



ASSOCIATION FOR TRAINING ON TRAUMA AND ATTACHMENT IN CHILDREN

ATTACH 2026 Conference Committee Meeting
July 10, 2025
8:00am-9:00am Central Time

Attendees

Mary McGowan, Bea Oakes, Tammy Wells, Bonnie Butler, Noemi Contreras, Kellie Pittman, Tracy Johnson, Michelle Stinnett, Rita Riojas, Sue Badeau, Camille Clark, Kellie Pitman, Kellee Walker

Meeting Notes

1. **Proposals Accepted**

We received 80 proposals. We will have almost 60 workshops including keynotes. In order to accommodate the parent track submissions, there will be two parent tracks. Mary has created our schedule, and Stacey has sent out all letters of acceptance. They have a little over a week to accept. If you were accepted or know someone who was, remind them to accept before the deadline!

2. **New times for Parents to connect**

Thursday Lunch; Friday 3PM - 4:30PM; Saturday 1PM - 2:30PM

3. **Parent/Caregiver Subcommittee**

Parent room is probably going to be on the 20th Floor. Will be creating a flyer for parent events. Will be renaming debrief and a few other things. We have plenty of space available. We have one sponsor, NFPA donated \$5K for parent events. They are open to suggestions for names as well, email them if you have any. Things in parent room are dependent on donations and creativity.

4. **River Boat Cruise**

Bonnie has a connection with owner of riverboat cruises and has asked for quotes for just a cruise or cruise with dinner. They have a time slot open for Friday at 7PM. We currently have the time reserved for 3 boats. Bonnie will hear back with quotes today.

5. **Wednesday Night event**

Gail is working with Helaine to put together an event for Wednesday night to get as many programs or ECs to attend and then afterwards attend our conference.

6. **Venue Tour**

Mary will be in San Antonio in August for another conference and will tour the conference venue hotel with several committee members. Bonnie, Bea, Tracy, and Michele will all be in Texas for the conference. They would love to meet up for lunch with anyone who is available. They will be there Sunday the 24th through the duration of the conference. Arnie will be there as well, just for the tour, on Tuesday, the 26th.



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7. Outreach

Kellee Walker will connect with who we ask. Since she has connections in the area. Mary and Tracy will work on creating a list of relevant contacts and getting her the website and info she needs to send out. Kellie Pittman is allowing us access to the parents in her organization, Texas Foster Families. Mary wants to wait until registration is open to reach out to more people.

8. Bag for Parents

Rita can add things to the bags for parents. Her company is willing to purchase things for parents. Rita will look into her company being a sponsor. We will provide her with the info she needs to escalate sponsorship to leadership.

9. Update from Camille on Michael

Camille has not seen Michael in months due to him being in Seattle, onboarding a new employee. He will be back week after next. He will then have time to focus on securing the Mariachi band.

10. Training based on Healing Connections book

This session lays the foundation for people to attend the conference. We need to promote it for those who have no background or little background.

Action Items

Task	Assigned To	Due By
Plan memorial and coordinate trauma workshop	Mary	In progress
Share contact for Parent & Caregiver subcommittee co-chair	Arnie	ASAP
Schedule Parent & Caregiver Committee meeting	Bonnie, Stacey	Within 1 month
Contact riverboat operator about Parent Night	Mary	In progress
Confirm partial sponsor for Parent Night	Mary	In progress

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Task	Assigned To	Due By
Encourage silent auction participation and item donations	All committee members	Ongoing
Follow up with Michael re: mariachi band for Thursday reception	Mary	ASAP
Join Thursday Reception subcommittee	All interested	Ongoing
Distribute Save-the-Date cards in San Antonio	Bea	Ongoing
Provide additional Save-the-Date cards	Stacey	Complete
Update printed materials with sponsor logos	Stacey	Complete
Identify and invite local child services reps	All / Bea	ASAP
Reach out to potential in-kind photographers	Bonnie	In progress
Identify local leader for Thursday welcome	All / Mary	ASAP
Contact leadership trainer for Friday luncheon	Bea	In progress
Develop affinity group list and topics	All	Ongoing