

SWCED 2026 - Speakers and Presentations			In-Person Presentation	Online Presentation
PRESENTER	Presenter's Title	Presenters's Organization	CO-PRESENTER	TITLE OF PRESENTATION
Acapulco, Sarabeth	Itinerant Teacher of the DHH	West 10 RDSPD/Katy ISD	Cindy Servin	DHH and Dyslexia: Decoding the Puzzle
Acapulco, Sarabeth	Itinerant Teacher of the DHH	West 10 RDSPD/Katy ISD	Christi Villarreal	Communication Assessment Breakdown: Efficient yet Comprehensive Evaluations
Beaver, Nicole	Information and Resource Outreach Specialist	Texas School for the Deaf	N/A	Adapting Statewide Outreach Center Instructional Resources for Every Learner
Beaver, Nicole	Information and Resource Outreach Specialist	Texas School for the Deaf	N/A	Harnessing Artificial Intelligence (AI) to Transform Learning for Students Who Are Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Bellah, Edgenie	Family Engagement Coordinator	TX Deafblind Project/TX School for the Blind & Visually Impaired	Heather Lightfoot & Hillary Keys	Interactions & Connections: Following a Child's Lead in Conversation
Bencak, Jamie	Clinical Assistant Professor and Masters in Deaf Ed. Program Director	Lamar University	Jessica Beaty Bajan & Dr. M. Diane Clark	From Access to Advantage: Classroom Practices that Benefit Every Learner
Byrne, Anna	National Board Certified Deaf Education Teacher/BEI Certified Interpreter	NWHCCD (CFISD RDSPD)	Jessica Darvishi	Minimizing Misery in Mathematics
Cantu, Amy	Director of Speech Therapy Services	Texas Hearing Institute	N/A	Aural Rehabilitation - Bridging Gaps in Listening following CI Activation
Cantu, Amy	Director of Speech Therapy Services	Texas Hearing Institute	N/A	Building Expressive Communication Through Language Elicitation and Correction Strategies
Christman, Mariann	Director of Outreach and Development	Carter Hears!	Rylina Dey	Empowering Futures: How Language Facilitation Builds Strong Foundations and Unlocks Lifelong Growth
Clem, Corey	Parent	Self	Jessica Bolt	Two Paths, One Goal
Collins, Rachel	Deafblind Education Consultant	Texas Deafblind Project	Sarah Mossberger	The Competent Communication Partner Checklist: How To Turn Low Readability Communication Into Successful Interaction!
Courville, Kerri	Director	Southeast Tx RDSPD	Stephens, Peyton	Partnering for Progress with Clinical Specialists
Darr, Anne	Coordinator	ESC 11	N/A	Mission: Independence — Writing Strategies that Empower Student Self-Advocacy
Dehler, Diana	Assistant Director of Education	Texas Hearing Institute	LeBlanc, Kasie	Making Social Emotional Learning Accessible: Implementing SEL in toddler and preschool classrooms
Delgado, Yvonne	Special Education Coordinator for the Sensory Support Team	ESC Region 13	N/A	The 9 Principles of S.E.E. that Lead to Access to English and Success with English Literacy
Douglas, Michael	Engagement Manager	Cochlear	Sierra Schulte	How Cochlear Maximizes Each Child's Potential
Dowdy, Heather	Accessibility Catalyst & Tech Leader		N/A	Opening Session Keynote Address: Igniting Innovation to Power Up Deaf Futures
Garcia, Angela	Teacher of the Deaf	Region 4 RDSPD/Pasadena ISD	N/A	Top Secret: Unlocking the Power of Self-Advocacy
Gatzemeyer, Petra	Regional Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialist	ESC Region 11	N/A	Little Brains, Big Connections: Baby Brain Builders for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Infants and Toddlers
Gatzemeyer, Petra	Regional Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialist	ESC Region 11	Mari Hubig	Partnering with Parents: Meaningful Engagement in Early Intervention for Children Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing
Gonzales, Ana	Itinerant Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing	Medina Valley ISD	Caroline Horton	Agents of Inclusion: Where Deaf Culture and Access Thrive
Arlene Gonzalez	Senior Associate	Thompson & Horton LLP	Andria Miller	Legal Updates 2026
Heise, Emily	Statewide Coordinator of DHH Services	TEA	Jennifer Hunter & Twyla Loftin	Among Us
Henry, Michelle	Coordinator, Deaf/HH Studies Program	TCU	Dennae Shirley	Mission Possible — Supporting Families from Day One: One mission. One family. Endless possibilities.
