

Background:

The DD Act requires DD Councils to prepare a five year State Plan and allows Councils to amend their Plan each year as needed. State Plan amendments are required to be submitted by August 15th each year. If amendments are made, TCDD must allow and encourage public comments on any proposed changes, and must provide the Administration on Developmental Disabilities with a description of why any proposed revisions were accepted or not accepted.

TCDD is beginning the final year of its current State Plan. Staff have reviewed activities that the Council plans to implement in the next year and do not recommend any amendments to the Plan.

Current State Plan Goals, Objectives and Activities are enclosed. The Public Policy and Project Development Committees will determine if any additional activities or changes should be recommended to the Council. The recommendation of each committee will be forwarded to the Council for consideration.

Should either Committee or the Council decide to propose amendments to the Plan, staff will solicit public comments on those amendments during the coming quarter so that the Council can make final decisions at the August meetings.

Should you have any questions or comments to share prior to the meeting, please contact Joanna at Joanna.Cordry@tcdd.state.tx.us or (512) 437-5410.

Public Policy Committee

Expected Action:

Agenda Item 8.

The Public Policy Committee will determine if amendments to the State Plan are needed for FY 2011 and if so, recommend amendments for public comment.

Project Development Committee

Expected Action:

Agenda Item 8.

The Project Development Committee will determine if amendments to the State Plan are needed for FY 201 and if so, recommend amendments for public comment.

Council Meeting

Expected Action:

Agenda Item 7.

The Council will consider any recommendations from the Committee concerning State Plan amendments for FY 2011.

Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities

FY 2007-2011 State Plan

Amendments for FY 2009 - 2011

Approved August 8, 2008

TCDD Mission Statement

The mission of the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities is to create change so that all people with disabilities are fully included in their communities and exercise control over their own lives.

Guiding Principles

All Council activities should be in alignment with the Council's mission statement and demonstrate:

- commitment to self-determination for individuals with disabilities and their families;
- effort to ensure that there is appropriate representation in all activities by people from diverse cultures and disabilities;
- best practices in the development and provision of services and supports, including an emphasis on measurable goals; and
- collaboration between the Council, grantees, advocacy organizations and other groups, including non-traditional partners, in activities that are consistent with the Council's mission.

Goals and Objectives

Goal 1: Texans with developmental disabilities, their family members, and/or their allies have the skills, knowledge, and support needed to advocate for services and supports that promote independence and community inclusion.

Objective 1.1: Collaborate with other organizations and agencies to increase the number of Texans with developmental disabilities, family members, and/or allies who have opportunities to participate in leadership development and/or advocacy skill training each year.

Completed Activities: Local & Statewide Leadership & Advocacy Training Projects (Family to Family Network, Inc., Imagine Enterprises, The HALI Project, Boerne ISD, Denton County Federation of Families, East Texas Center for Independent Living, Serving Children and Adolescents in Need, Paso del Norte Children's Development Center/El Paso Rehabilitation Center)

Current Activities: Local & Statewide Leadership & Advocacy Training Projects (Community Healthcore, The Arc of Texas, Family to Family Network, Inc., the Arc of Greater Tarrant County, Brighton School, Inc., NAMI Texas, Texas A&M)

Objective 1.2: Collaborate with other organizations and agencies to provide support each year to Texans with developmental disabilities, their family members, and their allies to participate on governing boards/committees, and/or to provide input to boards, committees, or legislators.

Current Activities: Stipends to support participation on advisory board, disbursed through the Center for Disability Studies at the University of Texas at Austin

Objective 1.3: Collaborate with other organizations and agencies to establish and expand a sustainable statewide network of local advocacy organizations and individual advocates that includes at least one entity from each of the eleven Texas Health and Human Services Regions, by September 30, 2011.

Current Activity: Texas Advocacy Training Network (Parents Anonymous, Inc.)

Objective 1.4: Collaborate with other organizations and agencies to establish an online clearinghouse that maintains current information about leadership and advocacy training programs, including information about at least one program in each of 26 different counties spread throughout all of the eleven Texas Health and Human Services Regions, by September 30, 2011.

Current Activity: Advocacy "U" Resource Center (Syracuse University)

Objective 1.5: Explore and consider funding, each year of the plan beginning with federal fiscal year 2009, strategies to support leadership development and/or advocacy training for youth with developmental disabilities.

Current Activity: Youth Leadership Training (Goodwill Industries of Central East Texas, Imagine Enterprises, Region 19, Texas A&M, Region 19 Educational Service Center)

Objective 1.6: Explore and consider funding, each year of the plan beginning with federal fiscal year 2009, strategies to support leadership development and/or advocacy training that specifically targets individuals who are minorities and individuals from underserved geographic areas.

