

## TCDD Independent Review Panel Pool Members

TCDD develops qualified proposal review panels by selecting a diverse group of individuals from a pool of potential reviewers that have been approved by the Executive Committee. Names, home towns, and qualifications of potential review panel members are attached for review by the Committee. Information about the diversity of the pool of review panel members is provided below.

### Where reviewers live



HHSC Region	Number of Reviewers
Region 1	8
Region 2	6
Region 3	42
Region 4	6
Region 5	6
Region 6	35
Region 7	66
Region 8	11
Region 9	4
Region 10	7
Region 11	11

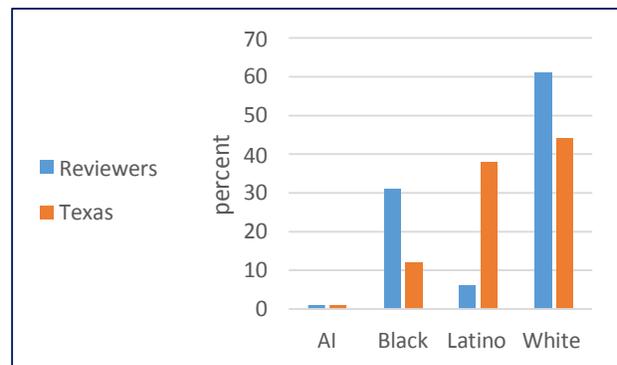
**Disability Experience:** Of 201 reviewers, 18 (25%) have a disability; 50 (68%) are parents of someone with a disability; and 8 (11%) are family members (other than a parent) of a person with a disability.

### Race and Ethnicity (out of 80 reviewers)

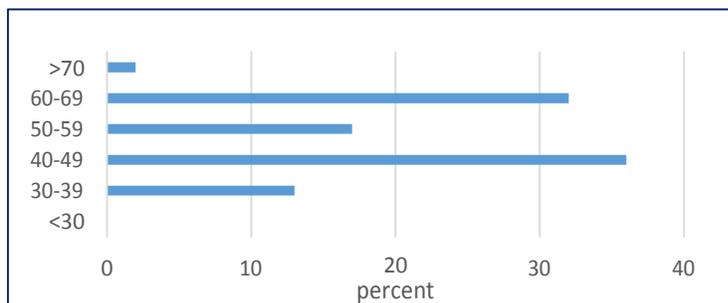
- 1 (1%) is American Indian (AI)
- 25 (31%) are Black
- 5 (6%) are Latino
- 49 (61%) are White, not Latino

For comparison, Texas' population is roughly:

- 1% American Indian (AI)
- 12% Black
- 38% Latino
- 44% White, not Latino



### Age (out of 47 reviewers)



- 0 (0%) is under 30 years old
- 6 (13%) are 30-39 years old
- 17 (36%) are 40-49 years old
- 8 (17%) are 50-59 years old
- 15 (32%) are 60-69 years old
- 1 (2%) is over 70 years old

Last Name	First Name	HomeCity	Qualifications
Ahmad	Amy	Haslet	Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology; Texas certified teacher (grades 1-6), Special Ed teacher PK-12. Enrolled in Master's program in Educational Administration. Parent of child who receives Special Education services and who use to receive ECI services - trained by health professionals to care for him at home.
Arnold	Mitylene	Kingsville	Tenured Professor of Special Education (Univ. of Mississippi & TAMU– Kingsville); member of the US Dept. of Education standing Review Panel for the Office of Special Education and Rehab. Services Admin; author of textbook on supported employment and former recipient of federal funds to develop Georgia's Interagency Guidelines for Transition; past President of Georgia TASH; Executive Board Member for Mississippi TASH; Treasurer of the Division of International Special Education/Council for Exceptional Children; and Director of the University Affiliated Program for Developmental Disabilities (Univ. of Georgia).
Backes	Ryan	Dallas	Have a sister with a developmental disability (PEHO Syndrome), am active in her care and am involved in "Circles of Life"; have a mother who is involved in implementing grant projects for State of Wisconsin.
Balcom-Boone	Vera	Austin	Parent of child in the special education system. I have a Masters in Therapeutic Recreation from Texas State University (completed May 2004), have completed an internship at McBeth Recreation Center in Austin. I am a Partners in Policymaking 2002 graduate, have performed presentations on issues dealing with disabilities, have attended every preARD & ARD for my child, and work with the team to meet identified goals and objectives. I have taken several special education courses.
Balawejder	Teresa	Lubbock	Worked as juvenile probation officer, wraparound service provider providing behavioral services to children with mental illness. Current am BCBA at Lubbock State Supported Living Center.
Bailey	Uylonda	Abilene	Nephew has a intellectual disability and a form of Autism; I have Dyslexia.
Baldrige	Jessica	Coppell	Parent of a child with autism; BCBA; actively working to help faith communities include people with dd.
Barbin	Barbara	Houston	Employed as Community Work Incentives Coordinator at the Houston CIL Gulf Coast Work Incentives Planning and Assistance Program. Work with Ticket to Work. Previously employed for 19 years as public school teacher; certified Master Reading Teacher K-12; English as a second language teacher K-12; classroom teacher K-6.
Becker	Heather	Austin	Director of Evaluation for the Texas Center for Disability Studies, and I am on Faculty, as a Research Scientist, at the UT School of Nursing.
Beneke	Kaye	Austin	Worked in the disability community for more than 30 years. Expert in outreach, advocacy, communications.