Hernandez, Brooke	Deaf Ed Teacher	Dallas RDSPD	Emily Selee & Sarah Rose	Collaboration in Action: Innovative Co-Teaching Practices
Hess, Mary Catherine	Training and Education Manager	HHS Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services	Aaron Waheed	Certificate of Deafness for Tuition Waiver (CODTW) Program, Presented by HHS Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services
Hess, Mary Catherine	Training and Education Manager	HHSC-DHH	Aaron Mowell, Director	STAP 101 - Specialized Telecommunications Assistance Program
Hess, Mary Catherine	Training and Education Manager	HHS Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services	Aaron Mowell & Aaron Waheed	HHS Programs Offered by Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services: Valuable Resources for Healthcare Providers and Their Patients
Hickman, Kari	SLP	West 10 RDSPD/Katy ISD	N/A	Beyond MLU: Unlocking the Data Hidden in Language Samples
Hodges, Leanna	Assistant Professor	Texas Woman's University	LaToria Tinsley	Bridging Roles: Collaborative Language Sampling for Deaf and Hard of Dearing Student Success
Howell, Rianne-Destiny "Rainy"	Teacher of the Deaf	Region 4 ESC in Pasadena	N/A	From Chaos to Cosmos: Organizing Deaf Ed. with Google Suite
Hunter, Jennifer	Special Education Specialized Supports Grant Facilitator	ESC Region 11	N/A	Vertically Aligning the TEKS for Students who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Johnson, Theresa	Associate Director, DeafTEC	National Technical Institute for the Deaf	Rick Postl	Essential Supports for College Success

Kelley, Paige Hutto	Regional Coordinator, Special Education, Region 4 RDSPD	Region 4 RDSPD	Stephanie Niemeyer	"Palette for Progress: Creating Access for Students Who Are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind"
Kiefer, Sarah	Deaf Education Coordinator	Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Education	N/A	Students Leading the Way with Student-Led IEPs and In-Services
King, Sara	SLP	Region 4 Education Support Center	Jade White, Sarah Giggs	AT Improv
LeBlanc, Kasie	Director of Education	Texas Hearing Institute	N/A	Beyond the Clipboard: Using Data to Drive Daily Instruction
Lee, Morgan	Teacher of the Deaf	Strong Foundations Consulting & Interpreting, LLC	N/A	Intersectionality, Language Deprivation, & You
Loftin, Twyla	Outreach Specialist	SOC	N/A	Being a Language Locksmith
McCormick, Marina	Assistant Director of Special Education	Region 4 RDSPD	N/A	Speed Coaching: Using a Coaching Approach for Better Results
McFarland, Kristyn	Teacher	West 10 RDSPD/Katy ISD	Jill Cleveland & Kari Hickman	From Gaps to Gains: A Standards-Based Checklist for Learners Who Are DHH
Metzger, Kelsey	Deaf/Hard-of-Hearing Parent Infant Advisor & Deaf Education Itinerant Teacher	Irving RDSPD	N/A	Full Circle: From DHH ECI Baby to DHH ECI Teacher
Norman, Carrie	SLP, LSLS AVED, D/HH Consultant	Collaborative Communications	N/A	Listening Assessments: What, When, How?
Norman, Carrie	SLP, LSLS AVED, D/HH Consultant	Collaborative Communications	N/A	Powerful Questions: Helping Others Develop Insight about Hearing Differences
Norman, Carrie	SLP, LSLS AVED, D/HH Consultant	Collaborative Communications	N/A	Ready to Learn? Executive Function and Learning Readiness for Students Who Are D/HH"
Perez, Kelsey	SLP	Texas Hearing Institute	N/A	Building Bridges: Communication Approaches for Students In Therapy Who are Deaf+
Perez, Kelsey	SLP	Texas Hearing Institute	N/A	From Babble to Words: Guiding Early Speech Sound Growth in Early Intervention
Pfeiffer, Kristin	Regional Coordinator	ESC Region 4	N/A	Breaking the Silence: Best Practices for Evaluating Students Who Are Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Robblee, Elizabeth	High School TODHH & DHH ECI 0-3	Brazos River RDSPD/Weatherford ISD	Banita Elkins	Together We Thrive: Creating Inclusive Peer Partnerships
Rosas, Dr. Nastassia	Volunteer	Listen to Sign, LLC	Maribel Tamez	Mission Possible: Deploying Probe Agents for Impact and Inclusion/Equipping First-Year Special Education Teachers to Lead with Equity, Understanding, and Confidence
Shaddox, Mary	Parent, Contract Diagnostician, and Retired RDSPD Supervisor	Greenville RDSPD (Retired)	N/A	Planning for the Future: A Parent's Perspective on Raising a Child who is DHH"
Soloman, Caroline	President	National Technical Institute of the Deaf	N/A	Closing General Assembly Keynote Address: It Takes an 'Ocean' to Make Waves for Each Deaf or Hard of Hearing Child
Strom, David	Director - RIT/NTID Project Fast Forward	RIT/NTID	N/A	Project Fast Forward: A Higher Education Pathway for DHH HS Students
Teague, Margaret	BiBi Teacher	Plano ISD	Bunny Jones Ashley Pullin	Beyond the Classroom: Building an Inclusive Environment for DHH
Trusty, Laura	Lead Interpreter	TCE RDSPD- GCCISD	N/A	How to Ethically Work with Difficult People
Wainscott, Sarah	Professor/Program Coordinator of Deaf Education	TWU	Leanna Hodges, Tonya Gary, Twyla Loftin	I Spy a Teacher! Cracking the CODE to SEED Your Own
Walker, Jen	Parent	N/A	N/A	Crossing Borders, Building Partnerships
Wanek, Julianna	Itinerant Teacher	Brazos Valley RDSPD	N/A	Supporting School-Age Students in Listening and Spoken Language Development
Williams, Melanie	Regional Coordinator	Region 4 RDSPD		Mentoring for Impact: Launching Mentoring Programs for Administrators
Zyrowski, Trisha	Director of Outreach and Development	Quill Model Enterprises	Mariann Christman	Language Equity in Action: Advancing Deaf Education Through the Quill Model