



American Association on
Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
Texas Chapter

WAVES OF CHANGES

46th Annual Convention | Nov 15-18, 2022 | Grand Galvez | Galveston, TX

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WELCOME

On behalf of the Convention Program Committee, I want to welcome you to the 46th Annual Convention of the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) Texas Chapter. We are pleased that you are joining us for this convention in scenic Galveston, Texas.

The Convention Program Committee has secured an array of presentations that will appeal to professionals, direct support providers, self-advocates, and family members. For more than two years all of us have faced waves of uncertainty and ongoing changes in our efforts to assist those with IDD, their caregivers, as well as ourselves. We appreciate the presenters who will share their knowledge and experiences with us.

The convention presentations should provide enlightenment and insight about service provision and supports for those we serve. Please take advantage of the opportunity for continuing education, professional development, and networking with the convention participants.

The convention entitled “Waves of Changes” reflects the flexibility and resilience of all of the service providers and service recipients who have encountered obstacles, challenges, and changes during the past couple of years. In addition to the individual sessions, on the final day we have the opportunity to hear from leaders of statewide organizations who share in our mission of service provision.

We want to encourage you to visit exhibitors during breaks to see the array of silent auction items available. Since holidays are nearing, please take the opportunity to purchase a needed gift or two while also supporting our Texas Chapter. We extend our appreciation to those who contribute to the silent auction as well as those who sponsor our convention.

The Board of Directors of AAIDD Texas Chapter and our Convention Program Committee thank you for joining us at the Grand Galvez. Enjoy the convention, the camaraderie, the cuisine, and the sites that Galveston has to offer.

Toye Babb, President Elect
AAIDD Texas Chapter
2022 Convention Committee Chair

SPECIAL EVENTS

PRE-CONVENTION WORKSHOP

Tuesday, November 15 – 1 – 4:30 p.m.

Education to Prevent Sexual Victimization and Unsafe Sexual Practices, Including Safety with Social Media

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OPENING SESSION

Wednesday, November 16 – 8:45 – 10:15 a.m.

Why We Do What We Do: A Spirituality of Calling and Support

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- Bill Gaventa, M.Div., Past President, AAIDD

SILENT AUCTION

Wednesday, November 16, Noon - 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 17, 7:45 a.m. - 3:15 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 Rachel Medina at 254-592-7075 or by email at rm@liveoakliving. Proceeds from the auction will help support the convention. See you there!

AAIDD TEXAS CHAPTER AWARDS LUNCHEON

Thursday, November 17, Noon - 1:15 p.m.

We all know dedicated persons who are serving persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Visit www.aaidtx.org for awards information. Help honor this year's award recipients.

CLOSING SESSION

Friday, November 18 – 9 – 11 a.m.

State Leader Panel Perspectives

- Moderator, Cheryl Wilson, President, AAIDD Texas Chapter
- Isabel Casas, Director of IDD, Texas Council of Community Centers
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Taskmaster Pro
Texas Application Specialists, Inc.
The Wood Group
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UNT Workplace Inclusion & Sustainability
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SCHEDULE-AT-A-GLANCE

Tuesday November 15

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/Poster Presentations

6 p.m.
AAIDD Texas Chapter Board of Directors and
Convention Committee Meeting/Dinner

Wednesday November 16

7:45 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Registration

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

8:45 – 10:15 a.m.
Opening Session

10:30 – Noon
Breakout Sessions

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

1:30 – 3 p.m.
Breakout Sessions

3 – 3:30 p.m.
Break (Exhibit Hall)

3:30 – 5 p.m.
Breakout Sessions

5 – 5:30 p.m.
AAIDD Texas Chapter Annual Business Meeting

5:30 – 7 p.m.
Reception

Thursday November 17

7:45 a.m.– 5 p.m.
Registration

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

7:45 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.
Exhibit Hall/Silent Auction Open

8:30 – 10 a.m.
Breakout Sessions

10 – 10:30 a.m.
Break (Exhibit Hall)

10:30 a.m. – Noon
Breakout Sessions

Noon – 1:15 p.m.
Awards Luncheon

1:30 – 3 p.m.
Breakout Sessions

3 – 3:30 p.m.
Break (Exhibit Hall)

3:15 p.m.
Silent Auction Closes

3:30 – 5 p.m.
Breakout Sessions

4:45– 5:15 p.m.
Silent Auction Pick-up

Evening on your own

Friday November 18

8 – 11 a.m.
Registration

8 – 8:45 a.m.
Continental Breakfast

9 – 11 a.m.
Closing Session



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday November 15

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 & POSTER PRESENTATIONS

6 p.m.

