

True Colors

Experience an exciting adventure into your personality! Discover why you act, communicate and feel the way you do. You will also learn how different personalities can work together and why this is important to your PTA success!

How “2” University

Treasurers - are you asking yourself “what did I say I would do?” Have you listened intently to all the training but just not sure how ‘2’ actually do the job? This workshop will demonstrate how ‘2’ set up a budget, fill out a disbursement form, and complete fundraising and sales tax reports...and more!

Town Hall Meeting

What would you like PTA to hear? What is PTA’s vision for the next 5-10 years? What new initiatives is PTA looking at to service the Local PTAs? Take advantage of this opportunity for dialogue with Texas and National PTA officers and staff.

Building a Foundation

Join new PTA leaders to learn the “nuts & bolts” to lay the groundwork for a successful year! Gain access to parliamentary, program, and membership tools.

Advocacy for Healthy Kids

What are the policies that guide your child’s school and how can you be an active partner in that process? Learn how your PTA can play an important role at both the district and campus level. Bring your questions, ideas and success stories to share with others!

Parliamentary Review

Have you thought about what you could do to become a more knowledgeable leader? Discover the benefits that effective parliamentary procedure can bring to your PTA and other organizations in which you may be involved. Before attending this workshop, please download and study the bank of 300 questions from the National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP) website at www.parliamentarians.org.

(This review will prepare you for the NAP membership exam. The review is free and there is no obligation to take the exam following the review.)

Make a Joyful Noise with Laughter & Learning

Childhood is an exciting time of exploration, discovery and learning. Parents and teachers will be encouraged and equipped with creative methods using humor, creativity and playfulness to engage children in the serious business of education. Laughter and learning join hands in this lively, practical workshop.

The Art of Collaboration

Collaborating to create a work of art can help teach a group of children or adults the importance of teamwork and sharing ideas. This is an easy-going workshop that demonstrates a fun and creative way to pull a team together and create a work of art that artistically represents the overall group dynamic.

All-Pro Dads & iMom

Tony and Lauren Dungy’s All Pro Dad and iMOM programs help your school and PTA take the next step in family engagement. These monthly breakfasts for fathers and kids and mothers and their children feature good food, outstanding fun and meaningful conversation. Best of all, you can bring both programs to your school at absolutely no charge!

Teambuilding

People in every organization talk about building the team or working as a team, but few understand how to create the experience of teamwork and develop a sense of belonging that will ultimately lead to achieving your mission.

Developing Dynamic PTA Boards

Council and Area PTA leaders can use the Local PTA Board Orientation to support and train PTAs. This training combined with brain storming, goal setting and team building can support the growth and progress of Local PTAs and develop dynamic leadership.

Basics: Presidents

Being President is about leading others to become passionate about the mission and vision of PTA. Learn the tools you will need to develop relationships, manage volunteers and create a successful, efficient PTA. Bring your Local PTA bylaws for reference.

Basics: Treasurers

The Treasurer position is critical in realizing the goals of any organization, but PTA has all the information and resources you need to be confident and successful! From writing checks to making deposits and beyond, learn the ins-and-out of being a PTA Treasurer. Bring the Texas PTA Treasurer's Guide to this session. (Available in PTA Market)

Basics: Secretaries

The secretary position has wide-ranging responsibilities, requiring much more than simply being present at all board meetings. Secretaries should play an active role in communicating proper notice of any meetings and the distribution of necessary materials, such as agendas and minutes. Learn the tools of the trade to protect your PTA with accurate and comprehensive meeting records. Bring the Texas PTA Secretaries Guide to this session. (Available in PTA Market)

Basics: Membership

Learn the five R's of being an effective Membership Chair - Recruit, Record, Report, Remit, Recognize, and Retain. This workshop is a must for your membership tool box!

Basics: Bylaws & Standing Rules

Our governing documents are the building blocks of a successful PTA. Learn how your bylaws and standing rules can be an asset, rather than an obstacle. Review the steps to updating these documents, and gain an understanding of the approval process.

Discipline in the Home for Parent Sanity

Learn effective communication and discipline strategies in order to stop arguments and help eliminate stress in the home. In this training, parents will learn strategies that can be implemented immediately.

