

AAIDD Texas Chapter

45th ANNUAL CONVENTION



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Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
Texas Chapter

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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 2020 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 are based on double occupancy at The Omni Corpus Christi. Stipend recipients are responsible for making their own arrangements for meals and transportation, but recipients may receive reimbursement for food and travel expenses if receipts are submitted.

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, 2020. To obtain stipend applications and eligibility verification forms, go to www.aaiddtx.org. For questions, contact Lisa Shelby at 512/804-3175.

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WELCOME

Welcome to the 45th Annual Convention of the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) Texas Chapter! We are extremely happy you have chosen to join us in Corpus Christi for this enriching Convention.

The Convention Program Committee has prepared an interesting and informative program designed to appeal to all participants including professionals, direct support staff, administrators, self-advocates, and family members. In these trying times of coronavirus (COVID-19), we all are learning new ways to navigate assisting the needs of persons with IDD while realizing the need to take care of the caregivers as well.

Presentations provided during the Convention are designed to increase your knowledge and skills in order to provide better services and supports for the persons we serve. This year we have included a presentation on how to practice self-care. AAIDD-TX strives to empower self-advocates and families so they can better access the services and supports available to them and advocate for services that they need. Professional Development and Continuing Education credits are available.

Our theme this year is “Supporting the IDD Community for 45 Years!” which reflects the changes and challenges faced by all service providers and service recipients in Texas for almost half a century! The session on the last day of the convention is particularly interesting as we hear from the leaders of various organizations discuss their knowledge about service changes and how they dealt with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Between sessions you will want to visit all of the exhibitors and bid on the many items in the silent auction. Finally, don’t forget to take advantage of all of the networking opportunities the Convention provides, the new friends you make, and the great memories of your time here in Beautiful Corpus Christi!

On behalf of the Board of Directors of AAIDD Texas Chapter and the Convention Planning Committee, thank you for coming!

Enjoy your Convention!!

Cheryl Petty, President Elect
AAIDD Texas Chapter
2020 Convention Committee Chair

SPECIAL EVENTS

OPENING SESSION

Wednesday, July 29, 8:45 - 10:15 a.m.

Craig Escude', MD, FAAFP, FAADM, President, HRS, Inc.

Healthcare and Support for people with IDD: We've come a long way!

PLENARY SESSION

Wednesday, July 29, 10:30 a.m. - Noon

Craig Escude', MD, FAAFP, FAADM, President, HRS, Inc.

Clinical Pearls in IDD Healthcare

PLENARY SESSION

Wednesday, July 29, 1:30 - 3pm

Leslie Walker-Hirsch, IMEd., FAAIDD, Social Development and Sexuality Consultant Services

Social and Sexual Development

SILENT AUCTION

Wednesday, July 29, Noon - 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 30, 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, July 30, 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

CLOSING SESSION

Friday, July 31, 9 - 11 a.m.

Continental Breakfast will be provided

State Leader Panel Discussion: IDD Services – Surviving the Pandemic and Looking to the Future

Panel members will discuss the impact of the recent pandemic on the delivery of services to persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities, preparation for future similar situations, and what each provider learned from this experience. Panel members will share ideas about priorities and needs for the upcoming Texas Legislative session. Those attending the session will be able to ask the panel questions related to services delivery and their field of expertise.

- Moderator, Charlotte Kimmel, Ph.D., President, AAIDD Texas Chapter
- Isabel Casas, Director of IDD, Texas Council of Community Centers
- Danette Castle, CEO, Texas Council of Community Centers
- Jennifer Martinez, CEO, The Arc of Texas
- Carole Smith, Executive Director, Private Providers Association of Texas (PPAT)
- Beth Stalvey, Executive Director, Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities - Invited
- Haley Turner, Associate Commissioner of IDD Services, HHSC
- Heather Vasek Consultant Legislative, Provider Alliance for Community Services of Texas (PACSTX) - Invited
- Emily Zalkovsky, Medicaid Deputy Associate Commissioner for Policy and Program, HHSC

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The Wood Group

SCHEDULE-AT-A-GLANCE

Tuesday July 28

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 July 29

7:45 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Registration

7:45 – 8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

8:45 – 10:15 a.m.

Opening Session & Welcome

10:30 a.m. – Noon

Plenary Session

Noon – 4:30 p.m.

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

1:30 – 3 p.m.

