



CONFERENCE EDITION 2023 DBMAT: "We've Come so Far"

50th Annual Family Conference
~ September 16-17, 2023 ~

Agenda at a Glance

Saturday:

Time	Topic	Presenters
10:00 – 11:10 am	Welcome & Agency Introductions and Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TSBVI DB Outreach - Blind Children’s Program (“BCP”) - Hellen Keller National Center (“HKNC”) - Texas Workforce Commission (“TWC”) - HHSC’s DBMD Waiver Team - Texas Parent 2 Parent (“TxP2P”) <p>(They will be available during breaks and their contact info provided for follow-up questions.)</p>	DBMAT Board Emily Coleman & Kate Borg, TSBVI DB Outreach (5 min) Sarah Karmacharya & Michelle Haproff, BCP (5 min) New Rep., HKNC (5 min) Debbie Grimaldi, Jacob Garber, and Tara Higgins, TWC Deafblind Support (5 min) Rachel Perez, Mandy Martinez, & Kaili Hintz, HHSC’s LTSS Policy Team for DBMD Waiver (5 min) Linda Litzinger, TxP2P (5 min)
11:10 – 12:05	DBMAT: We’ve Come So Far	DBMAT Board as Moderators with Guest Panelists
12:05 – 12:15	Break	<i>Connect with Someone New</i>
12:15 – 1:00	Value of Family Engagement	Edgenie Bellah and TSBVI DeafBlind Outreach
1:00 – 2:00	Lunch with live Music	TSBVI Cafeteria Music Presented By Zach LaViola
2:00 – 3:30	DBMAT 50 YEARS STRONG Celebration (Group Picture) & AWARDS	DBMAT Board (Silverain meeting hall) Presentation by Rachel Allen
3:30 – 5:00	Family Fun Activities Hosted by TSBVI	TSBVI Team

Sunday:

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8:00 – 9:00 am	Hotel Breakfast	<i>Connect with Someone New</i>
9:00– 9:45 am	DBMAT Business Meeting	DBMAT Board Officers with support from TSBVI
9:45 -10:25 am	Legislative Update & Action Planning (Sign-up list to join the Committee)	Vivecca Hartman & Melanie Knapp
10:25 – 10:35 am	Break	<i>Connect with Someone New</i>
10:35 -11:20 am	Creating Personal Networks for Adults who are DeafBlind	Jennifer Vincent & Alaine Hinds
11:20 – 11:30	Closing Remarks	(Presentations will be loaded to our website shortly)