

BECOME A COUNCIL MEMBER



WHO IS TCDD?

The Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities (TCDD) works collaboratively around the state to create change so that all people with disabilities are fully included in their communities and exercise control over their own lives. TCDD is guided by a 27-member board made up of individuals with developmental disabilities, family members, representatives of state agencies, and local service providers who support individuals with developmental disabilities. TCDD Council members are appointed by the Governor. TCDD receives federal funding from the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (DD Act), and TCDD is one of 56 state Councils across the country. The majority of TCDD's funds go to grant projects.

WHO CAN BE A COUNCIL MEMBER?

Members of the Council are appointed by the Governor. As defined in the DD Act, at least 60% of Council members are:

- individuals with developmental disabilities, and
- parents, guardians or immediate relatives of children or adults with developmental disabilities who are unable to represent themselves.

The Council also includes representatives from state agencies and other entities who support individuals with disabilities.

WHAT DO MEMBERS DO?

Council members share their experiences and provide input and direction on how TCDD can create change in the system, build support in local communities, and advocate for the interests of individuals with developmental disabilities. Council members meet quarterly to discuss policy and advocacy issues, and to identify new and innovative statewide projects for TCDD's Five-Year State Plan.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Complete and submit an application to Governor Greg Abbott's office by visiting: <http://gov.texas.gov/appointments/application>.

If you have questions about becoming a Council member or need assistance with the application process, please contact Koren Vogel at (512) 437-5416 or koren.vogel@tcdd.texas.gov.

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