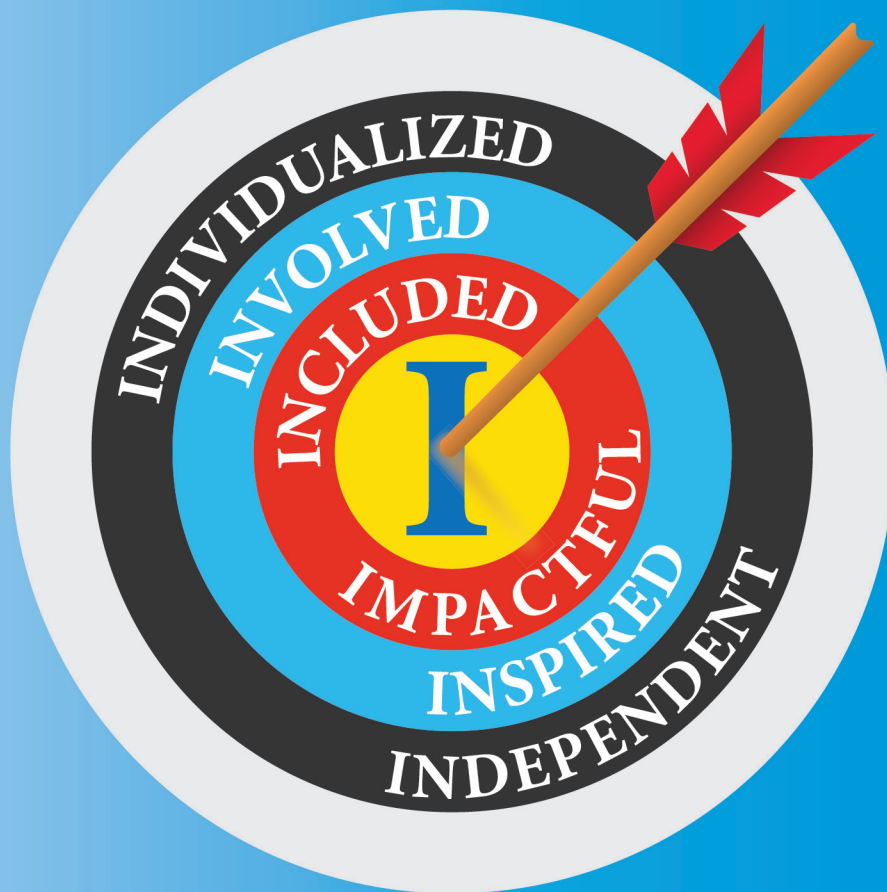




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48th Annual Convention | Nov 12-15, 2024
Grand Galvez | Galveston, TX

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WELCOME

On behalf of the Convention Program Committee, I want to encourage you to register for the 48th Annual Convention of the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) Texas Chapter. You will not want to miss this event, which will once again be held at the historic Grand Galvez in scenic Galveston, Texas.

The Convention Program Committee has been hard at work since March to secure for you an array of interesting and informative presentations, giving close regard to the comments and suggestions made on program evaluations from last years' convention. And we've gone farther, encouraging participation from the people and families we serve in an intentional effort to make this about, for, and in service to people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

Our logo this year reflects a focus on the 'I' in AAIDD. The presentations all hit upon some aspect of that 'I' – Individualize, Include, Inspire – important concepts for people with IDD. Our 'aim' is to best serve the IDD community and the IDD service providers by putting together a convention that is exciting to anticipate, beautiful to be a part of, and full of information with lasting take-aways. As you explore this registration brochure, you will see that our aim is true. And we hope that your excitement will lead to both your registration and your encouragement of others to participate.