Plenary Session

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 July 30

7:45 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Registration

7:45 – 8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast (Exhibit Hall)

7:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Exhibit Hall/Silent Auction Open

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Breakout Sessions

10 – 10:30 a.m.

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Breakout Sessions

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Awards Luncheon

1:30 – 3 p.m.

Breakout Sessions

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Break (Exhibit Hall)

3:15 p.m.

Silent Auction Closes

3:30 – 5 p.m.

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4:45 – 5:15 p.m.

Silent Auction Pick-up

Evening on your own

Friday July 31

8 – 11 a.m.

Registration

8 – 8:45 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

9 – 11 a.m.

Closing Session

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday July 28

Noon – 5 p.m.

REGISTRATION

1 – 4:30 p.m.

PRE-CONVENTION WORKSHOP

Part 1

This portion of the session will feature an introduction to the concept of social boundaries and how that information sets the stage for healthy relationships of all kinds, including romantic ones and becomes the basic building block for community inclusion, personal safety and independence for youth and adults with IDD.

Part 2

introduction to the CIRCLES® concept and Multi media teaching curriculum specifically developed for youth and adults with intellectual and/or developmental learning disabilities. Video clips from the most recent curriculum will be shown. A demonstration of the CIRCLES® Utility App for ipads and tablets will be shown as well.

- *Leslie Walker-Hirsch, IMEd., FAAIDD, Social Development and Sexuality Consultant Services*

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

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CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

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President, HRS, Inc.

Healthcare and Support for people with IDD:

We've come a long way!

The way people with IDD have been supported has changed dramatically over the last several decades. We'll travel through the last 100+ years looking at the progress from a national perspective intermingled with the personal perspective of a family physician who's worked in this field for more than 20 years.

10:30 a.m. – Noon

PLENARY SESSION

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Clinical Pearls in IDD Healthcare

Clinical pearls are small bits of clinically relevant information based on experience or observation. Dr. Escudé will discuss several "pearls" from his book "Clinical Pearls in IDD Healthcare." Topics include: the fatal five preventable causes of death, polypharmacy concerns, medical causes of adverse behaviors, dementia in people with IDD and more.

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Wednesday July 29

1:30 – 3 p.m.

PLENARY SESSION

Leslie Walker-Hirsch, IMEd., FAAIDD, Social Development and Sexuality Consultant Services

Social and Sexual Development

In this session a comparison and contrast of the similarities and differences in social and sexual development from conception to adulthood between typically developing individuals and those with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities will be featured. The implications for parents and direct support professionals will be explored.

3 – 3:30 p.m.

BREAK

3:30 – 5 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1. Restrictive Practices Legal, Clinical and Ethical Review

Addressing restrictions for people receiving Medicare waiver services is sometimes a clinical necessity that has regulatory implications. A restriction is, at its foundation, a violation of a person's civil rights. As such, there must be a process to protect the rights of the individual. There are aspects of the Texas Home and Community-Based Services regulations that afford the person due process and preserve the rights of the person. Moreover, professional codes of ethics address rights and due process, explicitly and implicitly.

- *Jose Levy, LPA, LBA, BCBA, Psychological Associate, Behavior Analyst, Behavior Solutions*

2. A Half-Century of Behavior Services in Texas

This presentation covers the evolution of behavior services in Texas from the 1960s to the present. The earliest approaches were in institutional programs. Initially, the focus was on young residents, teaching self-help skills using edible reinforcers. Later the focus shifted to adults exhibiting challenging behaviors. Use of restrictive techniques increased, including a few aversive programs for severe self-injury. Criticism of the approaches increased in the 1980s, and an increased emphasis on positive reinforcement developed. However, as services shifted to community locations, availability of professional expertise and the continuing need for trained direct support staff have sometimes hindered program effectiveness.

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

3. Music Therapy's Role in PTSD Treatment

Previously known as shell shock and war neurosis, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is becoming a more familiar acronym. When it was named in the 1970's it was mainly associated with veterans that returned from war. Since then, PTSD has been caused by events unrelated to war. Currently, there are more than three million cases of PTSD in the United States per year. These are the cases that get reported. Unfortunately, many cases go unreported due to a person having an intellectual and/or developmental disability. In this class, we identify the causes and symptoms of PTSD, and music therapy's role in the treatment for PTSD.

