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## **Free Virtual Conference for Children with Special Health Needs Tyler, Texas (Monday, February 22, 2021)**

This Saturday, February 27th, from 9:15 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., Texas Parent to Parent (TxP2P) is partnering with NET Health and with Tyler ISD to deliver the 5th Annual East Texas P2P Conference that is open for any parent of any child with a special health care need to attend.

Texas Parent to Parent (TxP2P) empowers families to be strong advocates through parent-to-parent support, resource referral, and education. TxP2P also educates professionals about the unique needs of families of children with special health care needs and is dedicated to championing the efforts of a diverse set of parent support groups and advocacy on behalf of our children's well-being.

### **Registration and attendance is FREE!**

Any parent in East Texas can attend this Saturday's free event that will be held virtually for anyone to attend from the comfort of their home on their preferred mobile device. Register at [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUtcOqsqT4jGNE1ZGMlyNYyQT\\_SzOvmz16F](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUtcOqsqT4jGNE1ZGMlyNYyQT_SzOvmz16F)

After you complete the free registration process, you will receive a link to select one morning session and one afternoon session that you would like to view.

In addition, a limited number of respite stipends will be made available after the virtual conference for families who have an in-home respite provider.

### **About Texas Parent to Parent (TxP2P)**

In December 2001, a committed group of parents and professionals began forming Texas Parent to Parent (TxP2P), drawing on their experiences as parents and as professionals in child and family service organizations.

In 2002, TxP2P received its first grant from the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities to create a medical residency program called [MEd](#). Through this program, TxP2P trains Pediatric and Family Practice residents and other health care professionals about the challenges of living and caring for a child or youth with special health care needs.

In 2004, TxP2P received federal funding through the Center for Medicare and Medicaid and later the Maternal Child Health Bureau to serve as Texas' sole [Family to Family Health Care Information Center](#) (F2F HIC). This grant provided additional funding for parent support and trainings on health care issues across the state.

**[Click here to learn more about the history and advocacy of TxP2P.](#)**