From our pre-convention session about individualized approaches to behavior support and our keynote address giving historical perspectives of IDD and how we got to where we are, we will be guided into successes with person-centered planning, secondary education, and integrated employment. Our presenters will touch on the mental well-being of children with IDD, navigating law enforcement interactions for people with IDD, and will showcase enterprising community engagement and successes of people with IDD. We will learn current information on legislative perspectives and more importantly how to effectively promote IDD causes to individual legislators. And in the final general session, you will have the opportunity to learn about where services to people with IDD are headed in a panel discussion with leaders of statewide organizations who share in our mission.

Maybe most exciting is that we have been given the opportunity to build into the program a presentation of "Into the Spotlight", a documentary about a theatre production created and performed by people with IDD. The documentary has been making the rounds of film festivals the last couple of years, and we are delighted to have access before its' release to the general public. As a special treat, actors from the documentary will be available for Q&A after the showing. (We will provide the popcorn.)

Part of the success of this convention is measured in the array of exhibitors we attract, and we are on our way to securing agreements with a number of vendors that support the work providers do, as well as, provide resource information for families and for people with IDD. We thank them for their interest in our convention and know that you will leave with information you can use day to day. We will have a silent auction that supports the Texas Chapter, and we welcome your donations of items to include in the auction. And, of course, we will hold a 50/50 raffle, so when you register, remember to store away a little cash for your chance to participate and win.

The Board of Directors of AAIDD Texas Chapter and our Convention Program Committee thank you in advance for joining us at the Grand Galvez. We know that you will enjoy the convention, the documentary, the camaraderie, the food, and the sites that the Galvez and Galveston has to offer.

Carey Amthor, President Elect
AAIDD Texas Chapter
2024 Convention Committee Chair

SPECIAL EVENTS

PRE-CONVENTION WORKSHOP

Tuesday, November 12 – 1 – 4:30 p.m.

An Individual Approach to Behavior Supports

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- Steve Fitzner, MS LPA-I, Licensed Psychological Associate with Independent Practice, Spindletop Center

OPENING SESSION

Wednesday, November 13 – 8:45 – 10:30 a.m.

Historical Overview of IDD Services: Informing the Future

The presenter will provide a historical context on how the understanding and treatment of IDD has evolved over time, from the 19th and 20th centuries when people with IDD were often institutionalized in overcrowded and inhumane facilities, to the eugenics movement in the early 20th century and to the deinstitutionalization movement which saw the integration of people with IDD into community-based settings. Attendees will learn about key pieces of legislation such as The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 that were instrumental in prohibiting discrimination and ensuring access to services and accommodations. The presenter will outline challenges experienced today by Texans with IDD who still face barriers to healthcare, education, and employment, and will also summarize his vision for the future of IDD services in Texas and nationally.

- David Evans, MA, Former CEO, Integral Care

SILENT AUCTION

Wednesday, November 13, Noon - 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 14, 7:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

The AAIDD – Texas Chapter Silent Auction is held in the Exhibit Hall on Wednesday, November 13 from Noon – 4:30 p.m. and Thursday, November 14 from 7:45 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. Show your support for the association and participate in the Silent Auction. If you have an item that you would like to donate, contact Susanne Deiter at 210-845-2628 or by email at susannedeiter1964@gmail.com. Proceeds from the auction will help support the convention. See you there!

AAIDD TEXAS CHAPTER AWARDS LUNCHEON

Thursday, November 14, 11:15 a.m. - 1 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.

CLOSING SESSION

Friday, November 15 – 9 – 11 a.m.

State Leader Panel Perspectives

Continental Breakfast will be provided

- Moderator, Toye Babb, President, AAIDD Texas Chapter
- Sandy Frizzell Batton, Executive Director, Provider Alliance for Community Services of Texas (PACSTX)
- Sabrina Gonzalez Saucedo, Interim Director of Public Policy & Advocacy, The Arc of Texas
- Lee Johnson, CEO, Texas Council of Community Centers
- Anne McGonigle, Deputy Associate Commissioner of IDD Services and PASRR, Texas Health & Human Services Commission (HHSC)
- Carole Smith, Executive Director, Private Providers Association of Texas (PPAT)



A documentary crew filmed the stories of Belong participants as they wrote, rehearsed, and performed the 2022 Spotlight musical. The resulting documentary, "into The Spotlight," has been making waves at film festivals.



