

**TCDD Project Highlights
May 2010 (projects ended 2009)**

Advocacy, Inc.

Project Title: Texas Community Integration Project

Year: 9 of 9

Project Location: S.A., Houston, Austin, Dallas, Lubbock & El Paso

TCDD Budgeted: \$270,000

RFP Intent: To provide training and technical assistance and identify individual and systemic barriers to community integration, and to assist people with disabilities of all ages living in institutions (nursing homes, state schools, and Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded, and) to move into the community.

- Collaborated with more than 1,587 community partners in all areas of the state.
- 5,780 trained on systems advocacy issues related to community supports (including 1,622 self-advocates and 1,789 family members) and 4,960 people were trained on formal and informal community supports.
- Assisted 624 individuals with disabilities living in institutions to move into the community.
- Individual advocacy for people in institutional settings resulted in 17 institutional closures.

Sustainability: The project achieved sustainability and has Community Integration Advocate positions in Houston, Lufkin, Dallas, El Paso, Austin, San Antonio, and Lubbock covering all 254 counties in Texas.

Products: Tips for First Responders (pamphlet and tools); Co-produced DVD – Moving Out Of Institutions.

Imagine Enterprise

Project Title: Self-Determination for Texas

Year: 5 of 5

Project Location: Seabrook – Statewide

TCDD Budgeted: \$225,000

RFP Intent: To develop and provide Self-Determination information, training, and technical assistance and consultation & 7 Medicaid Boot Camp intensive trainings to provide 4-hour intensive training on waiver enrollment and service process.

- 1085 individuals with disabilities, family members and professionals attended the Medicaid Boot Camp.
- 126 volunteers joined the Waiver Information Network (WIN), a statewide volunteer network providing information on publicly funded Medicaid services (Austin, San Antonio, Midland/Odessa, and Ft. Worth).
- 3880 individuals with disabilities, family members, agency professionals and policy-makers were trained.
- 20 people shared their stories & available on the website: selfdetermined.org.
- 200 people attended the “Got Determination?” 2009 Self-Determination Conference in Houston.
- Collaborated with American Habilitation Services ICF-MR facilities & AmeriCorps volunteers to assist with person-centered plans and (3) moved into the community using Money Follows the Person grant.

Sustainability: The project will continue the Self-Determination for Texas Conference with commitments from the American Habilitation Services and the Arc of the Gulf Coast to replicate the conference, and assist with sponsorships.

Products: Multiple videos – www.selfdetermined.org ; Medicaid Boot Camp, Medicaid Toolkit 101; Which Waiver Does What? (Pamphlet); Self-Determination and Self-Advocate Tools (available in English & Spanish.)

Every Child

Project Title: Family-Based Alternatives Model Project (FBA)

Year: 3.5 of 3.5

Project Location: Longview and San Antonio

TCDD Budgeted: \$175,000

RFP Intent: To develop a system of family-based alternatives for institutions to children with severe and developmental disabilities that enables children with disabilities to live with families. To provide a home for the child and share in parenting in partnership with the child’s family.

- 101 children and young adults under the age of 22 moved from institutions to a family home.
- 28 families have completed FBA support-family7 training and begun the certification process.
- 466 individuals trained in Permanency Planning and Family Based Alternatives.
- 14 regional provider offices trained on family-based alternatives to institutions.
- 59% decrease in the number of children living in large facilities has been demonstrated.

Sustainability: EveryChild has been awarded a 5 year contract with Health and Human Services Commission.

Products: A Guide to Choosing a Support Family (handbook & brochure) and A Family for Every Child DVD.