality of life for the individuals, staff, and yourself!

- *Michelle Garcia, Psy.D., Psychologist, Michelle Garcia, Psy.D. & Associates*
- *Brandon Delgado, LPA, Licensed Psychological Associate, Michelle Garcia, Psy.D. & Associates*

2. Creating Meaningful Behavior Change Without Being Perfect!*

This presentation will focus on how individuals working with people with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities can create meaningful and lasting behavior change using the principles of Behavior Analysis in the absence of being perfect. That's right...behavior change is still possible even when one misses opportunities to reinforce positive behavior and better yet, when one reinforces behaviors that aren't desired or productive (e.g., physical aggression, task refusal, etc.) for the individual. This lecture will provide the audience evidence-based and best-practice solutions when working with challenging behavior that cannot be ignored or allows the individual to get what they want.

- *Jeffrey Dillen, M.S., BCBA, Manager & Board Certified Behavior Analyst, Texana Center*

3. Practice Issues in Psychology*

This presentation will be a discussion group that focuses on current practice issues in the field of psychology as it relates to the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities. Discussion will focus on any legislative issues related to the practice of psychology and current practice issues such as assessments, treatment, and therapy, BCBA certification and possible licensure, psychopharmacology, and other issues that relate to the practice of psychology. Issues being addressed by professional psychology organizations will be provided including an update on issues from the legislative session that may impact the practice of psychology.

- *Charlotte M. Kimmel, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist, Psychological Services*
- *Ellis M. (Pat) Craig, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist, Private Practice*
- *Ollie J. Seay, Ph.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Texas State University*

4. Quality Versus Quantity - A Closer Look at Services

An Overview of the Home and Community Based Services (HCS) and Texas Home Living (TxHML) waiver programs. Clarifying roles/responsibilities for the family, provider and the Department of Aging and Disabilities Services Regulatory department during the survey process. Discussing the new quality assurance process and best practices to ensure consistency across the state. Revealing trends and most commonly cited citations in the program. Empowering individuals and providers with their rights.

- *Rashida Broussard, QIDP, M.S., Program Manager, Texas Department of Aging & Disability Services*

Noon – 4:30 p.m.

EXHIBIT HALL/SILENT AUCTION OPEN

(Lunch on your own)

1:30 – 2:45 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1. Polypharmacy and It's Consequences*

This presentation discusses the concept of polypharmacy in the arena of fragile individuals, those that are elderly and those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Pharmacology concepts such as pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of medications are discussed as related to potential overdose, under-utilization, drug-drug interactions and drug disease interactions. Recommendations for allaying some of the potential pitfalls are discussed as well as how to conduct a drug regimen review on our individuals.

- *Nanette R. Wrobel, RPh, Director of Education/Clinical Director, Pharmacy Alternatives*

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WEDNESDAY JULY 26

1:30 – 2:45 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS CONTINUED

2. What College Didn't Teach Me About Coordinating Services

The purpose of this presentation is to educate the community on the requirement for Waiver Coordination. As a Waiver Program we are responsible for Providing HCS and TxHmL Program Coordination for adults and children with intellectual and developmental disabilities to assist in accessing medical, social, educational, vocational, and other needed services. In addition to Coordinating and monitoring the delivery of services for individuals on assigned caseload as identified by the service planning team and authorized on the Individual Plan of Care (IPC).

- *Trudie LeBlanc, MS, Waiver Program Coordinator, Spindletop Center*
- *Tressa Leger, BA, Waiver Program Coordinator, Spindletop Center*

3. Recognition & Response to the IDD Community, Law Enforcement Training Model

Two-Way Street-Interactive Training Model for Law Enforcement. In response to the training needs of our IDD community, the Alamo Local Authority and the Alamo Area Council of Governments Regional Law Enforcement Academy collaborated to create a two-way street training model for law enforcement and first responders, called AACOG Recognition and Response to the IDD Community. This is an innovative, inclusive training of relevant content; includes the most recent recommendations from DOJ; provides a replicable, sustainable, hands-on interactive model; and, provides trained officers the opportunity to meet and mentor community members with IDD, and to create connections to community resources.