"Into The Spotlight" is a heartfelt story of a theater program composed of adults with disabilities who, through creating and performing an original musical, celebrate their creativity, explore life's complexities, and empower a community, in their own words and their own way.

JOIN US FOR OUR GENERAL SESSION ON
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 3-5 PM
FOR A SCREENING OF "INTO THE SPOTLIGHT"
STAY FOR Q&A WITH ACTORS FROM THE MOVIE

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AAIDD Texas Chapter 48th Annual Convention

SCHEDULE-AT-A-GLANCE

Tuesday November 12

Noon – 5 p.m.
Registration

1 – 4:30 p.m.
Pre-Convention Workshop

2 –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 November 13

7:45 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Registration

7:45 – 8:30 a.m.
Continental Breakfast

8:45 – 10:30 a.m.
Opening Session

10:45 – 11:45 a.m.
Breakout Sessions

Noon – 4:30 p.m.
Exhibit Hall/Silent Auction (Lunch on your own)

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Breakout Sessions

2:30 – 3 p.m.
Break (Exhibit Hall)

3 – 4 p.m.
Breakout Sessions

4 – 4:30 p.m.
AAIDD Texas Chapter Annual Business Meeting

5 – 6:30 p.m.
Reception

Thursday November 14

7:45 a.m.– 5 p.m.
Registration

7:45 – 8:15 a.m.
Continental Breakfast (Exhibit Hall)

7:45 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.
Exhibit Hall/Silent Auction Open

8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
Breakout Sessions

9:30 – 10 a.m.
Break (Exhibit Hall)

10 – 11 a.m.
Breakout Sessions

11:15 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Awards Luncheon

1:15 – 2:15 p.m.
Breakout Sessions

2:15 – 2:45 p.m.
Break (Exhibit Hall)

2:45 p.m.
Silent Auction Closes

3 – 5 p.m.
General Session

5:30– 6 p.m.
Silent Auction Pick-up

Evening on your own

Friday November 15

8 – 11 a.m.
Registration

8 – 8:45 a.m.
Continental Breakfast

9 – 11 a.m.
Closing Session



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday November 12

Noon – 5 p.m.

REGISTRATION

1 – 4:30 p.m.

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2 – 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 November 13

7:45 a.m. – 5 p.m.

REGISTRATION

7:45 – 8:30 a.m.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:45 – 10:30 a.m.

OPENING SESSION

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Wednesday November 13

10:45 – 11:45 a.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1. Promoting Mental Wellbeing of Youth with Developmental Disabilities

People with developmental disabilities experience mental health concerns at higher rates than the general population. Misconceptions and biases often lead to an undermining of their mental health needs or a belief they won't benefit from existing mental health treatments. Over the last two years, the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute completed extensive research and hosted three convenings in Austin focused on this topic. In this session the presenters will share findings from this work and provide recommendations to improve how systems and individuals can better understand and address the mental health needs of transition age youth with developmental disabilities.

- Katie Mitten, LMSW, Assistant Director of Child and Family Policy, Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute
- Rohanna Sykes, LPC-S, Assistant Director for School Mental Health, Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute

2. Creating a Passionate Workforce Through Person Centered Practices

The workforce is in search of work for which they can feel passionate. Within the human services field we often focus on the delivery of services, which can lead to overlooking the needs of the workforce. The COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated that employees are willing to leave their jobs in search of their passion. Previously, passion has been viewed as a psychological phenomenon, but research indicates that it is also a communication strategy. This presentation explores how passion is communicated by members of the workforce and how organizations can help build passion within their workforce to retain dedicated employees.