Benevides	Brenda	Laredo	Currently working as Section 504/Dyslexia Consultant for the school district and have 12 years experience as a certified Educational Diagnostician.
Bishop	Norma	Austin	High School teacher with certification in English/Language Arts, History, Economics, Government, and the Sciences as well as Special Education 6-12. Am involved member of the International Mind, Brain, Education Society (IMBES) to stay aware of neuroscientific findings on the brain.
Blount	Mary	Mabank	Parent of an adult daughter with Down Syndrome; in private practice as a psychotherapist; Tribal Administrator/Health Officer for the Apalachicola Band of Creek Indians; over 35 years experience as a Public Welfare Administrator dealing with children and family issues, including developmental disabilities, rehabilitation, and long term care; have been a college educator in the UC and Florida State University systems, and have extensive experience in resource development.
Bost	Clifford	Corpus Christi	2004 graduate of Partners In Policymaking; work with the TX Department of Transportation on grants and issues related to public transportation; organize and am the head coach for TopSoccer (a soccer program for children with disabilities), have been a licensed soccer coach for 10 years, and on the Board of Directors for the Sante Fe Soccer League for 3 years; have been on the Nueces County MHMR Advisory Committee since 1999; former Chair of MR Advisory Committee for Coastal Bend Advocacy Development.
Bradley	Norma	Houston	Executive Director of Advocate Legal Senior Center; understanding of transportation issues for seniors; has coordinated outreach projects for Texas Southern University and Lone Star Legal Aid for the last 10 years.
Buckley	Andrea	Austin	Former grant writer with Texas Civil Rights Project and CASA of Travis County; CASA volunteer who has worked with children who have DD; work closely with ECI providers; wrote articles about transportation issues experienced by people with DD; Worked for Travis County Sheriff's office with a program for people with Alzheimer's disease and caretakers; working towards being a licensed social worker.
Campfield	Yulanda	Round Rock	Professional with history of social service within areas of mental health and education arena; aware of the needs of those with disabilities for both children and adults; work for a mental health center where I am building relationships in the community.

Carpenter	Betsy	Bastrop	Twenty-five years teaching and was an Education Consultant (early childhood, University graduate courses); Texas teaching and administrative mid-management certifications; experienced in providing formal and informal community education. I am a professional grant writer and external evaluator; provided staff development training (numerous topics) and developed curriculum in diverse disciplines; developed and evaluated education programs. Website <a href="http://www.bcenterprisesworld.com">www.bcenterprisesworld.com</a> .
Carrillo	Mike	San Antonio	Thirty years of working in the Special Education and Vocational Rehabilitation fields; have written grants (state and federal) for Education Service Centers; trained educators in 50 school districts, and conducted workshops; traveled to nine states to train educators, vocational rehabilitation counselors, and administrators; knowledgeable about best practices of vocational training for individuals with special needs; created programs to offer vocational training and employment services for individuals with visual limitations; worked as a consultant for many school districts on transitional issues, vocational assessment, situational assessment, transitional, and vocational training; conducted staff development and program development in school districts facing litigation for special education services.
Casas	Elena	El Paso	Advocate for people with developmental disabilities.
Chacon	Celina	McKinney	Work with people applying for disability benefits.
Ceballos	Joseph	Laredo	Provide Quality Asset Management Services; specialize in housing development; public service projects and organizations.
Clansy	Cheryl	Missouri City	Therapist; mediator; has worked with non-profits that provided services for women & children with were victims of family violence; reviewer for ACF, Dept of Education, HRSA.
McPherson	Letitia	San Angelo	Graduate of Partners in Policymaking; parent of a person with a disability; subject matter specialist in the area of cognitive disabilities.
Clontz	Denise	Tyler	Extensive experience working with Medicaid, Medicare RX, and emergency and disaster preparedness for persons with disabilities; promoting health and wellness person with disabilities; promoting supported employment; expertise in the area of aging; Masters of Public Health, Social and Behavioral Health (Texas A&M, 2003) and Bachelor of Science in Vocational Rehabilitation Studies (UNT, 1987); Regional Coordinator of Public Health Region 4/5, Medicaid CHIP Policy Development, for HHSC.

Connell	Clara	Pittsburg	MRA Director for Lakes Regional MHMR Center; Grant writer for 2 years for the Louisiana State Office of Mental Health with experience reviewing grant applications for the Office of Rural Health Policy; served on the Education and Awareness Committee for the 2nd Annual March for Respect; involved in community activities with the ARC – Dallas; on the local Planning and Network Advisory Committee; and work with the Community Resource Coordination Groups.
Couch	Brandi	Amarillo	Worked in group homes; was the developmental disability specialist with CPS; serve on the boards of several local groups that deal with children with disabilities; parent of a child with Down syndrome; LMSW; advocate.
Cozby	Teryl	Mesquite	Disability Navigator; licensed foster parent; parent of children with disabilities; advocate.
Craddock	Christopher	Laredo	Associate Psychologist for 3 years at Laredo State Center (TxMHMR) and a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) for 3 years for the Border Region MHMR Community Center; LPC Board Approved Supervisor; trained Surrogate Decision-Making Program (SDMP) volunteer; extensive experience participating in interdisciplinary teams and human rights committees for individuals with developmental disabilities; helped design specific program objectives and activity plans, and have written numerous behavior management programs for individuals with developmental disabilities.
Crotty	Wanda	Boerne	Experience in education administration; grant writer; have served on review panels for ACYF; parent of adult son who has developmental disabilities.
Crowley	Anne Marie	Katy	Parent of a child with a disability.
Daheim	Tim	Temple	Ph. D. in Psychology, and was a Psychologist for Texas Youth Commission. I am also a parent.
Danziger	Debra	Austin	Employed at Goodwill Industries as their Marketing Director.
Davis	Patricia	Desoto	Director for Community & Organizational Development for Cedar Vallege College; oversee resource development and grant writing; develop strategic community and busines relationships to support efforts to provide quality education; develop career opportunities for adults and disadvantaged individuals.
Davis	Theresa	Fort Worth	Worked for over 19 years in mental health field; director of small consuemr-run non-profit that serves adults with severe mental illnesses; have advocated in areas of housing, homelessness services, access to health care, and have assisted consumers in procuring housing, employment and healthcare services.

