

American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
AAIDD Texas Chapter

35th Annual Convention

**MAKING
POSITIVE
CHANGE
HAPPEN**



*Registration
Materials Inside*

**THE WESTIN GALLERIA ★ HOUSTON, TEXAS
JULY 7 -9, 2010**

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Greetings and Welcome to Houston for the 2010 Convention of the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities - Texas Chapter!

Consistent with this year's theme, "Making Positive Change Happen," the program offers a range of excellent presentations. The speakers have expertise in a variety of professions or extensive experiences with people with disabilities. An impressive array of

support or service options will be described that are certain to enhance the knowledge and understanding of the attendees.

Convention highlights will include:

- Two Pre-Convention workshops on Autism and Ethics
- Keynote address by Dr. Michael L. Wehmeyer, the national AAIDD President and Professor of Special Education at the University of Kansas, discussing a changing understanding of intellectual and other developmental disabilities and how this will impact supports and services in the future
- Concurrent sessions by self-advocates, support providers, and other experts in developmental disabilities on a wide variety of topics
- Closing Session Panel with Texas leaders in disability services, focusing on the future of these services and the potential impact of the upcoming legislative session
- And, many opportunities to reconnect with colleagues and to meet new ones!

In addition to service providers, we are anticipating attendance by a number of self-advocates and family members, enabled in part by a grant from the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities. We believe that the information communicated at this convention is an essential part of the services and supports for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Texas. On behalf of the Board of Directors, we welcome you to the convention and hope that it will increase your knowledge and understanding of this field. Have a wonderful time at the convention and enjoy always exciting Houston.

Pat

Pat Craig, Ph.D.
AAIDD Texas Chapter
Convention Committee Chair



SPECIAL EVENTS

Opening Session

Wednesday, July 7, 9 - 11am

Intellectual Disability in the 21st Century: Imagining a Bright Future

Michael L. Wehmeyer, Ph.D., AAIDD President, Professor of Special Education, University of Kansas

This keynote presentation will examine the changing landscape in how disability is understood, worldwide, how that has been incorporated into how intellectual disability is understood, and the ways in which these changing understandings will impact the delivery of supports and services in the coming years.

Silent Auction

Wednesday, July 7, 11:30am - 4:30pm

Thursday, July 8, 8am - 3pm

Back by popular demand is the AAIDD – Texas Chapter Silent Auction. Show your support for the association and participate in the Silent Auction. If you have an item that you would like to donate, contact Melissa Rasco at 210/647-0191 ext. 301 or by email at mrasco@calabinc.com. Proceeds from the auction will help support the Convention. See you there!

AAIDD Texas Chapter Awards Luncheon

Thursday, July 8, Noon - 1:15pm

We all know dedicated persons who are serving persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Help honor this year's award recipients in all five categories:

- Helen G. FitzSimmons Leadership Award
- Knowledge Award for Excellence in Education or Research
- Support Award for Excellence in the Provision of Direct Supports
- Empowerment Award for Excellence in Promotion of Self-Advocacy
- Student Award for Excellence in Knowledge, Support or Empowerment

Closing Session

Friday, July 9, 9 - 11am

Continental Breakfast will be provided

State Leaders Panel Discussion

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 - Coyle Kelly, Provider Alliance for Community Services of Texas (PACSTX)
 - Carole Smith, Executive Director, Private Providers Association of Texas (PPAT)
 - Chris Traylor, Commissioner, Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS)
 - Self-Advocate Representative, TBA
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SCHEDULE-AT-A-GLANCE



Tuesday, July 6

1 – 5pm

Registration

1 – 4:30pm

Pre-Convention Workshops

1 – 5pm

Exhibit Hall/Silent Auction Set-up

5 – 7pm

Reception (Cash Bar)

7pm

AAIDD Texas Chapter Board of Directors and Convention Committee Meeting/Dinner

Wednesday, July 7

8am – 5pm

Registration

8 – 9am

Continental Breakfast

9 – 11am

Opening Session

11 – 11:30am

AAIDD Texas Chapter Annual Business Meeting

11:30am – 4:30pm

Exhibit Hall/Silent Auction Open

11:30am – 1:30pm

Lunch (on your own)

1:30 – 2:45pm

Breakout Sessions

2:45 – 3:15pm

Break (Exhibit Hall)

3:15 – 4:30pm

Breakout Sessions

Evening Event (optional)

