

TxP2P 13th Annual Conference
June 16-17th, 2017
Advocacy Sessions

Session 1: 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Friday, June 16, 2017

Session	Description	Speakers
1010 Advocacy	<p>Advocating from Afar</p> <p>A few North Texas parents began visiting Legislators and state agency executives, and soon they had a group of a thousand parents across Texas who wanted to help. Come hear about how to advocate for what you need while being hours away from the Capitol, featuring a great panel of parents.</p>	Linda Litzinger & Parent Panel

Session 2: 1:30 – 3:00 p.m., Friday, June 16, 2017

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2010 Advocacy	<p>Become an Advocate!</p> <p>Jolene and Nidia will offer an introduction to legislative advocacy and highlight the critical role of self-advocates and family members in impacting progressive policy. They will also provide a recap of recent legislation with examples of how self-advocates and families facilitated change and what is on the horizon. Participants will walk away with an understanding of the legislative process in Texas and hands-on tools for future application.</p>	Jolene Sanders & Nidia Heston

Session 3: 3:30 – 5:00 p.m., Friday, June 16, 2017

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3010 Advocacy	<p>Nuts & Bolts of Legislative Advocacy</p> <p>Learn how to advocate for your child to your legislators and have a voice at state agencies such as Texas Education Agency or Health and Human Services.</p>	Linda Litzinger

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Session 4: 9:00 – 10:00 a.m., Saturday, June 17, 2017

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4010 Advocacy	Cameras in Special Education Classrooms This presentation reviews a change in state law for protecting students with disabilities in self-contained classrooms with video and audio recordings as a deterrent to abuse and mistreatment by teachers and staff. Which students and classrooms are covered will be explained. The process for installation of cameras will be described. The latest guidance from the Texas Education Agency will be shared.	Steven Aleman

Session 6: 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Saturday, June 17, 2017

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6010 Advocacy	Advocacy with the Texas Legislature & State Agencies When a problem or issue needs a solution, sometimes it is all about who you know! Learn how to build relationships with lawmakers and state agencies, and how to impact rules, policy and budgets.	Linda Litzinger & Advocate Panel