DeLay	Haven	Scurry	Parent of a child with developmental disabilities and “high-functioning” Autism; secondary school educator with a degree in English and ESL endorsement; owner, primary caregiver, and coordinator of all the recreational activities of an equine center where students who are blind receive instruction in horseback riding; knowledge of specialized child care and respite care for children with developmental disabilities; experienced in advocacy and community organization and have advocated for my child as well as others in community; have supported the life skills classroom with books and supplies; have supported teachers and aids with books and information so they may have a better understating of speech delay and Autism; and have exchanged ideas and information with other mothers of children with developmental disabilities in the community.
Dixon	Dawn	San Antonio	Executive Director of Any Baby Can; former voc-rehab counselor (CRS caseload); experience closing a sheltered workshop and transitioning all clients into more inclusive settings; oversaw residential services under DBMD waiver w/ PAS license; have facilitated Person-Centered/Directed Plans.
Dorman	Wade	The Woodlands	Human Resources Director - Fox Group (a software development and consulting company) and founder of the Service Learning program at LSU Baton Rouge; 20 years experience in university-level language and literature instruction with expertise in methodology, curriculum development, and students' learning styles, and cognitive and moral development; 6 years experience as a certified consultant implementing business processes management software and electronic communications.
Duet	Dan	Live Oak	Grant panelist for US Dept of Labor; previous employment as human resource director, workforce development director, and career development & training director for a non-profit in San Antonio.
Easley	Lori	Whitewright	Parent of a deceased son who had disabilities; familiar with issues related to Early Intervention, Home Nursing Placement and Education Placement.
Eastham	Michelle	El Paso	Worked in IDD community in the long-term care sector for over 15 years (direct care to administrator levels).
Evenson	Tom	Denton	Former professor and director of the Center for Rehabilitation Studies at University of North Texas - Rehabilitation Department.

Finley	Cynthia	Lubbock	Have had a disability since age 16; a Bachelors in General Home Economics with a minor in Family Studies, and Masters in Counseling and Education; Chairperson of South Plains Transportation Alliance, currently serve on the Mayor's Public Transportation Strategic Planning Task Force, was appointed to the Public Transit Advisory Board, am President of the South Plains Council for the Blind, have served as the Director of the State Board of the American Council of the Blind in Texas, and worked for an independent living center as an Outreach/Advocacy Specialist.
Foreman	Muszetta	Texas City	Partners in Policymaking graduate, serve on the Policy and Procedure board for the Gulf Coast Transportation, and served as the assistant Project Coordinator for the Houston Home of Your Own Program.
Forrester	Julian	Austin	Self-advocate who has Cerebral Palsy; familiar with transportation processes (user of special transit services) and education processes; Special Olympics participant (gold medalist); PIP 2004 graduate.
Foster	Stephen	Tyler	Foster parent of children with special needs; foster parent for 19 years (11 of those years with people who have special needs); familiar with school system, medical, housing, and transportation processes.
Foster	Tammy	Katy	Coordinator of Systems of Hope program at Harris County Children Protective Services; Worked with DePelchin Children's Center to create and implement the Behavior Rating Scale; NAMI member; PAC Board member, MHMRA, member Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health Houston Chapter; parent of two children with mental illness.
Foster-Brooks	Anasa	Austin	Wife and mother of people with disabilities.
Frazier	Roni Jo	Crosby	Worked in ID/DD over 15 years - as direct care, community home manager, waiver supervisor; worked at LSU Human Development Center; Bachelors in Health Care Management, Masters in Education; has written and worked on grants; understands DD Councils and received a grant from LA DD Council.
Frederickson	Diane	Whitney	Degree in elementary education; worked as Executive Director for Isaiah's Place, a retreat and learning center for people who are deaf.
Galke	Sandra	McAllen	Medical Professional for Mc Allen ISD/Comprehensive Health Program, Wellness Program.
Garza-Bowlen	Patricia	Vider	2000 graduate of Partners in Policymaking, facilitated the CLDP class for Spindletop MHMR, and provide training to TXMHMR, school staff, and parents in areas of Autism, People First, and Parent/Education Partnership; have taken a grant writing course, and sit on the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities.

Gay	Clifford	Austin	Director of Consumer Ed. - NAMI TX, on NAMI Texas Board as the Region 2 Director; PIP Graduate; a member of the Dallas Affordable Housing Coalition, the Special Needs Offenders Program (SNOPS), and the Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance (MDHA); Masters in Business Admin. (Accounting).
Gerhardt	Mike	Austin	Work for the University of Texas in the Office of the Dean of Students, Services for Students with Disabilities.
Goudeau	Ellen	Houston	Parent of a young adult with a cognitive disability; on boards for the Arc of Greater Houston, Family to Family, Parents as Case Managers, MHMRA-IDD PAC, FEAT-Houston, Houston Commission on Disabilities; former certified ombudsman with UT-Houston Medical Center.
Grant	Sandra		Worked for non-profit facility for children who are wards of the state
Greebon	Karen	Austin	Home of Your Own Consumer and an ADAPT member.
Green	Steve	Amarillo	Parent of a child with congenital heart defects; a business owner (construction); familiar with accessibility issues.
Griffitts	Barbara	Plano	Parent Advocate.
Hammond	Helen	El Paso	Employed at the Univ.of TX Department of Educational Psychology and Special Services, have written and worked on numerous grants, and am familiar with proposal process.
Hanks	Judy	Dallas	Ran a home child care center for 3 yrs; began a community organization for women of color in Minneapolis; employed as instructional designer/program developer for health care facility that is developing a training center to train Allied Health Workers; working in MH field for 18 years in Minneapolis.
Hansmann	Sandra	Austin	Ph.D. in Special Education from the University of Texas at Austin, am a Professor/Special Education Department, and have special expertise in distance learning.
Harris	Elizabeth	Brownsville	Patient/community liaison for non-profit rehab clinic; masters in early childhood education; worked in public schools, with pediatricians (on early intervention pilot).
Harris	Martin	Round Rock	Worked for TX Employment Commission for 10 years as veteran disability specialist, volunteered for Central TX family support conference; worked for DDS and with community organizations through America Speaks