Kids in the Garden

Get ready to help your students learn in a whole new way - through a school garden! Learn why this is a great way to help raise science test scores, teach students a new skill and develop a passion for the outdoors and gardening. Get a step-by-step introduction on how to find partners and sponsors, plan your garden, set up work days and initiate a kid-friendly after-school garden club.

PTA Parent Education Programs

Parent Education is one of the most important services a PTA can provide. Explore the range of opportunities from stand alone workshop events to informative websites. Learn about free resources available through Texas PTA, but also discover parent education beyond the traditional workshop setting.

Legislative Action: Basics 101

Hear how you can be an active member in PTA's powerful voice for every child! From focus group participation to the upcoming legislative session to calls for action, learn how to become a powerful advocate for the children of Texas! Bring Legislative Action Guide to this session. (Available in PTA Market)

Arts-In-Education:

It's Not Just Reflections!

Is your Arts in Education Committee all about Reflections? Utilize your PTA's resources to not only promote Reflections, but to provide opportunities for students to participate in other fine arts programs. Explore new ideas and learn ways you can recruit new volunteers and encourage parents to join your PTA by supporting creative activities for children.

Texas Crime Stoppers Campus Programs

Crime Stoppers is a nonprofit, volunteer, citizen-directed organization that offers cash rewards for guaranteed anonymous tips via phone, web or text. This program is available 24/7 with over 500 campus programs in Texas. Hear how your campus can help achieve our goal of a safe school environment for every student.

Bucketology

Was your last interaction with a person uplifting or a "downer?" Did they have a positive impact and "fill your bucket," or were they more of a "dipper," leaving you with less? This energetic, interactive session will explore how we interact with others and how to build successful relationships!

SNUS...You Luz!

SNUS is a smokeless, spitless tobacco product of higher nicotine content than cigarettes. This new youth-appealing drug is on the rise, so learn how to help prevent children in your community from using this dangerous product.

Help Shape the Future of School Meals

In this presentation parents will be provided with the latest information about school nutrition. Current guidelines will be discussed as well as future directions and goals of the program. Parents will also be informed of opportunities for involvement.

Expectations

Parents and Teens: What expectations do we have of one another? Hear a panel of parents and teens interact to bring clarity in what builds strong relationships between parents and their children.

Understanding Diversity & Inclusion

Bridging the divide across different cultures is a catalyst for identifying and recruiting volunteers. This course will provide a common definition for diversity and inclusion while demonstrating how we can use those principles in our everyday lives.

Stop Bullying, Now!

Take a Stand. Lend a Hand. Stop Bullying Now! Bullying is NOT a rite of passage. Rather, it is a serious public health issue that affects countless young people every day. Whether you are a concerned parent, an educator or someone else who works with children, you can help stop bullying, and your first step is to attend this workshop.

Supporting your Dyslexic Child

Parent support groups are an effective resource to help your dyslexic child be successful in the classroom. Hear best practices and step-by-step methods for creating a support group for your own special needs community.

Texas PTA Reviews:

Working with Struggling PTAs

Learn the role of Council and Area PTAs working through the state review process. As an Area or Council PTA leader, Local PTAs rely on you for support, knowledge and direction. This hands-on workshop will cover some of the common issues found during the review process and how to utilize best-practices in assisting PTAs with a resolution.

The Basics Series: Tools for Success!

The Basics Series can be a vital tool in supporting Local PTAs. Review these informative training opportunities and discover best practices in utilizing these materials, and hear tips and tricks to enhance your presentations.

Basics: Presidents (cont)

Being President is about leading others to become passionate about the mission and vision of PTA. Learn the tools you will need to develop relationships, manage volunteers and create a successful, efficient PTA. Bring your Local PTA bylaws for reference.

Basics: Treasurers (cont)

The Treasurer position is critical in realizing the goals of any organization, but PTA has all the information and resources you need to be confident and successful! From writing checks to making deposits and beyond, learn the ins-and-out of being a PTA Treasurer. Bring the Texas PTA Treasurer's Guide to this session. (Available in PTA Market)

Building a Successful Reflections Program

Make your Reflections program the pride of your school! Reflections is one of PTA's flagship programs and can be a driving force in growing your PTA. Come prepared to share your success stories with other Local PTAs, and take home new ideas to improve your own program.