AAIDD TEXAS CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETING/DINNER

Wednesday November 16

7:45 a.m. – 5 p.m.
REGISTRATION

7:45 – 8:30 a.m.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:45 – 10:15 a.m.

OPENING SESSION

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10:15 – 10:30 a.m.

BREAK

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Evaluating the Impact of the Initial COVID-19 Pandemic for U.S. Adults with ADHD/ADD

- Millie Cordaro, Ph.D., LPC, Department of Psychology, Texas State University
- Krista Howard, Ph.D., Department of Psychology, Texas State University
- Alexandria Medel, BS, Department of Psychology, Texas State University

Evaluating the Relationships Between Caregiver Participation and Skill Mastery

- Susanna Riley, Regional Director, Apra Autism Center
- Amanda Smith, Chief Clinical Officer, Apra Autism Center

IDD & Health Disparities

- Jesus Gutierrez, BA, Program Manager, Integral Care
- Amber Jones, BA, Practice Manager, Integral Care

Psychology Students' Propensity Towards Careers as Direct Support Professionals

- William Murley, BA
- Merab Gomez, MA
- Krista Howard, PhD

Wednesday November 16

10:30 a.m. – Noon

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1. Let's Play Where's Waldo: Achieving Behavioral Change

Have fun in this interactive presentation learning how to start with where a person is at behaviorally to motivate them to alter their negative behaviors and teach them new positive behaviors.

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

2. APSE – Employment First in the State of Texas

APSE - Association of Person Supporting Employment First is up and running! Learn more about what the Texas chapter has accomplished in little over a year. During this presentation the attendees will learn what Employment First is, how it is impacting waiver recipients, HB 50 updates, Texas employment data for individuals with disabilities and what as a provider they can do to help the people they support get to work. Each participant will leave with an action plan for next steps and information to join this movement.

- *Roni Jo Frazier, M.Ed, CAS, National Director of Programs, Bloom Consulting, LLC*
- *Lucy Gafford, M.S., CRC, CESP, Director, UNT – WISE*

3. Genetics and Autism Spectrum Disorder: Known and Unknowns

In this presentation, Dr. Murali will educate the audience about the current landscape of knowledge regarding the genetic underpinnings of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Highlights will include polygenic vs monogenic inheritance, chance of developing autism for siblings of children with ASD, recommended genetic tests for children with ASD, nuances of genetic test result interpretation, and illustrative examples of genetic causes of ASD. Dr. Kochel will educate the audience about the national Simons Foundation Powering Autism Research for Knowledge (SPARK) study—the largest study of ASD in history. SPARK will enroll 50,000 individuals with ASD and their biological family members to (a) identify new causes for ASD that inform novel treatments and (b) accelerate the pace of ASD research. Dr. Kochel will highlight the value of joining SPARK and what knowledge has been gained to date.

- *Chaya N. Murali, MD, FACMG, Assistant Professor, Baylor College of Medicine*
- *Robin P. Kochel, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Division of Psychology, Texas Children's Hospital*

Noon – 4:30 p.m.

EXHIBIT HALL/SILENT AUCTION OPEN

(Lunch on your own)

1:30 – 3 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1. Identifying Genes That Influence Behavior and Neurodevelopmental Phenotypes

There is increasing evidence that genetic factors can influence both behavior and neurodevelopmental phenotypes. Clinically-based genetic testing can often reveal changes in known disease genes that contribute to the development of abnormal behaviors and neurodevelopmental disorders like developmental delay, intellectual disability, and autism spectrum disorder. We have shown that data from these same tests can also be used to identify new disease genes that cause these disorders. These new gene discoveries can lead to improved genetic counseling for families, can change medical management, and provide the foundation from which new preventative and therapeutic interventions can be developed.

- *Daryl A. Scott, MD, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Baylor College of Medicine*

2. Learning to Read: An Essential PASRR Services

The presentation will provide information about a pilot project conducted with PASRR ILS consumers utilizing online reading software. The project will be implemented utilizing Life Skills Trainers from FFL's Life Skills Training Program. Participants will be assisted in using the interactive online software to learn to read. The outcomes from the pilot will be discussed as will the planned ongoing efforts to teach other PASRR participants to read. Application to other programs, such as the new HCBS requirements for Individual Skills and Socialization will be explored.