Havens	Deborah	Austin	Master of Special Education, PhD in Educational Administration, Certification in Career Counseling, and BA in Art Education; taught children with emotional disturbances for ten years and was in Special Education Administration for an additional twenty years; worked as a Director at the local level of Office of Special Education Programs and for Rehabilitation Services Administration at the US Dpt of Education, DC.; contact person for both CAP and PAIR Programs for adults with disabilities; worked with high school students on job sites; Program Director for a federally funded grant promoting school-based mentoring in Austin.
Haynes	Mike	Austin	Work for the adaptive sports program at St. David's Hospital; person with a disability.
Hearon	Saleen	Lindale	Past President of Smith County Coalition for the Homeless; past Treasurer of Community Health Clinics of NE Texas (FQHC), past Director of faith-based charitable org; employed as shelter director with East Texas Crisis Center; served as Family Violence Shelter Center Liaison to CPS and APS for 5 county region in E. Texas; raising 2 grandchildren with developmental delays.
Henry	Rentia Fay	Beaumont	2002 Partners in Policymaking graduate; self-advocate; worked as a volunteer assisting consumers on how to use adaptive equipment; taught communication with the use of assistive technology; involved with a Community Leadership Development Project.
Hettler	Tonya	Idalou	Secretary for the Children and Youth Advisory Council; member of the Texas Education Agency Autism Rule Study Committee, the Burkhart Project in Autism Education Agency Committee (DaVinci Academy), the ESC - 17 Autism Advisory Committee and Conference Planning Committee, and the Community Voices Coalition; parent
Hill-Sostack	Lisa	Kingwood	Business owner - Financial Writing & Marketing, co-founder & board Member - Families for Early Autism; graduate certificate in Behavior Analysis, a Masters in Business Administration (MBA), a B.A. Political Science/B.S. Communications; Member of the International Association for Applied Behavior Analysis; volunteer for community advocacy & organization projects. Parent of twin boys with autism and have advocated for individuals of all ages with disabilities in our community and state; co-founded two non-profits (one providing networking, support and education for parents and professionals working with children with autism; and the second agency providing transportation, employment support, recreation, after-school care and housing for children and adults with disabilities); participated in reviewing grant applications for the DD Council; recently served as a pre-publication reviewer for an autism transition guide for the Organization for Autism Research.

Hobgood	John	Lubbock	Experience working with people with disabilities; member of the National Disability Taskforce of the American Red Cross for 5 years; Masters in Social Work (concentration with community and administration); licensed Master Social Worker; understanding of program evaluation and grant writing; assisted in the writing and administration of several grants, including transition program for youth with disabilities; case manager for 30 families; have a disability.
Holdridge	Sherry	Austin	Marketing experience with non-profit and for-profit businesses; specialty in internet marketing; understanding of mental illness.
Hollis	Allison	College Station	Worked doing transition planning; 17 years experience in public schools working with students who have significant developmental disabilities; masters in education with emphasis on transition for students with low incidence disabilities
Holmes	Alice	Garland	Over 15 years experience as grant reviewer for federal, state, and block grant funding; worked as client relations coordinator with the HCS program at Metrocare Services
Hood	Wanda	Del Valle	I am the parent of a son with a disability, worked for 2-1/2 years as a VISTA (Volunteer In Service to America) with the Texas Tenant Union and interned for 2 semesters at Special Education Department in Del Valle (included involvement with an advisory committee, a parent support group, and creation of the newsletter).
Hopkins	Paula	Cuero	Parent of a child with a disability and a PIP Graduate.
Hudson	Alicia	The Woodlands	Partners in Policymaking graduate and the parent of 3 adopted children with mental illness; B.S. in Special Education, an M.A. in Special Education; Qualified Mental Retardation Professional (QMRP); hold a Social Work Associate (SWA) certification; familiar with proposal/grants process (write grants as part of my current business and have reviewed proposals for Ryan White funds for the City of Houston).
Ingalls	Lawrence	El Paso	Ph. D. in Special Education and work with American Indian groups.
Jackson	Lena	San Antonio	Retired from the Texas Rehabilitation Commission - worked as a Program Specialist/Planner & Rehabilitation Counselor; worked for the University Hospital District as a Medical Social Worker; MSW in Social Work and a BA in Sociology.
James	Cathy	Arlington	20 years experience, MBA; worked as relocation specialist; Certified Benefits Counselor
Janek	Tina	Austin	Former Director of the HHSC Transportation Project; experienced in communication, transportation, and writing; have been involved in facilitation of groups and conference planning.

Jones	Kristen	Austin	Member of Project Advisory Committee for the TX Youth Leadership Forum; Co-Chair - National Youth Leadership Network, a PIP Participant; Intern at The White House; PhD in multicultural special education; former employee of DRTx; Self-Advocate.
Jones	Michelle	Corpus Christi	PIP Graduate; employed by a CIL as an Independent Living Specialist; parent of a child w/disability.
Joseph	Lisa	Fort Worth	Sergeant of Arms at the ARC, a Board Member on a community advisory group, the President of the Arlington Advocate for MHMR, a member of a group to find a tool to police the HCS programs, on a committee to investigate housing and transportation issues, and a member of a client rights committee and advisory board.
Justis	Tom	Granbury	Chair of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities for the City of Fort Worth and a Barbara Jordan Awards Judge for 5 years; 17 years experience working with people with disabilities.
Kafka	Bob	Austin	ADAPT Representative; advocate for individuals with disabilities; a person with a disability.
Keller	Jean	Denton	Sibling of an adult who has developmental disabilities; Ph.D. in Education w/emphasis in special populations; Masters in Therapeutic Recreation w/specialization in developmental disabilities; served on boards of community and advocacy organizations, and experienced in writing and reviewing grant proposals; able to review in the areas of cognitive and social development as well as life skills, recreation, leisure, or special education.
Kennerson	Cyenthia	Houston	Family member of a person with a disability; 1998 Partners in Policymaking graduate.
Kieke	Norman	Austin	CPA in the Capitol Area and former Executive Director of Disability Assistance of Central Texas.
Kiely	Sharon	Wimberly	Advocate; parent; Co-founder of a child placement organization that serves children with disabilities; emergency medical technician.
Kimball	Jorja	College Station	Parent of a child with autism; Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration; Director at Texas A&M in the Office of Proposal Developers.
King	Cynthia	Houston	Served as the Executive Director of the Arc of Fort Bend; educated in Education and Early Childhood needs, advocacy, employment, housing, education and health issues; Chaired the combined MRPAC & MHPAC (PNAC); involved in the ARC's recreation program.

