



STATEWIDE CONFERENCE OF EDUCATION OF THE DEAF / HARD OF HEARING

July 10-12, 2018
Grapevine, TX



Dear Parents,

Hello! You and your family are invited to join us at the biennial 2018 Statewide Conference of Education of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing. The conference will be July 10-12, 2018 at the [Hilton DFW Lakes Conference Center](http://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/DFW-Lakes-Conference-Center) in Grapevine, TX. (1800 Highway 26E Grapevine, TX 76051).

We have discounted conference rates for parents as well as free childcare. This event gives you the opportunity to meet and mingle with other families with children who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing. This is also a great time to meet and learn from amazing professionals and presenters from across the state about how to help your children succeed.

Save the dates now so that your family will be able to attend this memorable event! Registration is available online: <http://www.swced.org/Registration/Family/>

- The conference registration fee is \$50 per family and includes two adult conference registrations.
- Families must have at least one child who is d/Deaf or Hard of Hearing to qualify for the reduced rate and for free childcare services.
- If you have a high school student, they may attend for free. They must register to be able to attend.
- Any special accommodation requests, such as interpreters, etc. for any attendee must be submitted with your registration to allow time for needs to be considered and arrangements to be made, if approved.

Onsite childcare programs will be available on July 10-11, and a half-day on July 12th.

- The childcare programs are free and are open to your children who are d/Deaf or Hard of Hearing and their hearing siblings, aged 6 months to 14 years of age.
- Pre-registration for childcare is required to reserve a space.
- Childcare availability is on a first come, first served basis, so please register early.
- **Onsite childcare registration will NOT be available.** Childcare availability for children with special medical and/or behavioral needs is dependent on child/staff ratios.

A discounted hotel rate of \$165.00 (plus tax) is available at the Hilton DFW Lakes. To receive the reduced rate, you must mention you are attending the conference (SWCED). Make your hotel reservations early in order to secure a room. Visit the conference website for more information: <http://www.swced.org/Conference/Hotel-Information/>

Monday evening we will have a low cost fun family event. The details are in the works and we will keep the website updated as information becomes available (<http://www.swced.org/Conference/Family-Information/>).

For questions, please contact Shelly Bergeron at shelly.bergeron@tsd.state.us.tx or 512-462-5447.

Thank you,

SWCED Family Involvement Committee