

About TCDD: The Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities (TCDD) draws from the principles identified in the Federal Developmental Disabilities Act (Public Law 106–402) in evaluating and responding to current and future policy issues that impact the developmental disabilities (DD) community. **TCDD invests its funds on promising practices that advance the inclusion of people with DD in all facets of community life by eliminating barriers, creating opportunities, and promoting innovation.**

2019 Public Policy Priority:

Accessible Transportation

Improve availability of safe, reliable, affordable, and accessible transportation. Expand capacity in suburban, urban, rural, and unincorporated areas to connect places people live with places they work, socialize, worship, attend school, access health care, etc.

TCDD Investments & Impact: Accessible Transportation

TCDD's recent project investments to build capacity to improve the system in Texas:

- **Transportation Works [Texas State Independent Living Council]:** Texas SILC facilitated stakeholder dialogue through statewide and regional summits comprised of transportation collaborators. Texas SILC will also develop an extensive report that identifies Texas' resources to assist in the transportation needs of Texans with disabilities. Understanding the needs of Texans with disabilities and transportation barriers they face uniquely positions Texas SILC to create sustainable change and increase accessible transportation in Texas for the nearly 1.9 million Texans with disabilities who report not leaving their home due to inadequate transportation services.
- **Local Transportation and Mobility Initiatives [Texas Citizen Fund]:** This project worked to increase reliable and accessible local transportation by supporting the full participation of people with disabilities in local transportation planning. The project expanded on the statewide alliance and urban/suburban local alliances in Fort Worth, San Antonio, El Paso, Houston, and East Texas. New alliances were started in Corpus Christi, Lubbock, and the seven-county transportation area of the Central Texas Council of Governments. Several statewide partners already operated in Laredo, the Rio Grande Valley, Beaumont, the broader North Central Texas region, and Austin.

Other 2019 Public Policy Priorities:

- Home and Community-Based Services
- Accessible Parking
- Community Attendant Rates and Wages
- Employment First
- Most Integrated, Person-Centered Setting
- Health Care

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