King	Phillip	Houston	Thirty years experience in grant writing and grant reviewing for large government-funded non-profit organizations; BBA and MBA in Finance and Public Administration; retired licensed certified public accountant; Certified Workforce Development Specialist; provided technical assistance as a consultant to organizations, both large and small; have received various government grants and contracts.
Knight	Gayle	Portland	Social worker, works with people with disabilities; created a network of transportation vendors in 12 county region and was operations manager at public transportation service for people with disabilities; involved in community activities; program administrator for Early Head Start; parent of adult with autism
Kuhn (Marquez)	Theresa	Plano	Partners in Policymaking graduate; Marriage and Family Therapist; worked in treatment centers (auditing their programs).
LaCourt	Timothy	Houston	22 years of experience in the Special Education Field as a Teacher in a resource room and for children with emotional disturbances, Special Education Supervisor, and a Principal of a campus serving students who have severe disabilities and/or Autism with aggressive behaviors; worked with school districts on inclusive educational practices, differentiated instructional strategies training, and programs for students having moderate to severe disabilities.
Lauderdale	Mike	Austin	Served as the Dean of the School of Social Work Department at the University of Texas and am the parent of person with disability.
Lechtenberger	DeAnn	Lubbock	Parent of a son with emotional, behavioral, and learning challenges; experience teaching good mental health and advocating for community coalition-building to support individual disability groups working towards inclusion in schools and community; experience training and advocating for Systems of Care reform and for children and adolescents in crisis (both with and without disabilities); experience as a veteran teacher in the Texas public school system; employed in the College of Education at Texas Tech University; worked with students of all ages, both with and without disabilities; working to implement the wraparound planning process at postsecondary level to help university students with disabilities be successful in their studies and degree completion.
Leddy	Paul	Austin	Served on the Austin Tenants Council.
Leyva	Laura	San Angelo	Wrote and monitored grants related to the Planning & Resource Development Department of the Concho Valley Workforce Development Board; managed projects (including the Learning Disabilities Grant, a Work Incentive Grant, and the development of a Business Leadership Network); performed extensive research on best practices, target populations, and community needs assessments.

Lightfoot	Brenda	Austin	Individual with a disability; education and experience in Vocational Rehabilitation and Counseling; currently a doctoral student at the University of Texas; eight years experience in disability services in higher education.
Livingstone	Elizabeth	Fort Worth	Parent of child with disability; taught for nine years in Special Education; doctorate in Early Childhood Education; volunteer with TX P2P on the DFW team for the CSHCN contract as the Medical Education coordinator for the DFW area.
Long	Ralph	Dallas	Parent of an adult with multiple disabilities and am familiar with public school processes. I have served as an educator, have been on advisory boards for my son's local school campus, and on districtwide and community advisory boards (focused on special education and community services for people with disabilities).
Lopez-Wilson	Martin	El Paso	I am a parent of a young lady with mental retardation (who graduated May 2004 from public school); PIP 1990 graduate; have reviewed for the Administration for Developmental Disabilities in Washington, D.C.; have performed MTARS reviews with the ADD in several states.
Luna	John	Eules	Experience working for community services for people with IDD.
Lynch	Pat	College Station	Childrens Issues Specialist; employed by Texas A & M University - Special Education Advising.
Lynch	Sharon	Huntsville	Worked with individuals with disabilities as a teacher, speech-language pathologist, educational diagnostician, consultant, and teacher trainer since 1978.
Mack	David	Round Rock	I have 5 years specialized experience working with persons with developmental disabilities, spent 2 years working as a professional in a state school, and 2 years working in child care regulation.
Mason	Lee	San Antonio	Asst professor of special education; BCBA; special ed teacher certification; formerly clinical supervisor at Autism Treatment Center of San Antonio.
Mason	Selena	Houston	25 years experience providing direct client services, managing, and consulting to children and families; has served on community building and leadership development grant making communities.
Massonneau	Rob	Dallas	26 years experience in non-profit sector; worked in dd field for three years; worked 16 years in early intervention.
Martin	Roxann	Azle	Parent of 6 children with medical needs and a Partners in Policymaking graduate; run a group foster home for children with medical needs; have been a nurse for 20 years; have experience with working with children(14+ years).
Matthews	Sherry	Austin	Owner of Sherry Matthews Advocacy Marketing Agency, which provides marketing services for non-profit and disability organizations.

Marroquin	Adriana	Dallas	Parent of child with CP; was a school librarian; worked as Community Relations Coordinator with Child Protective Services in South Texas; worked with Early Intervention.
McCaleb	Karen	Corpus Christi	Professor at Texas A&M, has worked in field for over 20yrs, areas of specialization: helping individuals w/ severe disabilities to prepare for the future & and to be as independent as possible; assistive technology; family member of a person with significant support needs.
Moorhead	Tina	Cedar Park	Familiar with systems change grants; involved in inclusive school and diversity initiatives; advocate.
Morgan	Patrick	Nacogdoches	Worked for Goodwill Industries as a Program Director; fifteen years experience with procurement of social services and grants management for eligible citizens (including person with disabilities, children, refugees, and battered women); eight years experience in Adult Protective Services (which involved procuring and managing contracts to serve disabled and elderly victims of abuse and neglect; familiar with review and proposal processes (have prepared RFPs, and have scored and reviewed proposals).
Morgan	Valda	Denton	Retired public school special education administrator (11 years); teacher of school-aged youth with disabilities; provides instructional coaching for teachers.
Munoz	Monique	Austin	An advocate for a child with a disability and a Registered Nurse with experience in school health issues.
Murphy	Kathleen	Austin	Expertise around disability and employment; director of research for the Region VI Southwest Americans with Disabilities Act Center; employed by SEDL.
Murray	Deborah	Round Rock	20 years experience in building partnerships and creating opportunities that benefit both employer and employees with disabilities; have provided training and technical assistance focusing on employment opportunities for person with disabilities; am the Executive Director of Creative Transitions, Inc., an organization providing consultation and employment opportunities for persons with disabilities.
Nalls	Loubertha	Katy	Over 5 years working with DARS; over 17 years in banking, finance, credit restoration, housing & community development; certifications as employment specialist, in job coaching, and in training and development for people with disabilities.
Nelson	Caroline	Austin	Parent of person with disability; family liaison for Special Education for Eanes ISD with focus on dispute resolution and prevention within ARD/IEP Committees; background in teaching and employment law.