Taming the Money Monster

We live in a world of excessive spending, debt, and gross money mis-management. From an early age, our children are bombarded with advertisements that promote buying on credit, and "more of everything" will bring happiness. This practical workshop will share tools that parents of all ages can use to raise fiscally-fit children who can handle life responsibly.

Building for Success!

Strong membership provides the foundation for successful PTAs. Join us in this roundtable workshop to brainstorm and share creative, effective ways to adapt the Texas PTA membership theme to meet the needs of your community and grow your PTA!

Internet Resources to the Rescue

Is your PTA struggling to reach parents, teachers and students? Texas and National PTA have great resources just a click away! Come join this interactive workshop as we explore the many valuable resources available to you.

True Colors

Experience an exciting adventure into your personality! Discover why you act, communicate and feel the way you do. You will also learn how different personalities can work together and why this is important to your PTA success!

Make a Difference with "FitKids!"

Health and wellness in children is one of the leading factors in student achievement. Texas PTA is proud to partner with "FitKids" to help lead the way to active, healthy young adults. This easy-to-use program can be an extraordinary resource to bring together students, families and educators...and to have FUN!

Parent Teacher Education Connection: Supporting Student Success

The parent-teacher relationship has been proven to be a cornerstone of student achievement. Developed by the University of North Texas, this online curriculum educates beginning educators on the importance of collaborating with students' families. Learn how your PTA can use these online modules to improve student success.

Help is Just a Fingertip Away!

Want to know what schools must do legally to help struggling students? Have questions on special education legal requirements? Help is here and it's only a fingertip away! The Region 18 Education Service Center website has the answers you are looking for, and this session will guide you to resources that are user-friendly and accessible at no cost.

Board Building Basics

Let's Start Building an awesome board! Why? It's key to achieving PTA success. Building and leading a board is hard work, but definitely pays off. How do I recruit good leaders? How should I train them? This workshop will make your job easier with great ideas on volunteer recruitment and working strategically. What you learn can be applied to other groups in which you are involved.

Calling All Men!

PTA's MORE (Men Organized to Raise Engagement) alliance combines the strength of nine organizations to provide ways for men to become more engaged in their children's lives and education. Hear how this new partnership can benefit your PTA and get more dad's involved!

Sweet Drinks...Sour Results

Alcohol is the #1 drug of choice by Texas youth beginning at age twelve. Come learn why "alcopops" and alcohol energy drinks appeal to kids, fool adults, and are a serious health and safety concern. Tools, resources, and information will equip participants with action steps to prevent adolescent use.

Managing Change & Transition

As new boards are installed and new school years begin, the environment of change and transition escalates. Learn to identify the different phases of change, improve your ability to deal with those changes and minimize stress!

Internet Safety for Children, Parents and Educators

Katelyn LeClerc brings her experience with the Massachusetts State Police and Attorney General's Office to this workshop on Internet Safety. Hear practical advice for parents and educators on how to keep current with the trends in media: social networking, cell phones and computers, and how to teach children ways to stay safe online.

Successful Programs for PTSAs

Effective student and parent programming in secondary schools can be a moving target. Learn best-practices for identifying potential programs, planning and marketing, and establishing active programs as a core process for your PTSA.

Become a Green Ribbon School!

Conserving our natural resources and developing an appreciation for nature in our children is an important part of building a successful future for our communities. Your school can make a difference by adopting small, yet impactful, changes to benefit the environment and students. Hear how to make your school and Green Ribbon School!

Meeting the Needs of Your Community

Does your Council PTA have dreams of making a positive impact in your community? Don't go it alone! Learn how your Council PTA can reach its goals by teaming up with other nonprofit organizations to meet the needs in your community.

Emerging Priorities for PTAs

With an increased focus on the education of the Whole Child, PTA leaders are looking for additional resources to address this innovative model. Join State Chairs to learn how your Council PTA can better support Local PTAs in these new initiatives.

Organizing is Just the Beginning!

The first year can be critical for a new PTA, and Council PTAs are the first line of support for these new PTA volunteers. Learn proven strategies for implementing training and providing support to new PTAs.