- *Donna Baugh, BA, Program Director, Life Skills Training Program, Friends for Life*
- *Carey Amthor, BLS, Division Director, Disability and Rehabilitation Services, Heart of Texas Behavioral Health Network*

Wednesday November 16

1:30 – 3 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS - CONTINUED

3. Supporting Students with IDD & Mental Health in Schools

Now more than ever, we need to be taking a close look at the mental health needs of all students in schools. During our time together, we will explore how House Bill 19 provides mental health support for students throughout, current trends in student mental health, and actionable strategies of how we can come together to make schools a whole-student healthy environment. We will also specifically look at mental health data for students within the neurodivergent community and how to equip staff and parents to help meet their mental health needs.

- JoEllen Goldsberry, LPC, PSC, Mental Health Liaison, Integral Care

3 – 3:30 p.m.

BREAK (EXHIBIT HALL)

3:30 – 5 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1. Music Therapy's Role with Trauma and Recovery

In today's world, trauma is becoming a regular event in life. How people respond to and cope with such trauma shapes their future in all categories of one's life. In this course, we will look at how trauma affects the victim in all categories of his/her life. We will then take a closer look at how trauma can affect people with special needs and the types of therapies available for addressing such challenges. We will then explore the various ways that music therapy can be used to address the struggles caused by trauma.

- Lauri M. Gallegos, MA, MT-BC, Board Certified Music Therapist, Richmond State Supported Living Center

2. Turning Challenges Into Strengths

Are other people's behaviors challenging to you? Do they affect your relationships? Is it hard for you to see their positive qualities? Learn to turn challenges into strengths using cognitive restructuring. Research shows that using this technique can result in caregivers having more positive and productive relationships with those whose behaviors challenge them.

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

3. Person Centered Practices in the Case Consultation Process

The AACOG IDDS Transition Support Team (TST) aims to reduce institutionalization for people with intellectual and/or developmental delays by training staff to support them effectively. The TST carries out such training in the form of educational assistances, technical assistances, and case consultation processes. In doing so, we seek to address power differentials and empowerment principles by teaching staff to apply person centered concepts and methods with those they support.

- Jeff Garrison-Tate, M.Ed., Person Centered Trainer, CEO, Better Lives
- Virginia Charles, M.Ed., LPC-S, Assistant Director, IDD Services, Alamo Area Council of Governments
- Robert Peaden, TST Training and Technical Assistance Coordinator, Alamo Area Council of Governments

5 – 5:30 p.m.

AAIDD TEXAS CHAPTER ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

5:30 – 7 p.m.

RECEPTION

Thursday November 17

7:45 a.m. – 5 p.m.

REGISTRATION

7:45 – 8:15 a.m.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST – EXHIBIT HALL

7:45 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

EXHIBIT HALL/SILENT AUCTION OPEN

8:30 – 10 a.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1. Behavioral Skills Training and Safety Skills

Instruction

Behavioral Skills Training (BST) is effective in teaching a variety of safety skills, including firearm prevention, fire safety, and responding to school lockdowns, to children and adults with differing abilities. This presentation will discuss the existing research regarding safety skills instruction, BST components, and practical implications for people wanting to implement BST techniques to teach critical safety skills or implement programming around safety skills instruction.

- *Amy Foxman, Ph.D., BCBA, LBA, Board Certified Behavior Analyst, Ability ABA*
- *Charlene Fotheringham, Board Certified Behavior Analyst, Ability ABA*

2. Outpatient Biopsychosocial Approach for IDD Services

The Outpatient Biopsychosocial Services for People with IDD (OBI) project serves individuals diagnosed with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities (IDD) and a mental health and/or substance use diagnosis who are experiencing a crisis or have a history of experiencing crises events. This presentation will share how the OBI project utilizes a bio-psycho-social approach in order to identify and meet the needs of individuals with IDD and complex mental health needs. This presentation is designed to inform attendees of the benefits of this Texas Health and Human Services' initiative on the unique and innovative approach to crisis prevention in order to show how this pilot may be replicated in other centers.