Neilson	Althea	Sugarland	Parent of child with a cognitive disability; advocate; a PIP 2004 graduate; Career Educator (25 years: K-12 teacher, Federal Program Developer, Trainer, University Program Leader, Homeschool Parent); M.S. in Education.
Niedermayer	Vickie Taylor	Arlington	Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis, and a Bachelor of Science in Psychology; work experience with the Handicapped Resource Assoc. - Exec. Director; Covenant Kids, Inc - Independent Consultant; Lena Pope Home, Inc - Former Director of Training; and Tarrant County MHMRS - Former Director of MR Clinical Services; BCBA.
Niscavits	Medelyn	Beaumont	Degrees in Business and in Counseling; worked in social services for 15 years; participated in competitive grant writing; served as Treasurer for CWJC; member of the Advisory Councils for CCC and the SETEX Homeless Coalition. I served as representative to the PCC housing Committee; employed as a Program Coordinator for an Independent Living Center.
Palmer	Christine	Abilene	PIP graduate and a current student at Tarleton State University - majoring in Psychology and Sociology; involved with the West Central Texas Council of Governments and was involved with the West Texas Parent Education Network Coalition (for five years); worked on an MHMR group to help organize a parent group; attended Parent to Parent training class; worked with Abilene ISD.
Palmer	Doug	College Station	Texas A & M Department Chair - Educational Psychology; contracted Evaluator of Partners Projects.
Parra	Rosanna	Houston	Past President and Budget/Finance Chairman of Houston ISD Council of Parent Teacher Associations, VP and President for Helms Elementary School PTA, and provide training to twenty-five schools to encourage advocacy for children of various special needs. Knowledge of children with ADD, OHI (other health impairments), CAPD (Central auditory processing deficiency), Speech, and Occupational Impairments.
Patrick	Amy	Valley View	Graduate student in Marriage and Family Therapy.
Patterson	Susan	Austin	Experience in grant funding and grant development for a range of programs.
Payton	Cedric	College Station	Over 14 years of experience in child care; certified youth counselor; licensed child care instructor; anger management specialist; owner of drug rehab center.
Peavy	Ron	Austin	Physician who worked as a consultant for Texas Rehabilitation Commission.
Peairson	Shannon	Bryan	Experience with early intervention; employed at Public Policy Research Institute working on public health and education related projects, including the project "Children in the International Landscape of Disabilities (Project WORLD).

Pierce	Sandra	Richmond	26 years in workforce development; two years experience managing a demand response transportation system for people with disabilities; parent of 17 year old with a disability; active advocate for people with I/DD; on the board of the Arc of Fort Bend and the Arc of Texas.
Posner	Laurie	San Antonio	Co-founded the Center on Economic Development and Disability at the World Institute on Disability, Oakland, CA; worked for Berkeley Policy Associates as a senior analyst on disability health and employment (access/services) projects; Executive Director for an nonprofit in San Antonio, TX, and the President of Board of Directors for the AXIS Dance Company (integrated disabled /non-disabled dance company); consulted on a transit access project.
Ramos	David	Corpus Christi	Partners in Policymaking graduate; Director of Human Relations Dept. of the City of Corpus Christi; extensive experience in the investigation of disability discrimination under the guidelines of the EEOC; member of an Ad Hoc Committee responsible for providing accommodations in the City's Recreation Department; served on an Advisory Committee for the local Regional Transportation Authority; advocated for parents of children with disabilities.
Richey-Cook	Erica	Nacogdoches	Program Director at Goodwill Industries in Lufkin.
Roberts	Robin	El Paso	Chief Operating officer for several workforce development boards; served as reader for workforce development programs at the federal level; has secured and managed workforce grants
Robinson	Anissa	Houston	Former education specialist with Region 4 ESC; long history education experience – teaching, managing programs/grants, special education.
Robison	Karen	Denton	Was Executive Director for Habitat for Humanity in Denton County; Childcare Director at YMCA; served as a child advocate for over 20 years; worked in mental health for over 20 years; review grants for SAMHSA and Dept of MH in Illinois; parent of two children with disabilities (now grown).
Rodgers	Gene	Austin	Have been quadriplegic for 30+years; formerly active in ADAPT; had a Fellowship to study Community Based Rehabilitation; performed grant reviews for National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research; worked on Housing with United Cerebral Palsy; worked in IL settings and adaptive technology; very active traveler (worldwide) and extreme athlete.