**Houston Astros vs
Pittsburg Pirates
@ Minute Maid Park**

Thursday, July 8

8am – 5pm

Registration

8 – 9am

Continental Breakfast

8am – 3:15pm

Exhibit Hall Open

8am – 3pm

Silent Auction Open

9 – 10:15am

Breakout Sessions

10:15 – 10:45am

Break (Exhibit Hall)

10:45am – Noon

Breakout Sessions

Noon – 1:15pm

Awards Luncheon

1:30 – 2:45pm

Breakout Sessions

2:45 – 3:15pm

Break (Exhibit Hall)

3pm

Silent Auction Closes

3:15 – 4:30pm

Breakout Sessions

4:30 – 5pm

Silent Auction Pick-up

6 – 7:30pm

Reception (Cash Bar)

Friday, July 9

8 – 11am

Registration

8 – 9am

Continental Breakfast

9 – 11am

Closing Session



Hot Dogs, Peanuts & the Boys of Summer

“Life will always throw you curves, just keep fouling them off ... the right pitch will come, but when it does, be prepared to run the bases.”

~Rick Maksian

Come on out to Minute Maid Park Wednesday, July 7 to cheer on the Houston Astros. The ‘Stros will battle the Pittsburg Pirates. Bus departs Westin Galleria at 5:30pm and game time is 7:05pm. This optional event is \$40 and includes ticket & transportation to and from the game.

CONVENTION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday, July 6

1 – 5pm
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1-4:30pm
Pre-Convention Workshops

*Must be registered for Convention to attend
Pre-Convention Workshops*

Texas Young Autism Project: Why does little Johnny do that?

Functional Assessment is the process of determining the reinforcing variable(s) maintaining problem behavior. Parents, and treatment personnel alike, must be able to hypothesize about the function of problem behavior, real-time, in environments where the function of behavior can vary widely depending on the stimulus conditions. This workshop will outline the common reinforcing variables analyzed during a functional assessment, will elucidate common mistakes made when addressing problematic behaviors, will teach treatment personnel and parents how to hypothesize about the functions of behavior, real-time, and will provide behavioral prescriptions for aberrant behaviors commonly associated with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

- Gerald E. Harris, Ph.D. BCBA-D Clinical Director, Texas Young Autism Project
- Trae Drake, Case Supervisor and Research Director, Texas Young Autism Project

Ethical Issues in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities - 2010

This preconference workshop will address key ethical issues in services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. An overview will be provided of several codes of ethics, including NASW, APA, AAIDD Guidelines to Professional Conduct, and the National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals. Key areas in which ethical issues arise will be highlighted, such as consent, service eligibility, and loving relationships. The perspective of advocacy organizations, as well as self-advocates, will be presented. Finally, there will be open discussion of the key ethical issues being faced currently by professionals in the field, as identified by the participants.

- Ellis M. (Pat) Craig, Ph.D., Psychologist, Consultant
- Chance Heinsohn, J.D., Senior Regional Attorney, Advocacy, Inc.
- Joanna Jones, LCSW, St. Giles Living Centers, Inc.
- Ollie J. Seay, Ph.D., Director, Health Psychology Program, Texas State University – San Marcos

1 – 5pm
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Breakout Sessions

1. ABA-Skip: A DARS Autism Project

Applied Behavior Analysis has continuously been empirically validated by research to improve the outcomes of children with Autism. Early intervention is the key to better outcomes for children with Autism. This presentation will review the basics of Applied Behavior Analysis. It will discuss the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitation Services' grant programs in the state, as well as give an overview of Harris County's model. Along with the program model explanation, several case studies will be presented. The case studies will look at decreasing behaviors of children with autism over the course of 3 and 6 months of enrollment as well as look at academic skill acquisition during this time period.

- Melinda B. Benjumea, LPA, LPC, Program Director, MHMRA of Harris County
- Amanda Sitomer, MA, BCBA, Program Manager, ABA-Skip, MHMRA of Harris County

2. Support Role of Special Education Teachers in Natural Disasters

This presentation examines the role of the teacher in supporting students with disabilities and their families in a natural disaster. The extant literature is illuminated by four cases of teachers who taught students with significant disabilities in schools that were directly impacted by Hurricane Ike. These teachers, as well as their students, were forced to evacuate in advance of the storm, but continued to provide social as well as instructional supports following the disaster. Suggested are essential supports that educators of students with disabilities may provide to students and their families to mitigate the negative effects of disaster.

