



Dear Parents,

Hello! You and your family are invited to join us at the biennial 2024 Statewide Conference of Education of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing. The conference will be July 23 - 25, 2024 at the AT&T Hotel & Conference Center (1900 University Avenue Austin, TX 78705). 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: <https://swced.org/event/the-power-of-us>

#### Conference Registration:

- \$50 per 1 parent/guardian and any number of children. Additional parent/guardian \$25 each.
- 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.
- High school students may attend for free. They must register 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

- Childcare is available during the conference on July 23 - 25, 2024
- 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.

#### Hotel Accommodations

- A discounted hotel rate of \$131 - \$191 is available at The AT&T Hotel and Conference Center.
- 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: <https://swced.org/event/the-power-of-us/>

**Tuesday evening we will have a free fun family event with Karlie Waldrip, author of the book "I Deaf-initely Can" and her dog, Rhett the Heeler. More information is available at <https://swced.org/family-information/>.**

For questions, please contact us at [SWCEDFamilyInvolvement@gmail.com](mailto:SWCEDFamilyInvolvement@gmail.com).

Thank you,

*SWCED Family Involvement Committee*