Red Light! Green Light!

Plans of Work are approved and the real work has begun. How do you maintain the momentum and keep the focus on your adopted goals? Learn how to keep your board on task and accountable.

To Tax or Not to Tax

Are you unsure of when your PTA should collect and remit sales tax? Learn the rules and regulations to keep your PTA in compliance with state requirements and the correct way to address sales tax issues when they arise.

Motivating, Managing and Recognizing Volunteers

With so much competition for the time and energy of volunteers, successful PTAs will be those who attract and retain the highest caliber leaders. Learn the importance of empowering your volunteers to take ownership of the shared vision and applauding them for a job well done!

Building Your Membership

Do you have creative strategies for recruiting members? Are you new to membership and need a proven plan? Join our roundtable discussion to share your successes and learn new, innovative ideas from other PTA leaders. Attendees will be grouped by early childhood, elementary, middle school, and high school to discuss specific scenarios and recruitment styles.

The Power of Parents

This fast-paced, interactive workshop designed to discuss the power-packed influence that parents possess. Using a mixture of humor, inspiration, practical strategies, and first-hand knowledge, prepare to have your parenting arsenal filled with ways to maximize your influence on the greatest kids in all earth - the ones in your home.

90 Second Parenting

This fun filled, interactive workshop explores a variety of short, powerful parent education messages that can be used during any meeting. You will leave with plenty of resources to inspire, empower, and educate parents...all in 90 seconds!

PTA Can and Should Be Fun!

Do you have people calling and begging to volunteer to be involved in your PTA? No? Then this is the workshop for you! Learn to have fun, recruit and maintain volunteers, say thanks and get the job done.

Second Year Presidents

Back in the saddle again? You've had a year to really understand your position, so what will be your focus in the coming year? How can you be a more effective president than you were last year? Come, share and grow for the good of your PTA.

Building Successful Partnerships: PTAs and School Libraries

Strong library programs make a huge impact on students-both in fostering literacy and strong academics, but also in nurturing personal growth and helping to create life-long learners. PTAs are longtime supporters of school libraries-come and learn to take that support to the next level to the benefit the entire school community-parents, teachers, librarians, and students @ your school library.

State Board of Education: It's Importance to Parents & Students

Did you know that curriculum, text books and graduation requirements are all set by the State Board of Education (SBOE)? Do you know these are individuals that are elected from your own communities? As an engaged parent, come hear how the SBOE plays a role in the day-to-day education of your child and how you can become involved.

Awareness to Action

Health and wellness are critical to student success. Learn about the new PTA Healthy Lifestyle resources and how your PTA can take action to support healthy children at home, school, and in the community.

Diversity Programs for Local PTAs

Engage all parents in your community with programs that help develop relationships in a fun way. Hear specific tips on how to reach out to those from various Asian and Hispanic cultures, and learn how to host a Community Circles program at your campus.

Parental Involvement: Effective Communication

A successful parental involvement program requires meaningful, regular communication between home and school. Technology cannot replace personal relationships. During this session identify barriers to communication and receive some techniques and strategies to improve effective communication.

Advanced Academics and Gifted Education

The Texas Education Agency will provide an update for participants on services and requirements regarding advanced academics and gifted/talented education. Topics will include the newly revised Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted/Talented Students, HB 3, and other resources.

Food & Fitness Matter: Raising Active, Healthy Kids

Food and Fitness Matter provides parents with the information and support they need to improve children's health and wellness. Learn practical tips for parents to improve nutrition and fitness at home, as well as ways to advocate for healthy choices at school. As part of Texas PTA's Ready. Set. Achieve!, this program is available to all PTAs at no cost.

Legislative Positions Roundtable

Do you have a pressing legislative issue that you would like Texas PTA to support? Come join this hands-on workshop to learn more about submitting resolutions and positions. This is a perfect opportunity to get great ideas, wonderful feedback and one-on-one instruction before the fall deadline!

Bullying Prevention Intensive: Awareness to Action

Parents often want to stop bullying and other forms of mistreatment but have few tools to deal with it effectively. Improving communication skills and working with the school as an ally are critical. This session introduces research, activities, and strategies to address mistreatment so students feel emotionally and physically safe.

Get the Big Picture!

