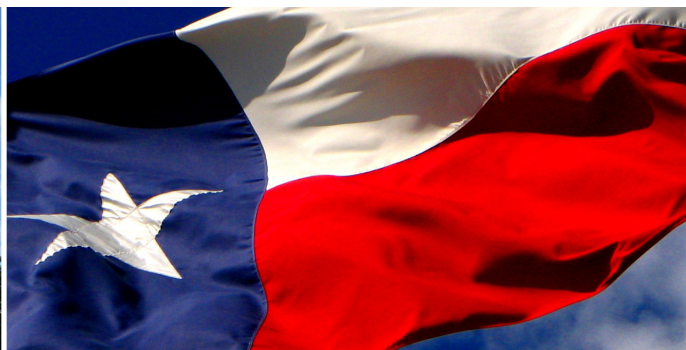


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Texas Advanced Leadership and Advocacy Conference 2009



MONDAY, MARCH 23 – TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2009 | DOUBLETREE HOTEL AUSTIN

About the Conference

The Center on Disability and Development at Texas A&M University has been awarded a grant by the Texas Council on Developmental Disabilities* to hold an annual conference that provides leadership and advocacy training to adults with disabilities and/or parents of children with disabilities.

Conference Goals

- Increase the number of competent leaders and advocates with disabilities across the state of Texas
- Equip current leaders and advocates with up-to-date knowledge and skills in the areas of legislative advocacy and advocacy
- Advance the legislative experiences of these individuals for policy influences
- Build and expand a network of leaders and advocates in the disability community for united efforts in effective advocacy actions

What to Expect

Conference participants can expect to leave with a renewed idea of what is possible by identifying methods to successfully promote and advocate for policy and systems change. They will also be able to define current legislative issues and will gain knowledge in how to collaboratively advocate for change alongside local and statewide advocacy organizations.

Presenters, Vendors & Sponsors

If you are interested in being a keynote speaker (inspirational/informative) or a workshop instructor, or if you would like to reserve a vendor table or become a conference sponsor, please contact:

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*Funding: \$112,500 (66.8%) TCDD and \$37,330 (33.2%) match from Texas A&M

Application Instructions

If you or someone you know fits the following qualifications, please consider applying to attend the conference!

Participant Qualifications

- Be at least 18 years old
- Be an individual with a disability and/or a parent of a child with a disability still enrolled in primary or secondary school
- Be a registered voter or plan to register while at the conference
- Be a resident of Texas
- Have participated in community activities which demonstrate qualities and/or willingness to participate in public policy advocacy actions
- Have participated in extracurricular and/or community activities which demonstrate leadership qualities

Deadlines

- *Priority Deadline:* October 15, 2008 (*Applications meeting this deadline will be the first to be considered for support funds.*)
- *Final Deadline:* December 1, 2008

TALAC 2009 Application Form

Please Check One:

- I am applying to attend this conference.
- I am recommending an acquaintance of mine. My name is _____
and you can contact me at _____ (phone number or email).

Participant: First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address: Street _____

City _____ Zip _____ County _____

Phone: Home (_____) _____ Cell (_____) _____

Email: _____

Details: Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

Age _____ Race/Ethnicity _____ Sex male female

Type of Disability (if applicable) _____

Do you have any dietary needs or require any accommodations? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

Conference Fees

A registration fee of \$70 is the responsibility of the participant, which is due upon the participant's selection. If this fee is a financial burden, a limited number of needs-based registration waivers are available. This fee is refundable if registration is canceled by Monday, Feb. 16, 2009. **All participants will be provided two-nights' lodging at the conference hotel and will be reimbursed for up to \$200 in travel expenses (i.e., airfare or mileage).**

Please mail this form no later than Dec. 1, 2008 to:

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