Elizabeth McAdams Ducey, M.Ed., Doctoral Student, Educational Psychology, Texas A&M University

3. Rehab Therapy for Individuals with Dual Diagnosis

This presentation is a breakdown of mental health rehabilitation and the benefits it offers to dually diagnosed individuals. It will include treatment planning, objectives and outcomes, and methods of teaching/individualizing the curriculum. Will include three individual case studies, illustrating various symptoms of mental illness and how these individuals have improved their quality of life through learning how to manage and cope with symptoms of their mental illness.

Jennifer Lopez-Nieto, BS, Rehab Specialist, Hill Country Community MHMR

4. What You Should Know: An Inside Look at Assessments

In this presentation, I am going to examine the questions used in various assessments that are used to create, "Person Centered Plans". From a Consumer's perspective, I will examine the current questions and give examples of useful and non-useful questions. I will also give suggestions on how professionals can improve assessments and really learn about the people they serve.

Paula Ong, Self Advocate, MHMRA of Harris County

2:45 – 3:15pm

Break (Exhibit Hall)

Wednesday, July 7 continued

3:15 – 4:30pm Breakout Sessions

1. Intellectual Disability: Definition, Classification & Systems of Supports - 2010

An overview of AAIDD's 11th edition of a terminology and classification manual will be presented by two of the authors. Definitional and classification issues will be addressed, along with recommended diagnostic assessment approaches. Rationales for changes in the AAIDD system will be discussed. A continuing emphasis on supports will be described. Other areas covered in the manual will also be highlighted, such as etiology, clinical judgment, and public policy.

- Michael L. Wehmeyer, Ph.D., AAIDD President, Professor of Special Education, University of Kansas
- Ellis M. (Pat) Craig, Ph.D., Consultant Psychologist

2. Technological Advances Supporting Individuals with Developmental Disabilities

Recent technological innovations for service delivery and training of caregivers, instructors, clinician: (1) Diagnostic protocol utilizing video-conferencing. (2) Functional skills training by task analysis through video modeling. (3) An autism rehabilitative clinic design; the building itself therapeutic. (4) A Second Life environment introducing novice teachers and caregivers to challenging behavior. (5) Behavior analysis practicum students supervised through web cam; pertinent communication between various settings, i.e. residences, school, and clinic, via blogging and other social networking methods. (6) Lastly, new projects include affective computing technology for social skills developing, simulation training for caregivers and for vocational training for adults with IDD.

- Alonzo Andrews, M.A., Director, Autism Treatment Center in San Antonio
- Cheryl Fielding, Ph.D., Associate Professor, The University of Texas-Pan American
- John Lowdermilk, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, The University of Texas-Pan American

3. Music and Behavior: Does One Affect the Other?

Music and behavior: Does one affect the other? If somebody asked you this question, how would you answer? This simple question actually yields a complex answer. In this session, we will explore the various ways that music and behavior can and/or do affect one another. We will take a look at the traits of music that are known to affect behavior, the ways the music has proven to affect people's behavior and the various ways that music is being utilized as a therapy and in the public to shape behaviors.

Lauri M. Gallegos, M.A., Music Therapist, Richmond State Supported Living Center

4. Raising a Son With Aspergers: A Father's Perspective

This session will help bring to light the complexities of families who have children with Asperger's disorder from a father's perspective and how this affects the overall family dynamics. Understanding these dynamics can better prepare providers for the services they will need to provide. During this panel presentation these families will give insight into the transformation of their family, their belief systems, responsibilities, parenting skills, and transformation from parents to advocates. These families will also share obstacles in their sons' lives and how as fathers they have overcome them.

Kysha Martin, Direct Care Specialist, MHMRA of Harris County

5:30pm Bus departs Westin Galleria for Astros Baseball Game - Space is limited (or evening on your own)

7:05pm. Astros vs. Pittsburgh Pirates Baseball Game (or evening on your own)





Thursday, July 8

8am – 5pm
Registration

8 – 9am
Continental Breakfast

8am – 3:15pm
Exhibit Hall Open

8am – 3pm
Silent Auction Open

9 – 10:15am
Breakout Sessions

1. 1. Practice Issues in Psychology

This presentation will be a discussion group that focuses on current practice issues in the field of psychology as it relates to the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities. Discussion will focus on such current practice issues as new diagnostic tools and the new AAIDD Definition Manual. An update on legislative issues that relate to the practice of psychology and issues being addressed by professional psychology organizations will be provided.