- *Bryan Camphire, Integral Care, Program Manager IDD Crisis Services*
- *Amanda Willis, The Harris Center, Practice Manager, IDD Clinical Services*
- *Kendra Bowens, OBI Therapeutic Coach, MHMR Tarrant*
- *David R. Gunter, Senior Director, START/OBI, MHMR Tarrant*

3. Support & Empowerment for Older Adults with IDD

This program provides a holistic approach for aging individuals with IDD in general health, future financial planning, spirituality, mental wellness, nutrition, physical fitness and caregiver care to improve their quality of life.

- *Antonio Martinez, M.Ed., Health & Wellness Coordinator, Alamo Area Council of Governments*
- *Diana Chavarria, M.S., Health & Wellness Navigator, Alamo Area Council of Governments*

10 – 10:30 a.m.

BREAK (EXHIBIT HALL)

Thursday November 17

10:30 a.m. – Noon

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1. Psychiatric Disorders Associated with Epilepsy

This session describes the various psychiatric disorders commonly associated with epilepsy. In fact neurobehavioral disorders are found higher in the individual with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The traditional approach to epilepsy care focuses on the treatment and amelioration of seizures, although this occupies a small sample of the individual's life. This traditional approach does not address many of the issues having a negative impact on the quality of life of the individual. The neurogenesis, symptoms, classification and treatment options are all explored in this session highlighting psychosis, depression and mood disorders.

- *Nanette R. Wrobel, RPh, Director of Clinical Education and Business Development, Tarrytown Expocare Pharmacy*

2. Getting to Yes – Finding the Balance Between Support and Autonomy

Individuals under guardianship can experience feelings of disempowerment. Oftentimes, these feelings stem from feeling a lack of autonomy and choice within one's own life, leading to secondary issues like depression and anxiety. However, guardians have an ethical and legal responsibility to make decisions that they believe are in the best interest of their clients. This presentation focuses on helping clients achieve their personal goals while providing them with the support they need to be safe and successful.

- *Rachel Medina, Executive Director, LiveOak Living Community*
- *Megan Gutierrez, Administrator, LiveOak Living Community*

3. Applications of Behavior Supports: New Program and Updates

This panel session brings together six Behavior Analysts from around the state to discuss new programs and updates within Behavior Supports in Texas. The six panelists will provide information and discuss with attendees. The topics will include updates to best practice, Medicaid funding of ABA, creation of new employment opportunities, staff retention, school and service capacity, and transitioning to adulthood. The end of the presentation will involve the panelists coming together to answer questions and what action items are needed in Texas. We would like to encourage those planning to attend this presentation to submit any questions in advance to the following e-mail address: jeffrey.dillen@texanacenter.com.

- *Jeffrey Dillen, MS, BCBA, LBA, Manager, Texana Center*
- *Berenice de la Cruz, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LBA, Assistant Professor, Texas A&M University – San Antonio*
- *Mariel Cremonie-Fernandez, BCBA, LBA, Regulatory Affairs, Blue Sprig Pediatrics*
- *Aaron Moore, BCBA, LBA, BCBA Clinical Supervisor, Texana Center*
- *Rany Thommen, M.Ed., BCBA, LBA, Café Project Manager, Texana Center*

Noon – 1:15 p.m.

AWARDS LUNCHEON

Thursday November 17

1:30 – 3 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1. Forum on Forensic Issues with Persons with IDD

This panel will discuss the issues facing persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (ID/DD) when they become involved in the legal system. The panel will include representatives from law enforcement, attorneys, psychologists, and local ID/DD authorities who have been working with persons with ID/DD who have become entangled in the legal system. The goals of the presentation include:

1. Help local authorities develop programs to assist their clients and families,
 2. Provide directions to law enforcement to enable better outcomes with this population
 3. Suggest legislative initiatives to help both the authorities and law enforcement agencies along with the individuals involved and their families.
- *Andrew Griffin, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist*
 - *Charlotte Kimmel, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist*
 - *Jennifer Spillman, PsyD, Tri-County Behavioral Healthcare*
 - *Haley Turner, Deputy Executive Commissioner, Texas Health & Human Services Commission (HHSC)*
 - *Dennis Wilson, former Sheriff, Limestone County*

2. Riding the Waves From a Self-Advocate's Perspective

Join Lisa, Katie, Ashley and Stefanie as they share their unique experiences in surviving the isolation caused by the COVID Pandemic. They will talk about the importance of staying involved and engaged in social, educational and support activities to contribute to good mental health. They will focus on ways they were able to stay engaged in The Arc of Greater Beaumont's activities and how this can be adapted to your specific situation. Participants will learn how to search for online activities, zoom meeting etiquette and will spend time determining what things are most important to them and what makes them happy.