- *Lauri Gallegos, MA, MT-BC, Music Therapist, Richmond State Supported Living Center*

Wednesday July 29

3:30 – 5 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

4. Trauma Informed Care Practices for Direct Support Providers

This presentation will provide direct support providers with the following specifics on effective trauma-informed approaches with individuals with IDD: 1. Descriptions of trauma and responses; 2. Risk assessments; 3. Safety planning tools; 4. Positive behavior supports; 5. Strategies for calming, comforting, and coping; 6. Growth and resilience, and 7. Self-care basics for improving the quality of life for the individuals served and themselves. As a result of this training, they will be able to: 1. Assess unique needs, strengths, and interests; 2. Plan and provide individualized supports and services; 3. Monitor progress and document important information; 4. Demonstrate professional and ethical behavior; 5. Link to resources; and 6. Advocate.

- Jan Aiello, Ph.D. BCBA, LBA, LPC-Intern, Crisis Specialist, Pecan Valley Centers for Behavioral and Developmental Healthcare
- Rhonda Gilbert, M.A., ICF Program Manager, Pecan Valley Centers for Behavioral and Developmental Healthcare

5 – 5:30 p.m.

AAIDD TEXAS CHAPTER ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

5:30 – 7 p.m.

RECEPTION

Thursday July 30

7:45 a.m. – 5 p.m.

REGISTRATION

7:45 – 8:30 a.m.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST – EXHIBIT HALL

7:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

EXHIBIT HALL/SILENT AUCTION OPEN

8:30 – 10 a.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1. Pop Tarts and Cats – Managing Problem Behaviors in Older Adults with Diminished Cognitive Capabilities

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10 – 10:30 a.m.

BREAK (EXHIBIT HALL)

10:30 a.m. – Noon

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1. Telepractice to Train Autism Teachers to Contrive MOs

The need for on-the-job coaching has been repeatedly documented in the literature as more effective than workshops. However, individualized coaching is time and labor intensive for the coach with many supervisees across broad geographical areas. Telepractice has been found to be effective for teaching evidence-based practices (EBPs) to teachers of students with autism. Using a multiple baseline across participants design, four teachers were taught to contrive motivating operations (MOs) through an online module, video models, and direct performance feedback via video-conferencing. Results indicated the effectiveness of telepractice in training teachers to contrive MOs to increase manding to students with autism.

- Smita Shukla Mehta, Ph.D., Professor of Special Education, University of North Texas

2. Developmental Disability Caregiving Burnout: How to Practice Self-Care

This presentation will cover the common symptoms of caregiver burnout and how to identify when a caregiver is experiencing burnout. We will then cover factors that impact caregiver burnout when working with or caring for individuals with developmental disabilities specifically. Finally the presentation will cover strategies to manage caregiver burnout in order to increase the quality of life for the caregiver and individual receiving caregiving.

- Keeley Crowfoot, Ph.D., Psychologist, Integral Care

3. Current Ethical Issues in IDD Services

This presentation will address major ethical issues in services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Key practice issues include consent requirements, guardianship decisions, eligibility assessment & diagnosis, and special ethical issues in service delivery, treatment, and advocacy. Various professional codes of ethics will be analyzed. The session will conclude with a discussion of ethical issues faced by members of the audience.

- Ellis (Pat) Craig, Ph.D., Consultant Psychologist
- Ollie Seay, Ph.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Texas State University

Thursday July 30

10:30 a.m. – Noon

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

4. Suicide: The Other Hard Talk You Have With Your Family

Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the nation and the second leading cause of death among young people ages 10-34 years. Yet, suicide is the leading cause of death which we just don't want to talk about. Join Dr. Sam Buser and his daughter, Kimi Buser-Clancy, as they have a family chat about this difficult subject. Hosts of the podcast, "Leaving the Valley", they will discuss and demonstrate how to talk about suicide with your loved ones, including those who have intellectual disabilities.

- Sam Buser, Ph.D., Senior Staff Psychologist, Houston Fire Department
- Kimi Buser-Clancy, Actor, Writer, Producer, Activist and Optimist

Noon – 1:15 p.m.

AWARDS LUNCHEON

1:30 – 3 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1. Forensic Issues for Persons with IDD

This workshop will discuss the issues associated with forensic evaluations for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It is increasingly important for persons working with this population to understand the forensic process in order to assist and prepare their clients for courts, and to maintain proper records to assist the courts in their decisions.