- Charlotte M. Kimmel, Ph.D., Director of Psychology Services, Mexia State Supported Living Center
- Ellis M. (Pat) Craig, Ph.D., Consultant Psychologist
- Ollie Seay, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist, Texas State University

2. Aging with DD: It Ain't No Place for Sissies

As recently as 50 years ago, having a developmental disability also meant that one's lifespan was greatly decreased from that of the non-DD population. These days, individuals with developmental disabilities have life experiences similar to the non-DD population. With longer lifespan, however, have come all of the usual chronic illnesses of old age that many of us will experience as we age. Diabetes, cardiac and respiratory issues, thyroid problems and dementias are becoming more common, with some medical conditions having an even higher incidence in the DD population. People who provide supportive services for those with a developmental disability are key to improving and helping to maintain a higher quality of life for the individuals they support. With knowledge about the signs and symptoms found in the aging person coupled with their cumulative knowledge of DD, the staff can provide the most optimal care and support that is geared to each aging individual's needs.

Georgia Swank, MS, RN, CDDN, Director of Clinical Development, National Support Team, Pharmacy Alternatives, LLC

3. Employing Cultural Competence in Psychotherapy: The Process

The concept of cultural competence within the field of psychology and mental health practice has been a long-term goal of such organizations as the American Psychological Association and the American Psychiatric Association. Over the past decade, researchers have investigated ways in which psychologists and other mental health practitioners can develop, implement and practice within a framework of cultural competence that moves away from 20th century practices of forcing individuals to assimilate into a broader culture and moves into serving a pluralistic society by incorporating individual cultural characteristics of clients within the psychotherapeutic process.

Ronda S. Reyna, M.A., Licensed Specialist in School Psychology, Doctoral Student in School Psychology, University of Houston

Thursday, July 8 continued

9 – 10:15am

Breakout Sessions continued

4. Empowerment: Moving Out of the Shadows

Persons with disabilities have been excluded from the decision-making process of service delivery. The World Health Organization, (WHO), in collaboration with international advocacy groups, has developed strategies that address ways to enhance empowerment and lessen stigma for persons with disabilities. The presentation will cover the history of stigma and the WHO.

Jose Ramirez, Jr., LCSW, Department Director for Network Services, MHMRA of Harris County

10:15 – 10:45am

Break (Exhibit Hall)

10:45am – Noon

Breakout Sessions

1. Behavioral and Medical Considerations for Aging Populations

Certain considerations are recommended when working with an aging population with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Often as individuals age, they experience changing biopsychosocial environments including sensorial and motor impairments, loss of supports and changes in cognitive functioning. Such changes in daily living can often result in varying behavioral functions and contingencies. In order to best serve this population and make positive change happen within it, an understanding of the aging process combined with considerations for the alterations in behavioral, environmental, social, cognitive and medical needs is imperative.

- Deb Grossett, Ph.D., BCBA, Director of Behavior Services, The Center
- Kay R. Lewis, M.D., The Center
- Kari Rote, UHCL Graduate Student, Behavior Therapist, The Center

2. DADS Supported Employment Training and Technical Assistance Initiative

Presenters will discuss the progress of the DADS Supported Employment Initiative. At the time of the conference, staff from DADS, three Community Centers and the State Employment Leadership Network will have presented at four forums around Texas regarding Supported Employment and ways to increase the number of consumers who want to work that obtain and maintain a job in the community. Presenters will also discuss coordination processes between DADS and the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS), and federal and state work incentives.

- Adrienne Nevola, Masters of Public Health, Policy Specialist, Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS)
- Susan Reed, M.A.H.S., Program Director, Employment Connections, MHMRA of Harris County
- Robert Williams, M.Ed., Director, IDD Employment Services, MHMRA of Harris County

3. Advocacy in the Hispanic Community

Harris County, in particular the municipality of Houston, has one of the largest Hispanic communities in Texas. This growing population enhances the opportunity to become an advocate for persons with disabilities. This presentation will focus on how an individual may become an advocate, and conversely influence how an organization may be supportive of an advocate.

- Faustino Lopez, Community Advocate
- Consuelo Martinez-Elizondo, Community Resource & Training Specialist, MHMRA of Harris County
- Jose Ramirez, Jr., LCSW, Department Director for Network Services, MHMRA of Harris County
- Myrta Torres, B.A., Outreach Coordinator, The Arc of Greater Houston

4. Parental Grief for the Unexpected Child

Families with children who have been diagnosed with an intellectual and developmental disability experience cycles of grief throughout the child's lifetime. The goal of this presentation is to provide insight to professionals working with this population in order to increase awareness of what these families are potentially experiencing.