- *Brenda Sullivan, BA, Advocate Coordinator, The Arc of Greater Beaumont*
- *Lisa Simmons, Katie Sheffield, Ashley Sattler, Stefanie Teer, Co-Presenters*

3. STAR – A Novel Approach to Residential Treatment for Autism

Residential treatment is typically viewed as a last resort, yet sometimes residential treatment is the only way to provide the stability, safety and structure required to fully address the needs of the person and the environment. We propose, the STAR program, an early intervention approach to treating individuals with ASD. STAR is an ABA-intensive, short-term residential treatment center-based program (RTC). According to McNellis and Harris (2014), benefits of this type of RTC are numerous including a multidisciplinary approach and a continuum of treatment services, beginning with inpatient care through the transition back into the home environment.

- *Kiesha M. Redhour, Behavior Specialist, Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health*

3 – 3:30 p.m.

BREAK (EXHIBIT HALL)

3:15 p.m.

SILENT AUCTION CLOSING

3:30 – 5 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1. IDD and Criminal Justice System

A panel of experts from the IDD, MH, and criminal justice fields will present on the unique needs and considerations of a person with IDD navigating the criminal justice system from community prevention efforts to arrest to re-entry.

- *Sarah Kuykendall, M.S., Practice Manager, Integral Care*
- *Michelle R. Hallee, Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, Travis County, Texas*

Thursday November 17

3:30 – 5 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS - CONTINUED

2. It's Just a Behavior! How Words Frame Perceptions

In everyday life, we can think of examples of how we miscommunicate with others while trying to express our thoughts. This is especially true when communicating with service providers, family members, and community medical professionals about our observations of people diagnosed with developmental disabilities, including those who struggle with behavioral challenges. This may result in misdiagnoses or a lack of understanding of how to best work with and support others. In this presentation, we will learn to use language that avoids many of these common misunderstandings.

- *Steve Fitzner, MS, LPA-I, Licensed Psychological Associate, Spindletop Center*

3. Person-Centered Practices: Empowering Staff and Improving Lives

Delivering Person-Centered supports is hard work but doesn't have to be complicated. In this session, Patrick Lane, a Mentor with The Learning Community offers an easy-to-understand plan to move any organization toward best practices. It begins with Person-Centered Thinking Training where supporters learn the mindset and skillsets to actually be Person-Centered. They also learn to organize information in a Person-Centered Description (PCD) which can then be used to inform plans and train staff. To maintain this momentum Person-Centered Coaches, provide on-site support ensuring the plan is followed and that Person-Centeredness remains in the fabric of the organization.

- *Patrick Lane, MA, Person-Centered Services Manager, IntellectAbility*

4:45 – 5:15 p.m.

SILENT AUCTION PICK-UP

EVENING ON YOUR OWN

Friday November 18

8 – 11 a.m.

REGISTRATION

8 – 8:45 a.m.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9 – 11 a.m.

CLOSING SESSION

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GENERAL INFORMATION

ONLINE REGISTRATION

To register online, go to www.aaiddtx.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

Grand Galvez
2024 Seawall Blvd.
Galveston, Texas 77550
Phone Reservations: 409/515-2154

Be sure to mention “AAIDD Texas Chapter” to ensure the group rate and availability. Rooms include complimentary wireless internet, bottled water and coffee. Attendees receive 20% off Spa services (reservations encouraged) Sunday-Thursday.

Rates: \$149.00 single/double occupancy
Check-in time is 4 p.m.; check-out time is 11 a.m.

Make your reservation by October 24, 2022 to ensure the special rate and room availability. Reservations requested after cut-off date will be subject to space and rate availability.

Hotel Parking: Self parking is \$12/day and valet parking is \$20.00/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 2023 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 16 and 7:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Thursday, November 17. Exhibitor set-up begins on Tuesday, November 15 from 2 – 5 p.m. Exhibits need to be ready by 11 a.m. on Wednesday, November 16. Tear down begins at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 17 with all displays removed by 4:30 p.m. Please contact Pat Holder at 512/349-7470 for display table availability and assignments.

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.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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