- Mark Morris, M.A., Transition Support Team Program Supervisor, Nueces Center for MH & IDD
- Susan LaGrone, M.S., LBSW, LPC-S, Transition Support Team Coordinator, Nueces Center for MH & IDD

3. Continuing the Vision for Inclusive Postsecondary Education: Building Capacity

Bobcat RISE, Texas State University's four-year, residential inclusive postsecondary education (IPSE) program for students with IDD completed their pilot year and are moving into their 'scale-up' year. This presentation will review the history and design of Bobcat RISE and provide updates on major activities and accomplishments to date including a report on the program's inaugural cohort of five students. IPSE opportunities are key to raising expectations and providing opportunities for students with IDD. By sharing their experiences, the presenters hope others will see how their work connects to IPSE, and how their mission and work is related.

- Tami Shetron, Ph.D., Bobcat Rise Program Director, Texas State University

Noon – 4:30 p.m.

EXHIBIT HALL/SILENT AUCTION OPEN

(Lunch on your own)

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1. Behavior Supports, Crisis and How Words Frame Perceptions

When providing behavior support services and working in crisis situations, the words we use can often be an obstacle or a gateway to accessing the services an individual may need. The words we use every day are often interpreted in a different context in the community, especially when trying to access effective psychiatric, medical and emergency services. In this session, the presenter will explore these challenges and develop other ways to communicate and advocate on behalf of the people we serve.

- Steve Fitzner, LPA, Licensed Psychological Associate with Independent Practice, Spindletop Center



Wednesday November 13

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS - CONTINUED

2. Navigating Through Individualized Skills and Socialization

Providers of Individualized Skills and Socialization (ISS) have been challenged with adequately addressing a person's outcomes through the opportunities provided in ISS services. This presentation will show you ways to get the people involved in off-site activities that meet their needs and allows them to give back to their community. The presenters will encourage an open discussion on ways that providers can come together to help each other be more successful in this continuing transition to ISS.

- Donna Evans, Chief of Day Habilitation, Center for Life Resources
- Erin Garcia, Center for Life Resources

3. Educating Elected Officials on Cultural Humility for IDD – Part 1

Metrocare, through grant funding provided by the Texas Council on Developmental Disabilities, produced a 5-part video training series to teach Cultural Humility to elected officials to address the challenge of a lack of understanding among office holders to properly appropriate funding for services and to include those with IDD in civic participation. Engaging with an elected official for persons with IDD can be difficult. This is Part 1 of a 2-part session to review the training program Metrocare developed and to teach anyone how to approach elected officials and effect change. During Part 1, participants will receive the same training as the elected officials, so they are able to understand each module of the training and use the information when meeting/educating the elected officials in their areas.

- Evan Dean, Associate Director, Kansas University Center
- Carrie Parks, M.S., Chief of IDD Provider and Specialized Services, Metrocare
- Tate Ringer, M.A., Chief Strategy Officer, Metrocare

2:30 – 3 p.m.

BREAK (EXHIBIT HALL)

3 – 4 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1. Coffeehouse Co-op Academy: An Autism Peer Collaborative Project

The Coffeehouse Program is a social skills program that has served adults with high functioning autism for the past 18 years. During the past year, Coffeehouse created a collaborative program with an ambitious goal of teaching, applying, and generalizing critical social skills into the real world. Participants enrolled in the academy's 5 featured content areas: Spanish, computers, art, podcasting, and photography. The goal of these groups was to encourage participants from each area to collaborate, market, and to sell goods at their inaugural all-abilities market called The Blueprint.

- Maggie Strobel, LPA, BCBA, LBA-TX, Behavior Analyst, The Harris Center for MH & IDD
- Emily Joyce, IDD Peer Navigator, The Harris Center for MH & IDD

2. Music Therapy's Role in Special Education

For centuries, music has been a common tool for learning. Most people are exposed to music and start learning through music long before elementary school. Its structure opens the avenues for learning in ways different from simply speech. Although records are few, music therapy was an active part of education in early 20th century. Since the passing of Public Law 94-142, the education of All Handicapped Children Act (EHA), music therapy's role in the education system has expanded. In this session, the presenter will discuss how music therapy applies to a student's IEP.