Current Activity: Local Leadership and Advocacy Training (SER)

Goal 2: Texans with developmental disabilities who are considered leaders provide leadership training to individuals with developmental disabilities who may become leaders.

Objective 2.1: Support at least one program that provides direct funding of at least one statewide self-advocacy organization led by individuals with developmental disabilities each year of the State Plan.

Current Activity: Peer to Peer Leadership & Advocacy Training Project (Texas Advocates, Community Healthcare)

Objective 2.2: Explore and consider funding, each year of the plan beginning with federal fiscal year 2009, activities to support individuals of all ages who have developmental disabilities to serve as leaders and/or mentors to other individuals with developmental disabilities.

Current Activities: Peer to Peer Leadership & Advocacy Training Project (Paso del Norte Children's Development Center/El Paso Rehabilitation, Texas Advocates)

Goal 3: Students with developmental disabilities have educational opportunities and outcomes similar to those that are experienced by their peers without developmental disabilities.

Objective 3.1: Collaborate with other organizations and agencies to ensure that parents of students with developmental disabilities have the information and support to advocate effectively to protect their children's educational rights and to promote the use of best practices, by September 30, 2011.

Current Activities: Leadership & Advocacy Training Projects Provide Information & Training to Parents; Public Policy Staff Activities

Objective 3.2: Promote at least one program to ensure that teachers and other school personnel have the training necessary to be able to educate students with developmental disabilities in the general education classroom, by September 30, 2011.

Completed Activities: Positive Behavior Support Project (Region 17 Educational Service Center – project was expanded and now is an activity under Objective 3.6); Arts in Education Project (VSA Arts)

Current Activities: Teacher Inclusive Education Training (Texas Tech University)

Objective 3.3: Collaborate with other organizations and agencies to promote opportunities for students with developmental disabilities to obtain post-secondary education, by September 30, 2011.

Future Activities: Higher Education Project (Request for Proposals to be released FY 2010)

Objective 3.4: Explore issues related to transition services for people with developmental disabilities across all ages and determine possible strategies through which to address these issues, by September 30, 2008. (completed)

Completed Activities: Staff Activities – Participation on Interagency Workgroup

Objective 3.5: Collaborate with other organizations and agencies to produce a guide to transition for students with developmental disabilities, by September 30, 2010.

Current Activities: Public Policy Staff Activities; Possible Collaboration with the Center on Disability and Development at Texas A&M

Objective 3.6: Explore possible strategies to address disproportionate high school graduation rates and/or inappropriate disciplinary actions experienced by students with developmental disabilities, with a special emphasis on students who are minorities, by September 30, 2011.

Current Activity: Positive Behavior Support Project: Impacting Disproportionality (Region 17 Education Service Center)

Goal 4: Children and youth with developmental disabilities have access to appropriate inclusive childcare and/or after-school activities in their communities.

Objective 4.1: Explore issues related to childcare and after-school activities for families of individuals with developmental disabilities and determine possible strategies through which to address these issues, by September 30, 2011.

Current Activities: Positive Behavior Support Project (TACCRRA); Positive Behavior Supports Project – Head Start (Region 17 Educational Service Center)

Objective 4.2: Collaborate with other organizations and agencies to support training for childcare and/or after-school care providers to improve their ability and willingness to include individuals with disabilities in their programs, by September 30, 2011.

Current Activities: Positive Behavior Support Project (TACCRRA); Positive Behavior Supports Project – Head Start (Region 17)

Goal 5: People with developmental disabilities receive quality care for mental and physical health and have access to wellness support in their communities.

Objective 5.1: Collaborate with other organizations and agencies to ensure that there exists sufficient numbers of healthcare and wellness providers, including hospital staff, who have the ability, skills, knowledge and willingness to serve people with developmental disabilities effectively, by September 30, 2011.

Completed Activities: Project DOCC (Driscoll Children’s Hospital, Children’s Association for Maximum Potential, Texas Parent to Parent)

Current Activities: Project DOCC (Project DOCC Houston), Baylor College of Medicine (Transition Clinic)

Objective 5.2: Collaborate with other organizations and agencies to provide supports to assist people with developmental disabilities and their families to improve and/or maintain their health, by September 30, 2011.

Current Activities: Baylor College of Medicine (Transition Clinic)

Objective 5.3: Collaborate with other organizations and agencies to demonstrate the benefits of providing seamless and efficient access to services and supports needed by individuals who have dual diagnoses that include psychiatric/behavioral diagnoses, by September 30, 2010.