Molly H. Howard, LBSW, Service Coordination Supervisor, Heart of Texas Region MHMR

Noon – 1:15pm

Awards Luncheon

1:30 – 2:45pm

Breakout Sessions



**1. Context and Behavioral Supports –
When Will We Learn?**

Often, at any level of an organization, challenging behavior is discussed, assessed, tracked, and addressed in terms of its topography. Topography is important when designing safety measures or assessing intensity, although it is of little other importance. Significant gains have been achieved in understanding the relationship of context and behavior. Nevertheless, context too often is not factored into the decision-making process regarding behavior. This presentation examines contextual variables for challenging behavior, including those generally not considered, examines their utility, and prompts the audience (and presenter) to self-examine their own level of consideration of context in relation to behaviors of concern.

Jim Forbes, M.Ed., BCBA, Director of Behavioral Services, Lubbock State Supported Living Center

2. The Basics of Nutrition Planning

The presentation will cover the basic stages of meal planning, preparation and presenting. Special topics in nutrition for multiple populations in varying levels of developmental stages will be covered. Tips and topics will be offered for those who face more challenging nutrition speed bumps.

Danielle Wiltz, MA, RD, LD, Consulting Dietitian, D.E. Wiltz

**3. Real Solutions for Real People in
Real Communities**

This presentation will be an interactive discussion about how to assess the needs of individuals we support, and then based on the needs determined where to find resources to support these needs. This presentation will cover health, social, psychiatric, and behavioral needs and resources.

*Michelle Garcia, Psy.D., Clinical Psychologist,
Michelle Garcia-Thomas, Psy.D.*

**4. R-E-S-P-E-C-T...Find Out What It
Means to Me**

One of the greatest challenges for managers is to create and maintain a productive, positive work culture. Key to this goal is fostering respectful interactions among staff, consumers, and visitors—all stakeholders. This presentation will explore the various ways in which service systems have promoted respectful work cultures, with specific ideas and techniques for leaders to consider for use in their own organizations.

*Maria Quintero, Ph.D., Assistant Deputy Director,
MHMRA of Harris County*

2:45 – 3:15pm

Break (Exhibit Hall)

3pm

Silent Auction Closes

3:15 – 4:30pm

Breakout Sessions

**1. Risk Assessment Procedures for Persons
with Cognitive Disabilities**

This presentation will be provided by psychologists who are involved in providing risk assessments for individuals who are preparing to transition to a community placement from Mexia State Supported Living Center. The presentation will address risk assessment instruments and their application to a specialized population. In addition, the presentation will use case examples and draw upon participant experiences as well as discussing the variety of issues that affect the development of a risk assessment for a person with cognitive disabilities.

- *Nedra H. Francis, MA, LPA, LSSP, Psychology Doctoral Intern, Mexia State Supported Living Center*
- *Andrew Griffin, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist, Mexia State Supported Living Center*
- *Charlotte M. Kimmel, Ph.D., Director of Psychology Services, Mexia State Supported Living Center*



Thursday, July 8 continued

3:15 – 4:30pm

Breakout Sessions - continued

2. Cultural Diversity in Caring for Persons with IDD

Caring for persons with an intellectual and developmental disability is a life long obligation. Parents/Guardians of persons with IDD are often faced with many challenges for accessing services for their young/adult children. The panel session will have representation from African American, Asian, Caucasian and Hispanic groups. They will share their experiences, both triumphs and frustrations, in their journey in caring for their children.

Ken Collins, MSW, Deputy Director for Intellectual Development Disability Division, MHMRA of Harris County

3. Staff Retention in Human Service Organizations

This session will focus on unique ways to enhance staff retention within your organization. The costs associated with high turnover can be very substantial and lead to high costs. In the current work environment staff retention can often be the difference in success or failure of a company.

Dion White, Chief of Services, Central Plains Center

4. Active Treatment: Creative Ways to Enhance People's Lives

Providing active treatment isn't always easy but it can be AND it can be fun and interesting at the same time. This presentation will examine the basic principles of active treatment and explore new and creative ways to make it exciting. Creating active treatment programs is not only essential to meet the requirements of regulations but is necessary to ensure the people served are receiving the services they are entitled to. All of these needs can be met while creating interesting, creative, and fun treatment plans. I will show you how! Don't miss this new approach to active treatment!!!