- *Virginia Charles, M.Ed., ALA Lead Manager, Alamo Area Council of Governments*
- *Jose Robledo, B.S., Law Enforcement Academy Instructor, Alamo Area Council of Governments*

4. Ethical Issues in Forensic Services for Persons with IDD*

This presentation will focus on the ethical issues and dilemmas involved in providing forensic treatment services with juveniles and adults who have had contact with the legal system due to alleged offenses. This workshop will be beneficial for all provider and professionals who work with this population. Mexia State Supported Living Center is the statewide facility for forensic evaluation and treatment for persons with IDD. Case examples will highlight the discussion, and participants will be encouraged to present their own examples.

- *Charlotte M. Kimmel, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist, Psychological Services*
- *Andrew W. Griffin, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist, Independent Practice*

2:45 – 3:15 p.m.

BREAK (EXHIBIT HALL)

3:15 – 4:30 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1. Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness Across a Lifespan

All humans want, and need, the same thing, but how to achieve it is unique to each person. People need to feel their lives matter and they make a contribution outside of themselves, to experience continued personal growth or LifeLong Living. LifeLong Living is based on humanistic and holistic principles and approaches that support how individuals can experience growth, well being and quality of life when provided appropriate supports and opportunities, relationships, and a sense of community.

- *David Seaton, MA, Owner/President, LiveOak Living Community*

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WEDNESDAY JULY 26

3:15 – 4:30 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS CONTINUED

2. Crisis Intervention Services*

This presentation and panel discussion will provide an overview of the newly funding Crisis Intervention Specialist (CIS) position for the LIDDAs. The discussion will also include various approaches to fulfill a much needed service for dually diagnosed individuals. Topics will include, but not limited to, appropriate linkage to community resources, collaborations with community agencies and discussion of the CIS's duties.

- *GeRon McGlory, B.S., M.Ed., Crisis Intervention Specialist, Spindletop Center*
- *Jackie Keith, Ed.D., LPA, BCBA-D, Crisis Intervention Specialist, Burke*
- *Felicia Moss, LPC, Crisis Intervention Specialist, The Gulf Coast Center*
- *Matthew Seago, BCBA, Crisis Intervention Specialist, Lifepath Systems*

3. Dialectical Behavior Therapy and Implications for ID/DD*

Want to learn about dialectical behavior therapy (DBT)? Curious about mindfulness? This presentation will provide an overview of DBT and the opportunity to engage in a mindfulness activity. Challenges and misconceptions of counseling, especially DBT, with individuals with intellectual and developmental disorders will be discussed. Relevant research will be presented as well as examples of adapted materials.

- *Cristy Pierce, Psy.D., LP, BCBA, Psychologist, Behavior Solutions*
- *Jaime Parker, MA, LPC-S, Behavior Specialist, Behavior Solutions*

4. Quality Versus Quantity - A Closer Look at Services

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- *Rashida Broussard, QIDP, M.S., Program Manager, Texas Department of Aging & Disability Services*

4:45 – 5:30 p.m.

AAIDD TEXAS CHAPTER ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

5:30 – 7 p.m.

RECEPTION

Poster Presentation

WEDNESDAY JULY 26 • 5:30 – 7 p.m. RECEPTION & POSTER PRESENTATION

PARENT'S AFFECTIVE STATES AND ASD TREATMENT ACCEPTABILITY

Dieu M. Truong, MA, School Psychology Student, University of Houston
Kilian Hughes, BA, School Psychology Doctoral Student, University of Houston
Allison Meinert, BA, School Psychology Doctoral Student, University of Houston
Sarah Mire, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, School Psychology Ph.D. Program, University of Houston