Current Activities: Baylor College of Medicine (Transition Clinic)

Objective 5.4: Explore and consider funding activities to demonstrate the effectiveness of providing supports for individuals with developmental disabilities to form and maintain healthy, meaningful long-term relationships, by September 30, 2011.

Future Activities: Healthy Relationships Request For Information (posting date: June 2009)

Objective 5.5: Explore and consider implementing activities to address disparate quality of healthcare experienced by individuals with developmental disabilities who are minorities and their non-minority peers, by September 30, 2011.

Future Activities: Regional Texas African American Support Conference (idea approved by Council, project currently in negotiation with proposed partner, Austin Travis County MHMR)

Objective 5.6: Explore and consider implementing activities to address issues related to the aging of individuals with developmental disabilities and their caregivers, by September 30, 2011.

Activities:

Goal 6: People with developmental disabilities can find, obtain, and maintain employment that is desirable to them.

Objective 6.1: Support the identification of best and promising practices in self-employment for individuals with developmental disabilities and determine appropriate demonstration activities, by September 30, 2008. (completed)

Current Activities: Staff Activity (Request For Proposals (RFP) for Self-Employment Projects)

Objective 6.2: Collaborate with other organizations and agencies to promote hiring, job development, and/or job support practices that enable people with developmental disabilities to succeed in jobs in vocational fields they choose, by September 30, 2011.

Current Activities: Employment Projects (Lower Rio Grande Workforce Development Board, Texas A&M, Knowbility, Inc.)

Objective 6.3: Explore issues related to career development for people with developmental disabilities and determine possible strategies through which to address these issues, by September 30, 2010. (completed)

Current Activities: Staff Activity (RFP for Self-Employment Projects; Higher Education RFP)

Objective 6.4: Collaborate with other organizations to develop and support practices related to self-employment and/or career development for individuals with developmental disabilities, by September 30, 2011.

Current Activities: Employment Projects (VSA Arts of Texas, Community Healthcore)

Goal 7: People with developmental disabilities can secure accessible, affordable, community-integrated housing in the communities in which they choose to live.

Objective 7.1: Collaborate with other organizations and agencies to increase affordable, accessible, community-integrated housing units in Texas, by September 30, 2011.

Current Activities: Accessible New Housing Project (TIRR/Independent Living Research Utilization)

Objective 7.2: Collaborate with other organizations and agencies to provide supports to assist people with developmental disabilities and their families to be able to obtain accessible housing, by September 30, 2011.

Current Activities: Public Policy Staff Activities

Goal 8: People with developmental disabilities can get to their desired destinations when needed using those supports available in their natural environments.

Objective 8.1: Collaborate with other organizations and agencies to increase the availability and responsiveness of affordable transportation options needed by Texans with developmental disabilities, by September 30, 2011.

Complemented Activities: Just Transportation Project (Texas Citizen Fund)

Objective 8.2: Provide supports to assist people with developmental disabilities and their families to be able to obtain and use accessible and affordable transportation that is responsive to their needs, by September 30, 2011.

Current Activities: Paratransit Project (Texas Citizen Fund)

Objective 8.3: Collaborate with other organizations and agencies to provide support to increase, each year of the plan, the number of individuals with developmental disabilities who serve on and/or work with local/regional transportation entities, through September 30, 2011.

Activities:

Goal 9: People with developmental disabilities will have recreational opportunities, choices, and outcomes similar to those of people who do not have developmental disabilities.

Objective 9.1: Collaborate with other organizations and agencies to promote community recreation programs and/or recreation opportunities that are fully inclusive, by September 30, 2011.

Activities:

Objective 9.2: Collaborate with other organizations and agencies to explore and possibly promote any advantages that might exist due to recreation programs and/or recreation opportunities that specifically target the needs of people with developmental disabilities, by September 30, 2011.

Activities:

Goal 10: People with developmental disabilities and family members will have the supports and services they need to be able to participate actively in their communities.

Objective 10.1: Encourage businesses and community organizations, including those clubs and extracurricular activities that are associated with schools, that have not traditionally targeted people with developmental disabilities as a part of their customer base to do so by making them aware of the benefits they will experience by doing so, by September 30, 2011.

Activities:

Objective 10.2: Collaborate, each year of the State Plan, with other agencies and organizations on an ongoing basis to develop and promote concrete policy alternatives and best practices to ensure that individuals and families can access and maintain self-directed community-based services and supports of their choice.

