

**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:

## **Community Attendant Rates and Wages**

Ensure rates and wages are adequate so that those who provide direct support to people with disabilities are available, well-trained, and financially secure, enabling them to stay with the individuals they serve. Stability and quality of care empower people with disabilities to establish and maintain lives in the community.

### **TCDD Investments & Impact: Community Attendant Rates and Wages**

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

**Personal Attendants Pool Demonstration Projects:** Projects demonstrated strategies to increase the number of personal attendants available in the community. The projects focused on project development and building partnerships, recruitment, training and/or placement of personal attendants, as well as evaluation and activities necessary to ensure sustainability. Grantees included:

- Austin Travis County Integral Care
- The Arc of Dallas
- Disability Services of the Southwest, Fort Worth & Longview
- San Antonio Independent Living Services (SAIL) & San Antonio Area Disability Advocates

### **Other 2019 Public Policy Priorities:**

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

**More Information:** To learn more about TCDD's public policy priorities for the 86<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature, contact Scott Daigle, Public Policy Director, at [scott.daigle@tcdd.texas.gov](mailto:scott.daigle@tcdd.texas.gov) or (512) 437-5417.