SCHOOL READINESS: PREPARING STUDENTS WITH ASD FOR CLASS

Amy Barton, BS, Doctoral Student in School Psychology, University of Houston
Katherine Bergez, BS, Doctoral Student in School Psychology, University of Houston
Jamie Manis, BS, Doctoral Student in School Psychology, University of Houston
Milena Keller-Margulis, Ph.D., Associate Professor, University of Houston
Sarah Mire, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, School Psychology Ph.D. Program, University of Houston

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THURSDAY JULY 27

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

REGISTRATION

8 – 9 a.m.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST – EXHIBIT HALL

8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

EXHIBIT HALL/SILENT AUCTION OPEN

9 – 10:15 a.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1. Effective Staff Training: Why It's Important and How to Train

This lecture will discuss employee training, provide an outline why effective training is preferable to “efficiency,” and outline effective processes to train employees.

- *Jose Levy, BCBA, Director, Behavior Solutions*

2. Culturally Competent Support to DD-Impacted Families

The purpose of this panel presentation is to test the effectiveness of a culturally competent intervention programs provided by the Light and Salt Association in the overall health and quality of life among parents with special needs children in the Asian-American community. The presentation will also assess the effectiveness of these programs, address any lessons learned, and discuss any challenges that remain.

- *Furjen Deng, Ph.D., Light and Salt Association/Sam Houston State University*
- *Tzi-Li Hsu, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Sam Houston State University*
- *Sharon Zheng, MA, Light and Salt Association*

3. Behavior Interventions to Address Sleep Disorders*

With over 25% of the population in the US reporting sleep problems, individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) were noted to have a higher rate of sleep disorders in some studies. Sleep disorders can impact daily functioning and quality of life and may also be associated with increased behavior problems. Common sleep disorders and variables correlated with sleep problems will be discussed. Sleep disorders can be assessed by indirect and direct measures. Behavior interventions to improve sleep can include a multicomponent treatment package. Different behavior intervention strategies to address sleep disorders will be described.

- *Deborah Grossett, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LP, Psychologist, Texana Center*

4. Dual Diagnosis: Diagnostic and Intervention Services*

It is estimated that 30 to 35 percent of individuals with IDD have a mental health diagnosis. Prevalence of individuals with IDD and mental illness living in State Supported Living Centers or being served by Texas Community Centers is likely significantly higher. These conditions are often associated with maladaptive behaviors, disruptions in placement, costly and more restrictive inpatient care, and a reduced quality of life. This presentation will discuss the common mental health diagnoses present in individuals with IDD as well as discuss best practices in intervention and support.

- *Alton Bozeman, Psy.D., Clinical Psychologist, The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD*
- *Amanda Willis, LCSW-S, Crisis Intervention Specialist, The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD*

10:15 – 10:45 a.m.

BREAK (EXHIBIT HALL)

10:45 a.m. – Noon

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1. Best Practices in Teaching Social Skills*

Appropriate social behavior is an important component to the success of every individual throughout his or her life. However, individuals with Autism or IDD often display deficits in appropriate social behavior. Using Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) procedures to conduct social skills training has provided effective techniques to teach and increase appropriate social behavior for individuals of all ages. This presentation will introduce what is social behavior, identify different levels of social skills, and discuss techniques that may be used to improve the social behavior for the individuals we serve.

- *Alyssa Martin, Behavior Analyst Manager, Texana Behavior Treatment and Training Center*
- *Stephanie Smothermon, Behavior Analyst, Texana Center*

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THURSDAY JULY 27

10:45 a.m. – Noon

BREAKOUT SESSIONS CONTINUED

2. Rosemary Kennedy: A Case Study and Historical Perspective*

This presentation will be a case study of Rosemary Kennedy, the sister of President John F Kennedy. It will include information about her early development, diagnoses, treatment, care, and placements. The impact of her intellectual disability diagnosis on the Kennedy family will be discussed. The presenters will also provide information about the Kennedy Foundation and its considerable history of funding intellectual disability services. The presenters will report on the legislative changes and Congressional funding that occurred during the Kennedy Administration as it relates to the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities and the impact of those changes on services provided today.