- Andrew Griffin, Ph.D., BCBA, Psychologist
- Charlotte Kimmel, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist, Psychological Services

2. Getting to Yes! Empowering Choice and Autonomy in Individuals with Developmental Disabilities

Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities can experience feelings of disempowerment. Oftentimes, these feelings stem from lack of autonomy and choice within one's own life. This powerlessness can lead to depression and anger. However, providing choice and autonomy can be difficult and scary, especially for caretakers, family members, and guardians. This presentation focuses on reconciling an individual's goals with the support they need to be safe and successful.

- Rachel Medina, M.A., Director of Development, LiveOak Living Community

3. Historical, Philosophical, Religious & Cultural Issues in Ethical Services

This presentation identifies historical trends in what is considered ethical treatment of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The philosophical and religious approaches to people with disabilities will also be explored. Finally, cultural and ethnic differences in attitudes toward and support of people with disabilities will be analyzed.

- Ellis M. (Pat) Craig, Ph.D., Consultant Psychologist
- Ollie J. Seay, Ph.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Texas State University

3 – 3:30 p.m.

BREAK (EXHIBIT HALL)

3:15 p.m.

SILENT AUCTION CLOSES

3:30 – 5 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1. Round and Round We Go, Behavior Supports Texas!

This panel session will bring together five experts on Behavior Analysis from around the state to discuss important topics within Behavior Supports in Texas. The five panelists will lead round-tables with attendees discussing these topics. The topics will include legislative and public policy, Medicaid funding of ABA, public education, insurance coverage, and crisis services (topics subject to change based on attendee suggestions). The end of the presentation will involve the panelists coming together to lead discussions based on the round-table discussions and what action items are needed to move Texas up the list in respect to behavioral services for individuals with IDD. No matter your particular interest, we have you covered. We would like to encourage those planning to attend the conference and this presentation in particular to submit topic ideas and any questions in advance to the following e-mail address: jeffrey.dillen@texanacenter.com.

- Jeffrey Dillen, M.S., BCBA, LBA, Manager, Texana Center
- Beth Duncan, BCBA, LBA, Senior Manager, Texana Center
- Mariel Fernandez, BCBA, LBA, Area Clinical Director, Blue Sprig Pediatrics
- Alyssa Martin, BCBA, LBA, Manager, Texana Center
- Rany Thommen, M.Ed., BCBA, LBA, Executive Director, ABA Today

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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. **Please note:** Refunds will not be handled through the online registration system. For questions, contact Pat Holder at patholder@austin.rr.com

Hotel Information

Omni Corpus Christi Hotel
900 North Shoreline Blvd.
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401
Online Reservations [CLICK HERE](#)

Once on the reservation site, scroll down and enter your desired arrival/departure dates, number of rooms/guests and then check availability. Reservations requested after cut-off date will be subject to space and rate availability.

Rates: \$149.00 single/double occupancy
Check-in time is 3 p.m.; check-out time is noon

Make your reservation by **July 3, 2020** 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 50% off current self parking daily rate and valet parking is approximately \$20.00/day.

TRANSPORTATION

Hotel provides complimentary shuttle service to/from the Corpus Christi International Airport. Taxis and rental car agencies are located at the airport.

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 INFO

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 2021 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, July 29 and 7:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Thursday, July 30. Exhibitor set-up begins on Tuesday, July 28 from 2 – 5 p.m. Exhibits need to be ready by 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 29. Tear down begins at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 30 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

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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AAIDD 45th Annual Convention

“Supporting the IDD Community for 45 Years!”

The Omni Corpus Christi • Corpus Christi, Texas • July 28-31, 2020

To Register Online visit our website - www.aaidctx.org

- **Cancellation Policy:** No refunds will be given after **July 3, 2020**; however, substitutions will be permitted. **Please note: Refunds will not be handled through the online registration system. For questions, contact Pat Holder at patholder@austin.rr.com**
- For best rates, be sure to register by the earlybird cut-off of July 3, 2020
- 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 7/3/20	After 7/3/20 and on-site
Full Convention - Member	\$275	\$325
Full Convention - Non-Member	\$325	\$375
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 registrations receive \$15 discount per person from the Full Convention fee with three or more registrations from the same agency. **To receive the group discount for multiple attendees, please register the group together online. Late additions will be charged as a separate submission and not receive a discount.**

Exhibitor Information

	Early Bird Until 7/3/20	After 7/3/20 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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