Ever think about how boring the world would be if crayon boxes only had one color? When all of the colors are used, the "big picture" is amazing! This session will show you why crayons are like people... we're all different, but when it comes to PTA, we're all the same, and working together we won't miss the "big picture!"

The Role of a Council Treasurer

In addition to keeping up with the financial to-dos of your association, the Council PTA treasurer is the first resource for Local PTA treasurers. This workshop will help you understand what your responsibilities are in this very critical role you have been elected to!

Meeting Mastery

Afraid of speaking before a crowd? Feel uncertain about chairing a meeting? Learn from experienced leaders how to overcome your fears and perfect your skills.

Finance for Presidents

Do you know who receives your bank statement each month? Do you know if your membership dues are being submitted to Texas PTA in a timely manner? Come to this workshop and learn what your financial responsibility is as president of the PTA and how to work effectively with the treasurer.

990 Boot Camp

Do your hands shake and heart race when you hear the words “IRS”? No worries! Come to this workshop to learn about the 990 Informational and step-by-step instruction on how to complete the 990 EZ & Schedule A.

Scream Free Parenting

Ready for a good laugh? Are you tired of screaming at your children? Do you need tips and tools for teaching your children how to take responsibility? This very entertaining, yet valuable, message is focused on teaching children responsibility. Gain important tools for more effective parenting while maintaining your sense of humor.

Overcoming PTA Challenges

Managing a PTA can create many questions and present challenges. The benefit of being a PTA is the tremendous support structure that we can provide to our growing leaders. Get your questions answered and find where to access the resources to help your PTA reach its potential.

Advocacy: How to Be Successful

Are you concerned about education in Texas? Are our schools providing a safe, healthy environment for our kids? Advocacy begins at home and we're here to help! Learn simple, effective ways to become an advocate for your child at the local and state level.

Basics: Parliamentarians

Motions to amend and amendments to the motion.... HELP! Parliamentary procedure doesn't have to be overwhelming and can make a positive difference in your PTA. Get the tools you need to handle PTA business effectively and efficiently.

Cultivating Communication and Connections

Presentation will focus on parents NOT dropping out of school activities and involvement when their children reach middle school or take the leap to high school. Instead, parents should develop even stronger connections with secondary schools, and communicate more often. The workshop will give discuss the problem of “parent school dropout” and address how such an epidemic can be turned around.

40 Developmental Assets

The building blocks of healthy development that help young people grow up to be caring, responsible individuals. This philosophy looks at what we know our young people need, the importance of positive relationships and role models, and the impact that building developmental assets has on decreasing at-risk behavior.

Putting the Power in Power Point

Being involved in PTA gives you the opportunity to reach out to your community. Whether it's your general membership meeting, a school board meeting or maybe the local Rotary Club, learn ways to make a professional impact with your presentation.

Family Friendly Fundraising

Don't let children be door-to-door sales people! Learn fun and innovative ways you're your PTA can incorporate family engagement into your fundraising activities. Also pick up a few tips on some basic fundraising do's and don'ts to make your plans as smooth as possible!

Advanced Membership

Are you ready to remodel and expand your existing membership plan? Join us to discuss several “floor plans” to add-on to your current recruitment approach.

Insurance - “What's Your Backup Plan?”

Your event is decorated, the kids are laughing, the fundraiser is making money, everyone is happy! But then someone gets hurt and you realize that you forgot to purchase insurance...now what? Come to this exciting workshop to find out the ins-and-outs of protecting yourself and your PTA.

The Parents are the Power

Join state leaders from Texas Action for Healthy Kids to learn what Texas is doing to create healthier school environments and how you can help support children's health and academic success in your school.

Encouraging Minority Participation in the Arts

Our underserved schools have limited PTA funding and fewer volunteers available to support their students most at risk. Community volunteers and PTA members the state can help bridge this gap by providing equal opportunities to minority populations. Take steps to engage the local community in outreach to encourage all children to participate in the arts.

Parent Involvement-Teamwork for Success

American culture is experiencing significant societal shifts and our children need a safe haven provided by home and school. During this session challenges will be identified, values will be affirmed, and strategies that promote teamwork will be provided. Learn how families and educators can partner together for student success.