- Charlotte M. Kimmel, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist, Psychological Services
- Ellis M. (Pat) Craig, Ph.D., Consultant

3. Music Therapy's Use with Dementia and Dementia Type Disorders

As we go through, life, we notice changes in our friend(s), family member(s) and even ourselves. Oftentimes, the changes are very gradual and hardly noticeable. This is often labeled as "just getting old". Sometimes, though, such changes are quick and drastic, and thus more noticeable. This type is often labeled as dementia. Whether a person's level of dementia is mild or severe, there is an intervention that can stimulate, educate, motivate and relax people with dementia: Music therapy. This class will look at the variety of ways music therapy is successfully being used in the treatment protocol for patients with various types of dementia.

- Lauri Gallegos, Music Therapist, Richmond State Supported Living Center

Noon – 1:15 p.m.

AWARDS LUNCHEON

1:30 – 2:45 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1. A Holistic Approach to Positive Behavioral Supports*

Positive Behavior Supports are effective behavioral strategies and validated procedures to manage challenging behavior. These strategies are applicable and more effective when underlying factors that stem from physiological responses are identified and resolved. The objective is to provide interventions that result in a stable and durable reduction of the challenging behavior. Part I will cover common medical conditions in IDD. Part II will address the behavioral challenges associated with the common medical conditions and an overview of the research and predictors for successful outcomes in positive behavior supports.

- Mary Chavez-Harrington, MD, MA, LPC, Team Lead: Transition Support Team, Hill Country MHDD Centers
- Candace Baker, BCBA-D, Director, IDD Behavior Supports and Crisis Center, Hill Country MHDD Centers

2. Happily Ever After? When People with IDD Marry*

People with IDD have challenged and overcome many societal barriers since the 1960's and 70's when the Civil Rights movement began to open doors for them. However, when people with IDD decide to express love through intimacy, society's old fears and protectiveness re-emerge. The presenter will identify and discuss historical and current concerns about relationships among people with IDD. Myths and difficult realities will be presented for open discussion. The supports necessary for partnerships, marriage and parenting by people with IDD will also be discussed, along with gaps in the current service system and their impact of families and individuals.

- Maria Quintero-Conk, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist, Tarrant County Behavioral Healthcare

3. A Cognitive Approach to Behavior Supports*

In this presentation, participants will become familiar with cognitive strategies and their implementation in conjunction with traditional behavior support services. Participants will review strategies enabling Direct Service Professionals (DSP) to acquire skills for teaching individuals to process and to develop appropriate strategies for managing situations that could lead to challenging behavior. Attendees will learn how to utilize strategies during an individual's regular routine as well as how to apply strategies for his/her behavior plan. Examples of suggested interventions will be reviewed in addition to case studies demonstrating the use and outcomes of cognitive strategies.

- Steve Fitzner, Associate Psychologist, Spindletop Center

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THURSDAY JULY 27

2:45 – 3:15 p.m.
BREAK (EXHIBIT HALL)

3 p.m.
SILENT AUCTION CLOSES

3:15 – 4:30 p.m.
BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1. Multicultural Considerations in Development Disability Evaluations*

This presentation will focus on important multicultural perspectives and clinical considerations in the assessment of culturally diverse groups in a clinical setting. The strengths and diversity within these communities, and issues related to the psychological evaluation of culturally diverse clients will be explored. Specifically, multicultural considerations in conducting IDD evaluations will be emphasized, such as culturally appropriate assessments with Latino groups and the obstacle and barriers to treatment culturally diverse communities face. APA multicultural guidelines will also be discussed in evaluating for developmental disabilities. The format will encourage interactions between participants and panel members. Networking will be encouraged and resources will be suggested.