Roni Jo Frazier, M.Ed., Program Director Clinical Services, MHMRA of Harris County

4:30 – 5pm

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6 – 7:30pm
Reception
Poster Presentations

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Thursday, July 8 6 – 7:30pm Reception & Poster Presentations

Coffee's Ready – A Program for Adults with Asperger's

Roni Jo Frazier, M.Ed., Program Director Clinical Services, MHMRA of Harris County

ADAPT – Adult Developmental and Psychiatric Treatment

Roni Jo Frazier, M.Ed., Program Director Clinical Services, MHMRA of Harris County

Rodney Keller, Direct Care Manager, MHMRA of Harris County

Can You Hear Me Now?

Faye London, LMSW, Social Worker, MHMRA of Harris County

Best Practices in Psychotropic Medication Management for Autism

Ronda S. Reyna, M.A., Licensed Specialist in School Psychology, Doctoral Student in School Psychology, University of Houston

Psychotropic Medication Use in Children with Autism

Allison G. Dempsey, Ph.D., NCSP, Assistant Professor, School Psychology Program, University of Houston

Robin Goin-Kochel, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Division of Psychology, Department of Pediatrics, Baylor College of Medicine/Texas Children's Hospital

Sarah Mire, MA, LSSP, NCSP, Ph.D. Student, School Psychology Program, University of Houston

Kerri Nowell, MA, LSSP, Research Associate, Baylor College of Medicine/Texas Children's Hospital

G. Thomas Schanding Jr., Ph.D., LSSP, NCSP, Assistant Professor, Interim Co-Director of Training, School Psychology Program, University of Houston



GENERAL INFORMATION

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/TAMR and mail payment (or photocopy of your purchase order) to: American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Texas Chapter/TAMR, P.O. Box 28076, Austin, TX 78755.**

Hotel Information

The Westin Galleria
5060 W. Alabama
Houston, TX 77056

Phone Reservations: 800/228-3000 (Be sure to mention The Westin Galleria, Houston, TX and AAIDD Texas Chapter Annual Convention)

Online Reservations: <http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/book/aag03>

Rates: \$115.00 single/double occupancy

Check-in time is 3 p.m.; check-out time is noon.

Call the hotel by **June 14, 2010** to ensure the special rate and room availability. Reservations requested after cut-off date will be subject to space and rate availability. Complimentary covered self-parking. Valet parking is \$27.00/day.

Transportation

Ground transportation to/from George H. Bush Intercontinental Airport (approximately \$25/person one-way) or William P. Hobby Airport (approximately \$20/person one-way) is available through SuperShuttle. For reservations, contact SuperShuttle at 800/258-3826. The shuttle pick-up location is curbside near the lower level baggage claim area at each airport. Rental car agencies are located at both airports.

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 convention attendees on a _____ 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.

Continuing Education Units

CEUs are available for ALL sessions at the Convention this year at no charge. Prior to attending any session, pick up the CEU forms at the registration desk. Certificates will be available after completion of each session. The association thanks Austin Travis County MHMR Center for sponsoring the convention CEUs and Ken Kiff, Human Resources, for processing the applications.

MORE GENERAL INFORMATION



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 2011 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 full convention fee (\$180). 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: 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 7 and 8 a.m. – 3:15 p.m., Thursday, July 8. Exhibitor set-up begins on Tuesday, July 6 from 1 – 5 p.m. Exhibits need to be ready by 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 7. Tear down begins at 3:15 p.m. on Thursday, July 8 with all displays removed by 5 p.m. Please contact Pat Holder at 512/349-7470 for display table availability and assignments.

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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Please print/type Mr. Ms. Dr. Rev. Sr.