Completed Activities: Personal Assistant Services (Community Healthcore, Austin-Travis County MHMR); Positive Behavior Support Project (Texana MHMR)

Current Activities: Disability Policy Consortium (UCP Texas); “End the Wait in Texas” Website; Public Policy Staff Activities

Objective 10.3: At least once each year of the State Plan, review and consider funding promising field-initiated activities related to improving or demonstrating best practices in community-based supports and services.

Completed Activities: Unsolicited Proposals Process

Current Activities: Unsolicited Ideas Process

Objective 10.4: Develop and disseminate, as needed, summaries of trends, policy and fiscal issues, characteristics of programs and services, and the effects of these on Texans with developmental disabilities and offer recommendations to develop more efficient, person-directed, services each year of the State Plan.

Current Activities: Biennial Disability Report; Public Policy, Public Information and Communication Activities

Objective 10.5: Collaborate with other organizations and agencies to increase the number of individuals with developmental disabilities who move from nursing homes, state schools, and ICF-MR programs to community living settings, by September 30, 2011.

Current Activities: Texas Community Integration Project (Advocacy, Inc.); Family Based Alternatives (EveryChild, Inc.)

Objective 10.6: Collaborate with other organizations and agencies to ensure that Texans with developmental disabilities and their families have access to information about self-determination, best and promising practices, available services, and formal and informal supports to be able to effectively maximize benefits and explore their options, each year of the State Plan.

Completed Activities: Waiver Expansion Project (DADS); Informational Website (DADS); Autism Resource Guide (DADS)

Current Activities: Self-Determination Training Project (Imagine Enterprises); Strategic Communication/Public Information Activities

Objective 10.7: Explore and promote new technologies, multi-media tools, assistive equipment, and/or barrier removal/home modifications that may enable people with developmental disabilities to live more independently within local communities and/or to participate more fully in advocacy efforts, by September 30, 2011.

Proposed Future Activities: Technology-Supported Independent Living Options

Objective 10.8: Collaborate with other organizations and agencies to ensure that the needs of people with developmental disabilities are addressed in disaster-preparedness and relief planning, by September 30, 2011.

Completed Activities: Disaster Relief Activities (in collaboration with DD Network Partners – Advocacy, Inc.; the Center for Disability Studies at UT-Austin; the Center on Disability and Development at A&M

Current Activities: Staff Activities as needed

Objective 10.9: Collaborate with other organizations and agencies to develop and promote innovative systems that support the principles of Self-Determination, asset building, and financial literacy through which individuals have the opportunity to self-direct their own lives and to truly be included in their communities, by September 30, 2011.

Completed Activities: Self-Determination Policy Workgroup (in collaboration with the Arc of Texas)

Current Activities: Microboard Project (The Arc); ASSET (UCP Texas); Public Policy Staff Activities

Future Activities: Alternatives to Guardianship Activities

Objective 10.10: Collaborate with other organizations and agencies to support capacity-building and/or quality improvement activities for organizations that provide or advocate for quality services and supports, by September 30, 2011.

Current Activities:

Objective 10.11: Collaborate with leaders of faith-based organizations to compare experiences and share resources to increase the formal and informal community supports available to people with developmental disabilities in their communities, by September 30, 2011.

Current Activities: Planning & Grants Staff Activities

Objective 10.12: Explore, monitor, and/or develop activities to address issues related to youth with developmental disabilities who are served by Child Protective Services or the Juvenile Justice system, by September 30, 2011.

Current Activities:

Goal 11: The Council and its Committees receive staff and administrative support to effectively implement the Council's mission and goals.

Objective 11.1: Each year of the State Plan, provide input as appropriate representing the philosophies and positions of the Council on public policy issues affecting people with developmental disabilities, and coordinate various activities to provide information to the public.

Ongoing Activities: Public Policy Staff Activities

Objective 11.2: Each year of the State Plan, coordinate the Council's planning processes, develop and evaluate model projects, and provide monitoring to grant projects.

Ongoing Activities: Planning Staff Activities

Objective 11.3: Each year of the State Plan, provide support and coordination for quarterly meetings of the Council and Committees, and leadership and administrative coordination to implement Council approved activities.

Ongoing Activities: Administrative Staff Activities

Objective 11.4: Explore and develop strategies to address issues related to the diversity of ethnicity, age, income, and geographic areas of Texas, each year of the State Plan beginning with federal fiscal year 2009.

Ongoing Activities: Staff and Council Activities

Objective 11.5: Explore and develop strategies to ensure that the Council uses best practices in strategic communications to disseminate information and products to reach specific goals by September 30, 2011.

Ongoing Activities: "Ban the 'R' Word Campaign" (Special Olympics); Medicaid 101 DVD; Moving People Out of Institutions DVD; Public Information and Communication Staff Activities