Paying for College without Going Broke

Are you dreading high school graduation? It's never too soon to start planning for your child's higher education. Take a comprehensive look at financial aid, including the different types of aid available, how money is awarded, and what students need to do in order to qualify. We'll walk the timeline from filling out forms through appeals and acceptance.

21st Century Schools & Boards of Trustees

The Internet has moved into every corner of society. Look at how technology will effect textbooks, course work and exams, and how school boards will implement these new resources in the education of our children. Also, see how the current economy is affecting the path of the 21st Century school.

Navigating into the Teen Years

Having pre-teens and teenagers in your home can be an adventure! This session is filled with creative ideas on how to remain actively involved in the life of your child during these critical years. With a blend of humor and encouragement, you will better equipped to tolerate, enjoy, and love your teenager.

PTA Comunitario

Many underserved areas of Texas find it challenging to form PTAs. Hear the story and dialogue about the founding and maintaining of a community PTA sponsored by a grass-roots community organization in South Texas. The rationale, benefits and larger implications will be reviewed, as well as the practical steps to start and continue such an effort.

PTAs & ISDs Working Together

Establish the relevance of PTA within your school district by building and maintaining relationships with district administrators, officials, and school board members. A panel of experts will be your guide in discussing best practices.

Town Hall Meeting

What would you like PTA to hear? What is Texas PTA's vision for the future? What new initiatives is Texas PTA looking at to service the Local PTAs? Take advantage of this opportunity for dialogue with Texas PTA officers and staff.

Texas PTA Software

Are you overwhelmed by creating financials for your PTA? Not sure about bank reconciliation, budget amendments and sales tax calculations? The Texas PTA Accounting Software will make your job a snap! Come see the new and improved version - extra functionality and compatible with Windows X/P and Vista.

Supporting the Whole Child

With an increased focus on the education of the Whole Child, PTA must find new ways to reach our students and families through the arts, nature and wellness. Join State Chairs to learn how your Local PTA can better support these new initiatives and review the resources available to help you.

Making Homework Painless

In this training, parents will be taught effective communication and study strategies to assure their child's success. We define the parent's role with homework, as well as how to set up an effective homework area and the do's and don'ts of homework assistance.

Getting Along with Difficult People

Join us as we explore personality types and how those differences play a role in conflict. Gain valuable insight on how to rise above personal issues and receive practical strategies for working with diverse groups. Don't miss this chance to improve your PTA!

NetSmartz

The parent is the most critical component in helping a student to develop proper cyber citizenship. Utilizing the latest statistics, online resources, videos and expert tips, NetSmartz educates children and adults on current trends in Internet safety. As part of Texas PTA's Ready. Set. Achieve!, this program is available to all PTAs at no cost.

How to be an Effective Parent Advocate

Hear personal experiences and participate in a group discussion to define giftedness and how to supported gifted students. Topics will include working through emotional issues of gifted children, talking with teachers and parent involvement. At-home supplemental techniques using Montessori approach will also be discussed.

You Want It When?

If there doesn't seem to be enough hours in the day for you to balance your family, work and volunteer commitments, you're not alone! This workshop will help you to understand what can sabotage your progress to effective time management.

Building a Foundation: Wrap-Up

Texas PTA leaders and staff will be available to answer questions and fill in any gaps from your week-end of training. Be sure to stop by before heading home to make sure your tool box is packed and ready to go for a great PTA year!

Healthy Weights, Healthy Kids

The rising rates of obesity have serious consequences for the health and academic success of America's children. Both families and schools have important roles in raising children with healthy weights, but the topic remains difficult for professionals and parents to discuss. In this dynamic session, participants will learn how to successfully talk about weight issues within their family and how to implement effective school wellness policies.

Inspiring Creativity through Literacy & Opportunity

Creativity is a natural gift that must be nurtured during the pivotal years of childhood. When we present our children with opportunities to think outside the box, ambition emerges from their eager minds. Learn new ways to encourage creativity through reading and writing while ultimately building a child's self-esteem.

Party 101: Consequences to Underage Drinking

Teen alcohol and drug abuse is on the rise. This reality-based documentary and program shed light on the serious consequences associated with these risky behaviors. As part of Texas PTA's Ready. Set. Achieve!, this program is available to all PTAs at no cost.