- *Alfonso Mercado, Ph.D., Assistant Professor and Licensed Psychologist, Tropical Texas Behavioral Health*
- *Bernardo Garza, Student Intern, Tropical Texas Behavioral Health*
- *Mirthala, Leal, M.Ed., Licensed Psychologist Associate, Tropical Texas Behavioral Health*

2. IDD and Co-Occurring Disorders (Dual Diagnosis)*

Persons with intellectual developmental disabilities are often under diagnosed or misdiagnosed and may result in unidentified needs. Recognizing the presentation of symptoms of mental illness in persons with IDD is crucial to ensuring that appropriate treatment options and services are identified and provided. Recent statistics indicate the population of persons with IDD/MI is significantly larger than is generally recognized. The challenges this population and their treatment providers/family/caregivers are many. Accurate diagnosis and treatment is key to providing appropriate services and reducing institutionalization.

- *Jackie Keith, Ed.D., LPA, BCBA-D, Crisis Intervention Specialist, Burke*

3. Voices of the Learning Community for Cognitive Disabilities*

The Learning Community for Cognitive Disabilities at Texas State University provides students with the opportunity to gain knowledge and practical experience in the field of cognitive disabilities. In this session, students will share their critical analyses of issues identified during their studies. Their faculty advisor will provide an overview of the Learning Community and serve as discussant. Issues to be discussed include the power of choice, level of care and quality of life, and sex and love relationships in long term living communities.

- *Ollie J. Seay, Ph.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Texas State University*
- *Carrie Baylor, Graduate, Texas State University*
- *Aaron Bonnette, B.S., Direct Support Professional, Seaton LiveOak Living Community*
- *Montana Holmes, Student, Texas State University*

4:30 – 5 p.m.
SILENT AUCTION PICK-UP

EVENING ON YOUR OWN

FRIDAY JULY 28

8 – 11 a.m.
REGISTRATION

8 – 9 a.m.
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9 – 11 a.m.
CLOSING SESSION

State Leader Panel Discussion

Key state leaders will discuss issues and outcomes related to the 85th State Legislature.

- *Moderator, Ollie Seay, Ph.D., President, AAIDD Texas Chapter*
- *Sonja Gaines, Associate Commissioner, Texas Health & Human Services Commission*
- *Gary Jessee, Deputy Executive Commissioner, Texas Health & Human Services Commission*
- *Kyle Piccola, Director of Government Affairs, The Arc of Texas*
- *Carole Smith, Executive Director, Private Providers Association of Texas (PPAT)*
- *Beth Stalvey, Executive Director, Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities*
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GENERAL INFO

ONLINE REGISTRATION

To register online, go to www.aaidtx.org. You can make your payment by credit card, enter a check number and/or purchase order number. Once you have registered online, make check payable to AAIDD Texas Chapter and mail payment (or photocopy of your purchase order) to: AAIDD Texas Chapter, P.O. Box 28076, Austin, TX 78755.

Hotel Information

The Westin Galleria
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Online Reservations: <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/AG21AA>

Rates: \$139.00 single/double occupancy

Check-in time is 3 p.m.; check-out time is noon

Make your reservation by July 5, 2017 to ensure the special rate and room availability. Reservations requested after cut-off date will be subject to space and rate availability.

Hotel Parking: There is complimentary covered self-parking and valet parking at the hotel is approximately \$35.00/day.

TRANSPORTATION

Ground transportation to/from George H. Bush Intercontinental Airport (approximately \$30/person one-way) or William P. Hobby Airport (approximately \$30/person one-way) is available through SuperShuttle. For reservations, contact SuperShuttle at 800/258-3826 or supershuttle.com. The shuttle pick-up location is curbside near the lower level baggage claim area at each airport. Rental car agencies are located at both airports.

ATTIRE

Attire is "business casual" for all meetings and events.

BADGE IDENTIFICATION

Badges are required for entry to all meeting rooms, meal functions and Exhibit Hall.

