

Southern Region Update

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Hello from Texas! I know many of you have been attending your state's annual conference or another professional development opportunity and hope you have gained lots of useful ideas and resources to use in your program efforts. I attended my state's conference this summer for about 30 minutes before my daughter alerted me to the fact that she had gone into labor with my third grandchild. Of course, I immediately tossed the professional clothes back into the suitcase, pulled out my "Nana" clothes and headed out. I'm happy to report both mother and son are doing well. Dad, big sister and big brother are all adjusting well, too. I certainly enjoyed my time with them and now it's time to look forward to the 2021 Annual Session. I hope you all are making plans to join us in Grand Rapids, Michigan for the 2021 Annual Session in November. This year we're offering the best of both worlds in that there will be some virtual aspects, along with the opportunity to re-connect with colleagues face-to-face. The return on investment to attend is priceless, considering the quality of sessions, programs, and networking opportunities available to members. I know I'm looking forward to attending this year. Hope to see you there!