Rodriguez-Pringle	Deborah	Austin	Volunteered for the Junior League of Princeton, St. Stephens's Episcopal School, the Stuart Country Day School in Princeton, and Cherry Hill Nursery School in Princeton; served on the grant review committee for the Junior League; Class Parent Representative to mentor the families of incoming students; served on the Parent Association Board; and Director of Admissions and Personnel at Cherry Hill Nursery School; have a career as an analyst and portfolio manager in investments.
Roth	Cynthia	Wichita Falls	Parent of two children w/disabilities; advocate for 14 years in Special Education Area and for 10 years for children through the Helen Farabee Ctr/MHMR.
Schleiss	Ronnie	Austin	Advocate and co-chair of adult issues committee for Autism Society of Greater Austin; knowledgeable about employment, education, instructional methods, waivers, community services.
Schmitt	Cyndie	Austin	Worked for the TX Institute for Health Policy Research, Inc. as a Consultant; developed a guide to State Children's Mental Health Svcs for legislators and advocates; was a former Associate Director for the TX Council of Community MHMR Ctrs, Inc., monitoring legislative and advocacy programs.
Schoen	Steve	Austin	Deaf-Blind Specialist and a former TRC Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor.
Schott	Brownie	Katy	Partners in Policymaking Graduate, a parent of a person with a disability, and am involved with Family to Family.
Scott	LaJuan	Lindale	Worked with government agencies, community-based organizations, and community stakeholders to address public health issues; served on numerous boards; has evaluated grant applications.
Seawell	Jesse	Fort Worth	Partners in Policymaking graduate and am an individual with a disability; Executive Director of ARI (Ability Resources Incorporated: a nonprofit 501© (3) organization established to develop affordable housing accessible to very low income individuals with disabilities and their families); have experience with grant funding process (creating/developing applications).
Seay	Ollie	Austin	Lecturer of Psychology and Graduate Practicum Director at Texas State University; former Director for Psychology for Retardation Services at ATCMHMR; Chair of the MR - Developmental Disability Special Interest Group of the Texas Psychological Association; PhD.
Sheldon	Sharon	Austin	Parent and a Children's Services Specialist.
Simmons	Joseph	Galveston	Professional entertainer, a permanent Substitute Teacher for adolescents with behavior problems, and a CIS Case Manager.

Simon	Melissa	Cypress	Four years of experience as a Disability Advocate and three years as a Certified Senior Disability Advocate for the Social Security Disability System; social worker for a nonprofit social service setting and worked with youths, families, and adults; reviewed grants for the Department of Labor and the Office of Community Services; volunteer with local agencies; BS of Science in Criminal Justice Minor in Sociology 1994, MSW from University of Houston 2001.
Simpson	Cynthia	Spring	Assistant Professor at SHSU and teach graduate level assessment courses involving IQ and achievement and a methods course for inclusive classroom instruction; supervisor of field experiences in early childhood inclusion and intervention; Vice-President of Public Policy for both Texas Assoc. of the Education of Young Children and TACT; licensed childcare director; owned and directed an n inclusive childcare facility.
Skinner	Martha ("Marty")	Mansfield	Worked for MHMRTC (MR Essential Services Program Director), and Head Start Childcare Project (Program Director); Program Director for Advocacy and Leadership Training (TCDD grant) and for Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorders Training (TDMHMR Office of Prevention on DD grant); Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW); Director of the Aging and Disability Resources Center of Tarrant County.
Sneed	Zachery	Denton	Ph.D. in Rehabilitation (Southern Illinois University), and am a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor; employed as an organizational consultant/trainer by the Region VI Community Rehabilitation Providers-Regional Continuing Education Providers; presented at regional, state, and national conferences; authored several publications about the rights of people with disabilities across a variety of services systems.
Solomon	Patricia	Houston	Employed with Harris County Psychiatric Center in MIS and as PCT; worked as ESL instructor for AmeriCorps; volunteered with various community orgs.
Sommers	Louis A.	Irving	Parent advocate for my daughter, who has Down Syndrome; Bachelors of Science in Political Science.

Sostack	Lisa	Porter	Parent of twin boys with autism and have advocated for individuals of all ages with disabilities in our community and state; co-founded two non-profits (one providing networking, support and education for parents and professionals working with children with autism; and the second agency providing transportation, employment support, recreation, after-school care and housing for children and adults with disabilities); MBA from Tulane University and have Undergraduate Degrees in Political Science and Communications; participated in reviewing grant applications for the DD Council this past spring; recently served as a pre-publication reviewer for an autism transition guide for the Organization for Autism Research.
Stevenson	Karen	Boerne	Worked in the Child Care Industry for several years; currently work for the school district; advocate for students who have disabilities; younger sibling of a sister with a learning disability, health care needs, and mental health issues.
Stoner	Cathy	Houston	28 years experience in education - 11 years experience in Adaptive Behavior and 17 years in Administration; worked for 8 years as a Special Services Supervisor for Spring ISD.
Stough	Laura	Elgin	Texas A & M Professor.
Svatora	Rick	New Braunfels	Worked on staff for a legislator; writer of a previous TCDD Biennial Disability Report.
Swan	Rod	San Marcos	Branch Manager of a Program Services Unit for Community MH/SA Services within the Department of State Health Services.
Taylor	Lawanda	Abilene	Parent of child with physical disabilities;niece of a person with Down's Syndrome; daughter of woman with Muscular Dystrophy; substitute school teacher for Abilene State School; knowledge about removing barriers; an AAS in Business Management, a Management Certificate, and pursuing a Bachelor of Applied Technology degree.
Taylor	Rodney	Glenn Heights	Worked 15 years as teacher; substance abuse counselor in local detoxification facility.
Templeton	James	Austin	ADAPT representative, and an advocate for individuals with disabilities.
Tepper	Steven	San Antonio	Member of Pima County on Developmental Disabilities; Special Olympics Coach; Chair for the Special Needs Committee for Chadash.
Thayer	Ted	Austin	Specialist on Personal Attendant & Spinal Cord Issues; a State Independent Living Council Project Director; former TRC Program Specialist.
Thomas	Janet	Keene	I am a parent of a (deceased) child who had Cerebral Palsy, a Partners in Policymaking 1998 graduate, and a graduate student in Social Work at UT Arlington.