- Lauri M. Gallegos, MA, MT-BC, Music Therapist

3. Educating Elected Officials on Cultural Humility for IDD – Part 2

Continuing from the previous session, participants in Part 2 will receive tips and ideas on how to engage with their elected officials. This session will explain the Texas Legislative process and resources for identifying key officials and their roles. Information will be provided to assist with creating effective storytelling and provide a template for what the story should be, depending on the length of time given for engaging with the official or their representatives.

- Evan Dean, Associate Director, Kansas University Center
- Carrie Parks, M.S., Chief of IDD Provider and Specialized Services, Metrocare
- Tate Ringer, M.A., Chief Strategy Officer, Metrocare



Wednesday November 13

4 – 4:30 p.m.

AAIDD TEXAS CHAPTER ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

5 – 6:30 p.m.

RECEPTION

Join members of The Arc of Greater Beaumont's Southeast Texas Self-Advocates to gain insight into the importance of community services and how they impact individuals with IDD, their families and their communities. We will dive into how participating in community volunteering, our local workforce and social events has improved our adult's lives. We will show how gained confidence, experience and connections have allowed them to better advocate for themselves in all aspects of their lives. We will also spend time talking about improving communication and ways that better communication can help them succeed in situations at home, work and in advocacy.

Thursday November 14

7:45 a.m. – 5 p.m.

REGISTRATION

7:45 – 8:15 a.m.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST – EXHIBIT HALL

7:45 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

EXHIBIT HALL/SILENT AUCTION OPEN

8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1. MCO's: Understanding STAR+PLUS Benefits and Unique Programs

Managed Care Organizations across the state work tirelessly to support individuals receiving STAR+PLUS services. MCOs play an important role in supporting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. In this session, learn more about the STAR+PLUS benefits package as well as how Molina has partnered with LIDDAs, IDD program providers, and other agencies to work together to successfully serve individuals receiving 1915 (c) waiver programs.

- Rachel Hopkins, Certified Person-Centered Thinking Trainer, IDD Program Director, Molina Healthcare of Texas

2. Texas HHS Vocational Apprenticeship Program

This presentation will provide the audience with information regarding the Texas Health and Human Services Vocational Apprenticeship Program and its success to date. The Vocational Apprenticeship Program serves people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and those with mental health challenges living in Texas by offering opportunities for vocational training in a supported, integrated environment. The program provides both classroom education and work experience by embedding apprentices in a real and practical work environment. With the skills learned through the program, graduates will be better able to find employment in an integrated work setting.

- Glenn Heath, BS, CTCM, Program Specialist, Texas Department of Health and Human Services

3. Shelbi Show – The Why

Shelbi Davenport has a Bachelor's of Science degree from Texas A&M University and is a Senior Associate with Better Lives. Her lived experience with and for people with disabilities and her drive to positively impact others' lives has taken her on a path that includes credentialing as a Peer Support Specialist and development of a podcast that encourages people, families and organizations to share their experiences with and offer support to people with disabilities. Shelbi will share the reason behind starting the Shelbi Show and her hopes to empower others along the way.

- Shelbi Davenport, B.S., Certified Trainer, Teacher, Better Lives, LP

9:30 – 10 a.m.

BREAK (EXHIBIT HALL)



Thursday November 14

10 – 11 a.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1. Decriminalizing Communication

People with IDD are noted to have poorer outcomes when interacting with the criminal justice system than people without disabilities. Law enforcement is called when people with IDD communicate in ways others find inappropriate or harmful. Taking a proactive, crisis prevention approach to services and focusing on communication, coping, and safety skills, may reduce the need for law enforcement intervention and entry into the criminal justice system when crises are driven by communication issues.