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Nickname
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Job Title		Employer	

AAIDD MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES & DUES (SELECT ONE)

<p>_____ Active Member-For disability professionals who wish to stay current on the latest developments in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities. Includes our highly ranked journals <i>Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities</i> and <i>the American Journal on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities</i>; FYI-the Association's monthly electronic newsletter, and access to <i>Washington Watch</i>. Includes member discounts at conferences; discounts on books and other publications; and reduced rates for posting classified advertisements on AAIDD's Career Center, our online career service where resumes are posted for free. Active Member Dues \$165</p>	<p>_____ Active Sustaining Member-For current and future leaders in our field who wish to support research, policy, advocacy, and service the Mission of the Association. Active Sustaining Member Dues \$260</p>
<p>_____ Active Young Professional/Direct Support Professional Member-For college graduates who are new to the disability field and for individuals who are on the "frontlines" of service delivery and have incomes less than \$25,000 per year. Includes general Active Member benefits of, and on line access to either <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities</i>, OR <input type="checkbox"/> <i>The American Journal on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities</i>, Active Young Professional/Direct Support Professional Member Dues \$75</p>	<p>_____ Active Family Member/Self-Advocate Member-For individuals with disabilities and family members who have incomes less than \$25, 000 per year. Includes general Active Member benefits of, and on line access to either <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities</i>, OR <input type="checkbox"/> <i>The American Journal on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities</i>. Active Family Member/Self-Advocate Member Dues \$75</p>
<p>_____ Active Student Member-Reduced-price membership for full time students preparing for a disability related career. Requires confirmation of student standing from faculty advisor. Active member benefits. College/University _____ Graduation Date _____ Active Student Member Dues \$50</p>	<p>_____ Active Electronic Member-For electronically savvy disability professionals who wish to access their information by electronic means only. Active E-Member Dues \$165</p>

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By joining these professional groups you can tailor your membership to benefit your needs.

Administration	Communication Disorders	Community Services	Creative Arts Therapies
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Total Dues Enclosed	\$ _____
Credit Card Information: <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard	<input type="checkbox"/> Check enclosed payable to AAIDD
Account Number _____	Expiration Date _____
Name on Account _____	Signature _____

REGISTRATION

Use separate form for each participant. Photocopies may be used.
Also register online at www.aaiddtx.org

Cancellation Policy:
No refunds will be given after **June 14, 2010**;
however, substitutions will be permitted.

Name _____ Job Title _____

Employer/Agency/Organization _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Registration Fees

	Early Bird until 6/14/10	After 6/14/10 and on-site
Full Convention - Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$180	<input type="checkbox"/> \$230
Full Convention - Non-Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$230	<input type="checkbox"/> \$280
Daily Rate	<input type="checkbox"/> \$90	<input type="checkbox"/> \$125
Guest/Spouse	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50
Pre-Convention Workshop	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50
Houston Astros Baseball Game	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40

Fees for full convention attendees include Wednesday-Friday sessions, daily coffee breaks and receptions and Thursday awards luncheon. The daily rate includes the sessions, coffee breaks and meal functions scheduled on that day. **You must be registered for the convention to attend the Pre-Convention Workshops.**

Group Discount: Take \$15.00 off per person from the full registration fee with three or more from your facility/agency/company.

Convention Sponsorship

(please indicate preferred level)

- Diamond \$1,000 Platinum \$750
 Gold \$500 Silver \$250 Bronze \$100

If you are interested in Event Sponsorship, contact Pat Holder at 512/349-7470.

Exhibitor Information

	Early Bird until 6/14/10	After 6/14/10 and on-site
Exhibit Fee	<input type="checkbox"/> \$550	<input type="checkbox"/> \$600

Exhibit fee includes one registration. Other company representatives will need to pay the full convention fee (\$180). Each exhibit display includes one 6-foot skirted table and two chairs.

Membership Application Fee

Join AAIDD Texas Chapter now. See enclosed application and attach with registration form. If you sign up now, you can register at the member rate. Prorated fees available for new members only. Membership to AAIDD is an **individual** membership.

- I am joining as a new member (Prorated-\$82.50)
 I am rejoining at the full member fee (Annual-\$165)

Method of Payment

- Check enclosed payable to AAIDD Texas Chapter/TAMR
 VISA Mastercard AMEX Discover

Card # _____

Expiration Date _____

Name on Credit Card _____

Billing Address _____

Signature _____

Amounts Enclosed

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Houston Astros Game	\$ _____
Convention Sponsorship	\$ _____
Exhibitor Display Fee	\$ _____
Membership Application Fee	\$ _____
Subtotal	\$ _____
Less Discount	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

Please contact the AAIDD office if you have any special needs or for general questions:
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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 2010 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 receptions and Thursday awards luncheon. Hotel accommodations will be based on double occupancy at the Westin Galleria. Stipend recipients are responsible to make their own arrangements for meals and transportation.

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 14, 2010**. To obtain stipend applications and eligibility verification forms, contact Lisa Shelby at 512/804-3175.