

## ABOUT ONE VOICE TEXAS

**One Voice Texas®** is a collaborative of over 100 diverse organizations in the Greater Houston area working together to ensure that the health and human services needs of all Texans are addressed in legislative, regulatory, funding, and other public policy initiatives.

### **Who Are We Talking To?**

Elected representatives and public officials at the local, state and federal levels.

### **What Are We Saying?**

At the time that One Voice Texas was created, the membership determined that two overarching themes were common to all organizations – the need for strong prevention and early intervention programs, and the ability to maximize federal funding for health and human services programs in Texas. The One Voice Texas message is very simple – “Keep Texas dollars working in Texas.”

**One Voice Texas** is committed to building a strong, visible community network. Issues are developed and approved through workgroups and a Public Policy Committee.

### **How Can This Be Done?**

- Address the needs of all Texans - children through seniors;
- Assure that the greater Houston area receives equal per capita federal funds in comparison to other metropolitan areas of similar population in other states;
- Facilitate collaboration, communication, and cooperation among community organizations in the greater Houston Harris County area to strengthen advocacy efforts.

For more information, visit:

[www.onevoicetexas.org](http://www.onevoicetexas.org)

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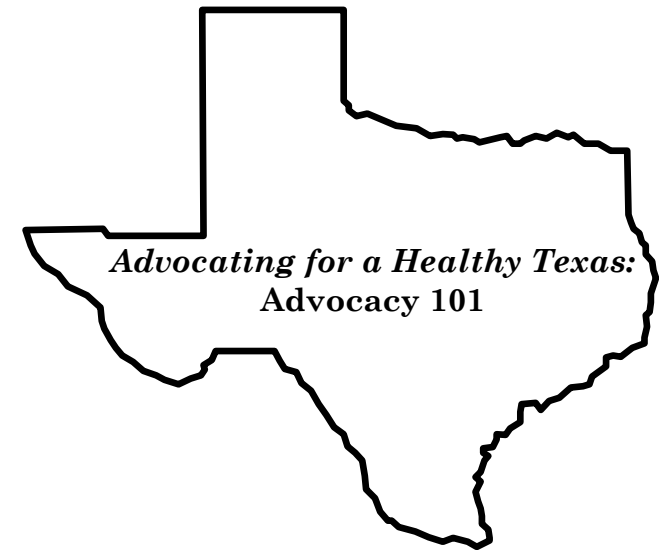
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## Advocacy Training

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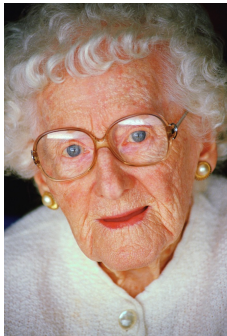
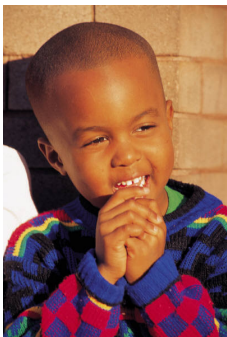
## ADVOCACY 101

The Texas state government is of significant importance to the delivery of health and human services in Texas. State statutes address programs for children and youth, the aged, people with mental or physical disabilities and the poor, among others. The Texas Legislature establishes the policies and budgets affecting most governmental and voluntary health and human services programs in the state.

**Advocating for a Healthy Texas: Advocacy 101** covers the definition of advocacy, lobbying vs. advocacy, an overview of the Texas Legislature and how legislative bills become law, keys to effective communication with government officials, and how to identify and develop health and human services public policy issues.

### Objectives:

- Learn what advocacy is and how to be an effective advocate for health and human services issues;
- Receive an overview of the Texas Legislature and develop an understanding of how the state government effects the delivery of health and human services in Texas; and
- Learn how to identify and develop health and human services public policy issues and how to effectively advocate for change in public policies.



## TRAINER

**Randall K. Ellis** is the Senior Director of Government Affairs at Legacy Community Health Services where he oversees the organization's policy and advocacy efforts at the local, state and federal levels. Prior to working for Legacy, Ellis served as the Executive Director of the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas. At LGRL, he led the effort to defeat anti-gay foster care and adoption legislation, lobbied on the importance of work place protection for LGBT Texans and worked to educate the public on the issue of marriage equality. He began his work in politics with State Representative Garnet Coleman, serving as the Representative's District Director. He also served as a policy analyst in Representative Coleman's capital office where he worked on issues of civil rights, HIV/AIDS, Medicaid, drug addiction and treatment, and mental health. A native Houstonian, Ellis received his BA in Economics and Romance Languages from Washington and Lee University in Lexington VA. He is currently working on his thesis to complete a Master's Degree in Public Health at the University of Texas School of Public Health—Houston.

**Karen Campbell** is an experienced trainer, writer, consultant, and public speaker. She has a Master of Arts in Communication and has created and supervised communications/marketing campaigns that raised millions of dollars for nonprofits. Karen has traveled worldwide developing leadership, mentoring, and training programs for multiple ethnic and cultural groups. Karen worked with others to design and launch a nationally recognized leadership development process. In 2008, Karen joined the staff of Texas State Representative Ellen Cohen, where she served until Spring 2010. She now works with various nonprofits to enhance their communications including The Rose, a 501(c)3 breast cancer organization as well as One Voice Texas.

## CEUs

### Continuing Education Units (CEUs) offered by:

IntraCare Medical Center Hospital  
Provider Number: 1629  
Provider Number Expiration Date: 01/31/2013  
Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners

**Social Work: 0.3 CEUs**  
**LPC: 3.0 Hours**  
**LMFT: 3.0 Hours**

*You must be present for the entire training session to receive CEUs. Partial credit will not be given.*

## SCHEDULE A TRAINING

**One Voice Texas®** will work with an organization to arrange an advocacy training at its location at a time convenient for the organization. A minimum number of ten attendees is required to schedule a training. CEUs can be offered.

For more information about scheduling **Advocacy 101** and pricing, please contact:

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