- Susan LaGrone, MS, LBSW, LPC-S, Transition Support Team Coordinator, Nueces Center for Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities
- Mark Morris, MA, Transition Support Program Supervisor, Nueces Center for Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities

2. Occupational Therapy for Vocational Rehabilitation

Integrated employment that offers opportunities for social participation, skill development, and financial independence is a goal of many individuals with IDD. The aim of this session is to describe the role of occupational therapy (OT) in overcoming some of the persistent sociocultural and personal barriers for teens and young adults with IDD in reaching this goal. The session will explore current and upcoming opportunities for accessible services as well as interventions and strategies that have shown to be successful.

- Amanda Frias, OTD, OTR, Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
- Debrashai Lusk, OTS, Occupational Therapy Student, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
- Meghan Connelly, OTS, Occupational Therapy Student, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
- Tiana Young, OTS, Occupational Therapy Student, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

3. Discovery, Empowerment, Equity – Outcomes Start with a Person-Centered Conversation

This presentation will provide participants an overview of how to connect person-centered thinking skills to the discovery process. A person-centered conversation will be demonstrated by the presenter and a person with lived experience. Participants will listen and make notes of what they hear from the person and how the conversation models equity, empowerment, and action. Participants will work in small groups to develop an outcome statement with input and approval from the person with lived experience.

- Jeff Garrison-Tate, CEO/Founder, Better Lives, LP
- Shelbi Davenport, B.S., Certified Trainer, Teacher, Better Lives, LP

11:15 a.m. – 1 p.m.

AWARDS LUNCHEON

1:15 – 2:15 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1. Jail Diversion and Transition: Prevention and Recovery

In an effort to reduce the number of people with IDD arrested or admitted to an emergency room following a crisis event, Texana Center expanded the state-funded Crisis Intervention Services to develop a program focused on jail diversion and transition. Presenters will share strategies for identifying persons at risk for law enforcement, implementing jail diversion plans, building collaborative relationships with local law enforcement, and participating in jail-based transition planning. The development of quality measures and reporting for jail diversion and transition resulted in data the presenters hope to use to support future funding opportunities for IDD jail diversion and transition services.

- Sheri Talbot, M.Ed., Director, IDD Authority Services, Texana Center
- Mary Anne Helms, MA, Community Access Team Leader, Crisis, Texana Center



Thursday November 14

1:15 – 2:15 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS - CONTINUED

2. Major Impact of the 88th Legislative Session

The primary goal of this session is to provide strategies to help improve communication with State Legislators. Education is the primary focus when meeting with legislators but the challenge is to do so in a very limited amount of time. Individuals will learn tactics to convey information in an efficient and time sensitive manner to increase the odds of being heard, and of action being taken by the legislative official. In addition, participants will learn ways to become involved overall in the legislative session.

- *Dion White, MBA, FAAIDD, Chief Executive Officer, Center for Life Resources*

3. Community Support for Families Affected by Disability

The theatre program for adults with disabilities is just a part of what Belong Disability Ministry of Highland Park United Methodist Church does in support of the local disability community. The presenter will give a detailed overview of each program impacting those with disabilities, including their performing arts academy, job skills training center and community service initiatives. The presenter will break down the demographics served, and the overall observed unmet needs in the community their program hopes to impact in the future.

- *Stephanie Newland, MBA, Director, Belong Disability Ministry, Highland Park United Methodist Church*

2:15 – 2:45 p.m.

BREAK (EXHIBIT HALL)

2:45 p.m.

SILENT AUCTION CLOSES

3 – 5 p.m.

GENERAL SESSION - "INTO THE SPOTLIGHT"

**Stephanie Newland, Director,
Belong Disability Ministry**

Actors from the movie will be present for Q&A

A heartfelt story of how a script, a stage, and a theater program composed of adults with disabilities celebrate their creativity, explore life's complexities, and empower a community, in their own words and their own way, INTO THE SPOTLIGHT is a documentary feature film that follows a Dallas-based theatre troupe, composed of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, who are determined to write, rehearse, and perform their 11th annual original musical during the 2021-22 season. Often, documentaries that focus on disabled communities tend to include experts explaining how these people feel. In this documentary, the film is crafted entirely from the point of view of the individuals, giving them a voice.

