



“It is meaningful to have a resource like this in the community—one that we can go to with questions and get real answers.”

— *Family Member*

Family Support Network

A resource and support for people in the Brazos Valley who have family members with disabilities.

Founded in 2002, the Family Support Network formalized the model of Parents of Children with Special Needs, a grassroots group that had been meeting since 1999, with the mission to strengthen knowledge and communication among parents, professionals and educators in the area.

The Family Support Network facilitates families who have members with disabilities as they seek the information, support and skills needed to make informed decisions. Guided by the input of a collaborative team consisting of family members, educators and professionals, the Family Support Network presents valuable information and discussions of disability issues with training to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families to support and empower students and families in the education and transition process. The Family Support Network also directs families to area agencies and services, as well as to resources on specific topics of interest.

Twice a month, members receive an e-newsletter packed with articles, announcements and a calendar of events. The Family Support Network organizes learning and networking opportunities as well as providing Camp LIFE (Leadership, Independence and Friends through Experiences), an accessible, overnight camping adventure for children with disabilities and their siblings.

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