Strengthening our Voices in DC

Learn about what's happening on Capitol Hill and legislative issues affecting families, schools and communities. Join this lively discussion on how to effectively become a powerful advocate for a nation's children.

Coaching Local PTAs to Success

Listening is essential to healthy communication. Through coaching, learn new ways to build up your PTA leader in order to give them the skills to create a cohesive, diverse team that is focused on the goals of the association.

Partnering with Foundations

PTA and school district foundations, while separate nonprofit organizations, share the goal of supporting local students and teachers. Learn ways to collaborate with your district's foundation, fundraising best practices applicable to both entities, and tips for organizing a school district foundation.

It's a Wrap - Presidents & Treasurers

Do you still have questions that are unanswered? Wrap up your weekend with an informative question-and-answer session, and leave feeling more confident about your role as President or Treasurer.

Inspiring the Spirit of Leadership

Every volunteer and PTA leader will be energized by this workshop that helps make leadership experience and rewarding and exciting one! Discuss getting people to share the valuable time, understanding the gift of leadership, getting together to get things done and keep the volunteer spirit alive!

Good Ethics...Even on Facebook!

PTA is extremely visible in our communities and leaders can often be scrutinized at a higher level than others. Solid ethical leadership is more important than ever, so discover how you influence others and the steps you can take to protect your reputation and PTA.

Road Rules

Car crashes are the number one killer of children and youth. Experts now say that "crashes aren't accidents" since driver behavior makes most crashes predictable and preventable. Get details about student programs, driver education, graduated driver licensing and the new points system. Learn what parents can do to help new drivers be more aware of the risks of the road. As part of Texas PTA's Ready. Set. Achieve!, this program is available to all PTAs at no cost.

True Colors

Experience an exciting adventure into your personality! Discover why you act, communicate and feel the way you do. You will also learn how different personalities can work together and why this is important to your PTA success!

Understanding the Process for Review & Revision of K-12 TEKS

This session will provide participants with an overview of the process the State Board of Education uses to review and revise the state standards for what students should know and be able to do at each grade level in each subject. Information will be shared regarding the current schedule and opportunities for participation in the process.

Working with Booster Clubs for Successful PTSAs

Sometimes the PTSA can take the back burner to Band Boosters, Football Boosters...even the Chess Booster Club! Instead of working against each other, why not work as a team? Leave with realistic strategies and working solutions to promote the PTA and its mission through other school organizations.

Audits the PTA Way

Learn how to make audits easy, integral part of your PTA's fiscal responsibility. This workshop will lead you through the process and give you practical strategies for preparation and implementation in your PTA.

Expressive Arts

Connect to your own creative energy and connect to others in the room. Through a series of art, music and motion exercises, we will get your creative juices going! Expressive arts can jump start a brainstorming session, help or initiate support group discussions and start building relationships!

Special Populations

Hear a panel of speakers that will showcase their various parent driven special education programs across the state. Campus level Peer groups, Council Special Education PTAs, District Parent Support Programs and Community based Parent programs will be discussed

Hello to Health!

Does your school teach "health" to elementary aged students? They should be! This workshop teaches you how easily it can be taught through Physical Education classes. You are invited to laugh, move and have fun learning some of the basics of health education through creative game playing!

Love & Logic

Love and Logic parents hold kids accountable with empathy instead of anger. They help children develop an internal voice that says "I wonder how much pain I will cause for myself with my next decision." This practical workshop will teach you how to avoid power struggles and give away responsibility.

Bucketology

Was your last interaction with a person uplifting or a "downer?" Did they have a positive impact and "fill your bucket," or were they more of a "dipper," leaving you with less? This energetic, interactive session will explore how we interact with others and how to build successful relationships!

How to be an ECO Volunteer

Do you need help managing the emails and paper that inundate our lives? Would your PTA like to cut down on paper expense and waste? Would you like less stress? Join us to learn how to be an E-C-O volunteer – efficient, calm and organized, and eco-friendly!

Teambuilding

People in every organization talk about building the team or working as a team, but few understand how to create the experience of teamwork and develop a sense of belonging that will ultimately lead to achieving your mission.