5:30 – 6 p.m.

SILENT AUCTION PICK-UP

EVENING ON YOUR OWN

Friday November 15

8 – 11 a.m.

REGISTRATION

8 – 8:45 a.m.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9 – 11 a.m.

CLOSING SESSION

Closing Session – State Leader Panel Discussion

- *Moderator, Toye Babb, President, AAIDD Texas Chapter*
- *Sandy Frizzell Batton, Executive Director, Provider Alliance for Community Services of Texas (PACSTX)*
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GENERAL INFORMATION

ONLINE REGISTRATION

To register online, go to www.aaiddtx.org. You can make your payment by credit card or check. Once you have registered online, make check payable to AAIDD Texas Chapter and mail payment to: AAIDD Texas Chapter, P.O. Box 28076, Austin, TX 78755.

Hotel Information

Grand Galvez
2024 Seawall Blvd.
Galveston, Texas 77550

Online Reservations [Click Here](#)

Rooms include complimentary wireless internet, bottled water and coffee. Attendees receive 20% off Spa services (reservations encouraged) Sunday-Thursday.

Group room rates available (2) nights prior to the event based upon availability. Reservations requested after cut-off date will be subject to space and rate availability.

Rates: \$174.00 single/double occupancy

Check-in time is 4 p.m.; check-out time is 11 a.m.

Make your reservation by October 18, 2024 to ensure the special rate and room availability. Reservations requested after cut-off date will be subject to space and rate availability.

Hotel Parking: Valet "only" parking is \$25.00/day.

TRANSPORTATION

Ground transportation to/from George H. Bush Intercontinental Airport or William P. Hobby Airport is available through SuperShuttle. For reservations, contact SuperShuttle at 800/258-3826 or supershuttle.com. The shuttle pick-up location is curbside near the baggage claim area at each airport. Rental car agencies are located at both airports. There are also various ride share options to consider.

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 are occupied, the room monitor will close the session. Fire codes prohibit the attendees from standing in the aisles or against the walls. We appreciate your cooperation.



GENERAL INFORMATION

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS

CEUs are available for designated sessions at the Convention at no charge. CEU forms will be provided at the designated sessions. Certificates will be distributed after completion of each session.

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 2025 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. Additional company representatives will need to pay the additional exhibitor fee (\$195). 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, November 13 and 7:45 a.m. – 2:45 p.m., Thursday, November 14. Exhibitor set-up begins on Tuesday, November 12 from 2 – 5 p.m. Exhibits need to be ready by 11 a.m. on Wednesday, November 13. Tear down begins at 2:45 p.m. on Thursday, November 14 with all displays removed by 4 p.m. Please contact Pat Holder at 512/349-7470 for display table availability and assignments.

SILENT AUCTION AND 50/50 CASH GIVEAWAY

Our silent auction and the 50/50 cash give-away is back again this year. Attendees can provide a credit card and/or cash for the silent auction and cash for the 50/50 give-away (ATM machine available at the hotel).

SPEAKER PRESENTATIONS

As a “Green” initiative, we will post the speaker presentations to the website following the Convention. Speakers will provide a short summary of their presentation onsite. Thank you for your cooperation.

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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 **October 18, 2024**; however, substitutions will be permitted.
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| | Early Bird Until 10/18/24 | After 10/18/24 and on-site |
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| Full Convention - Member | \$350 | \$400 |
| Full Convention - Non-Member | \$400 | \$450 |
| Daily Rate | \$150 | \$180 |
| Guest/Spouse | \$150 | \$180 |
| Pre-Convention Workshop | \$125 | \$150 |

*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.

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Exhibitor Information

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| Exhibit Fee | \$580 | \$630 |

Exhibit 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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