CONCURRENT SESSION ADMITTANCE

All sessions are open to conference attendees on a first-come/first-serve basis. As soon as all chairs occupied, the room monitor will close the session. Fire codes prohibit the attendees from standing the aisles or against the walls. We appreciate your cooperation.

GENERAL INFO

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS

CEUs are available for ALL sessions at the Convention at no charge. Prior to attending any session, pick up the CEU forms at the registration desk. Certificates will be available after completion of each session. The association thanks Austin Travis County Integral Care for sponsoring the convention CEUs and Ken Kiff, Human Resources, for processing the applications.

CONVENTION EVALUATION FORMS

Be sure to complete the overall convention evaluation form and return it to the registration desk before the closing session. Attendees who complete the overall convention evaluation form, will receive a ticket for a prize drawing to be held at the closing session. Your input is important and will help us plan for the 2018 Convention.

DOOR PRIZES

Door Prize drawings will be held in the Exhibit Hall at selected break times on Wednesday and Thursday. To qualify, you must visit all exhibitors and have each one sign the drawing card. Drawing cards will be available at the registration desk. To be eligible to win, your completed entry form must be dropped in the bowl at the AAIDD Texas Chapter exhibit table. You must be present to win!

EXHIBITION INFORMATION

There are 20 exhibit tables available for the show this year. The exhibit fee includes one registration. Other company representatives will need to pay the additional exhibitor fee (\$195/person). Upon receipt of your exhibitor registration and payment, display tables will be assigned on a first-come/first-serve basis. The exhibit hall will be open during the following hours: Noon – 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 26 and 8 a.m. – 3 p.m., Thursday, July 27. Exhibitor set-up begins on Tuesday, July 25 from 1 – 5 p.m. Exhibits need to be ready by 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 26. Tear down begins at 3 p.m. on Thursday, July 27 with all displays removed by 4 p.m. Please contact Pat Holder at 512/349-7470 for display table availability and assignments.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

If your organization is interested in a sponsorship opportunity, please check the appropriate box on the registration form. When completing the registration, be sure that the company name is printed exactly as it is to appear in the promotional materials. Sponsors receive the following benefits for their participation at the Convention: listing on sign at the convention; recognition in the convention program (if committed 30 days in advance), company name posted on the association website, recognition in the association newsletter and sponsor ribbon on name badge at the convention.

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- *Cancellation Policy:* No refunds will be given after July 5, 2017; however, substitutions will be permitted.
- For best rates, be sure to register by the earlybird cut-off of July 5, 2017
- Special needs? Interested in Convention sponsorship? Questions? Contact Pat Holder at 512/349-7470 or patholder@austin.rr.com.

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Registration Fees*

	Early Bird Until 7/5/17	After 7/5/17 and on-site
Full Convention - Member	\$230	\$280
Full Convention - Non-Member	\$280	\$330
Daily Rate	\$130	\$160
Guest/Spouse	\$130	\$160
Pre-Convention Workshop <i>(Separate fee for morning and afternoon pre-convention workshops)</i>	\$100	\$125

*Fees for full convention attendees include Wednesday – Friday sessions, daily coffee breaks and the Thursday Awards Luncheon. The daily rate includes the sessions, coffee breaks and meal functions scheduled on that day.

Group Discount: Take \$15.00 off per person from the full registration fee with 3 or more from your facility/agency/company. **To receive the group discount for multiple attendees, please submit all registration forms together. Late additions will be charged as a separate submission and not receive a discount.**

Exhibitor Information

	Early Bird Until 7/5/17	After 7/5/17 and on-site
Exhibit Fee	\$580	\$630

Booth fee includes one (1) complimentary registration, one six foot skirted table and two chairs. Other company representatives will need to pay the additional exhibitor fee (\$195/person). Only representatives who are employed by the exhibiting companies will receive this rate. All other visitors must pay non-member rate. Contact Pat Holder at 512/349-7470 for booth availability.

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Diamond	\$1,000
Platinum	\$750
Gold	\$500
Silver	\$250
Bronze	\$100

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