Thomas	Mimi	Houston	I am a parent advocate, a Partners in Policymaking graduate, a National Association for the Education of African American Children with Learning Disabilities member, a volunteer for State Representative Garnet Coleman, and have experience in the health/mental health field.
Thomas	Stephanie	Austin	I am an ADAPT representative and have a disability.
Thomas	Stephen	Austin	MA in management; 17 years experience in higher education; USAF pilot; worked for US State department; experience with assistive technology; experience in communications, logistics, finance.
Thompson	Dr. Alice	Missouri City	Director of Federal and State Programs - Special Education Director; teacher.
Thompson	Chandra	Arlington	Over 15 years experience working with people with disabilities; managed group homes; worked with MHMR of Tarrant County; knowledgeable about waivers; work with people who are homeless & have mh issue; advocate; involved in grant writing, creating community partnerships, fund-raising.
Thurmond	Dawn	El Paso	Programs Administrator for a business and a non-profit; experience in employment and community organization issues dealing with ethnic minorities.
Tyler-Sink	Anne	Lake Jackson	2003 Partners and Policymaking graduate; Program Dietitian - Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) program; participate in IFSP (Individual Family Service Plans) planning and RBI (routines-based interventions); organized the SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Committee) for BISD; served as president for the first two years; currently organizing an Inclusion Seminar for BISD faculty and parents.
Velasco	Deya	Austin	Parent/advocate with two children with developmental disabilities; Mexican-born US Resident; President of a non-profit that advocates for spanish speaking families; worked 3 years for the ARC of the Capital Area; have been teaching Special Education Law and facilitating support groups in Spanish and English.
Villela	Angie	San Antonio	Parent of person with disability; a Partner in Policymaking graduate; owner/operator - Inclusive Child Care Center.
Voss	Bonnie	Pflugerville	Program Specialist for Early Childhood Intervention.
Walker	Deborah	Tyler	15 years as elementary classroom teacher.
Walker	Linda	Levelland	Head injury survivor; primary caregiver for my husband (died of lung cancer), mother (died of congestive heart failure), and my mother-in-law (died of complications following a broken hip); Bachelor of Science in Human Development; Former Chair of the Lubbock Regional MHMR Planning Advisory Committee; attended a session on a State Incentive Grant.

Walker	Van	Bryan	Experience reviewing/evaluating grant proposals; MS in Special Education and a Ph.D. in Educational Administration; served as the Executive Director for Robertson County Special Services; Special Education Director for five school districts in Robertson County; State Board member on the Texas Special Olympics Board of Directors for 6 years; Board Treasurer for the Texas Council of Administrators of Special Education for 8 years.
Wallace-Mims	Joyce	Weatherford	20 years experience in social service industry (homeless shelter; domestic violence shelter; food pantry; worked as case manager, director of after-school tutorial program for children; experience with children who have special needs.
Walton-Brooks	Verlean	Dallas	Associate degree in DD; BA in psychology; MA in Counseling; 5 years with Collin County MHMR HCS program; 3 yr. Direct Care worker/supervisor; worked as program director at Arc of Dallas.
Warren	Jeremy	Austin	Formerly on staff for a legislator; wrote a previous TCDD Biennial Disability Report.
Watkins	Carmen	Houston	Ten years experience as a Sr. Vice President for Program Development and Operation (includes Health, Education, Workforce Training and Development, Education, Advocacy, Housing and Economic Development) for a non-profit entity; seven years corporate experience with a Fortune 500 company; knowledge and understanding of grant making processes; served as grant reviewer for Dept. of Health Human Services.
White	Melanie	Houston	Professional Business Consultant & Grant Writer for MDW Grant Writing & Business Services; Founder and President of a private organization for business women called Smart Women Independent & Growing (SWIG); starting a children's vocation and activity center; owned the Dance Association of Houston (formerly Exerdance Dance Co.) for 19 years.
Whitworth	Jerry	Abilene	Worked as a Special Ed. Teacher, Special Ed. Director, and State-level Program Administrator for srvc for individuals w/disabilities; familiar with the proposal process and was a field reviewer for grant programs in Kansas, Missouri, and Illinois, as well as for the U.S. Dept. of Education.
Wilber	Elizabeth	Austin	Psychology degree; 6 years experience in teaching life and job skills; 4 years experience in housing and residential programs; 3 years experience with Special Olympics; 2 years experience in transportation (driving and coordinating) and advocacy events; have been involved with care giving for children and adults with special needs.

Williams	Margarette	DelValle	Worked for five years as a contractor to the USDA Risk Management Agency; knowledge of RFP processes and with evaluating projects and monitoring successful achievement of goals; experience in summer recreation programs for ages 8-18; organized and promoted rodeos for non-profit organizations and church health fairs.
Williams	Victoria	Austin	Co-director of Project Caribe.
Wilkes	Debbie	Dallas	Experience working with youth in transition, person centered planning, self-determination.
Wilkinson	Wendy	Houston	Attorney, project director for Southwest Disability and Business and Technical Assistance Center for 17+ years; researcher; Clinical Assistant Professor of Dept. of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Baylor College of Medicine. A person with a disability.
Winnick	Seth	Austin	Experience working on ad campaigns for non-profit organizations.
Zanders	Valerie	Richmond	Twenty years experience in non-profits, advocating for persons with developmental disabilities, and performing case management; Director of a residential program for adults with developmental disabilities; seven years experience as a surveyor for CARF (the Accreditation Commission); Masters Degree in Social Work (with an emphasis on community organizing), and a certificate in grant writing from the Center for Non-Profit Management); expertise in supported employment, community and therapeutic recreation, and residential services for person with developmental disabilities.
Zarate-Hodges	Nora	Bellevue	Involved in grant writing for 18+ years.
Zionts	Laura	College Station	Parent of a person with disability and a Texas A & M Professor.
Zoom	Carole	N/A	Self-Advocate; very successful advocate through college and since; previously Legislative Director, Executive Director for Coalition of Texans with Disabilities; past work for Industrial Areas Foundation; founded first chapters of Stand for Children; helped found Downtown Initiative for the Visual Arts, Midtown Arts Center, and first Independent Living Center (LILA) in Eugene, Oregon.
Zota	Carolyn Brenda	Manvel	Collaboratively worked to promote community reconstruction/development; worked on projects related to gender-based-violence; worked with UN, in countries such as Liberia and in the Gambia; actively involved in or served as lead investigator in federal projects in several counties in Texas.