

Background:

The quarterly Grants and Projects Report is enclosed for review by Committee members. TCDD staff may also provide updates to the Committee of notable achievement or items of concern. Items included in this report are:

- TCDD Projects Training Schedule – This calendar of training events planned by TCDD grant projects during the next six months is included as general information for Committee and Council members.
- Grant Project Highlights – The quarterly Grant Project Highlights Report is enclosed for review by Committee members. This report provides highlights of grantee accomplishments for a number of current TCDD funded projects. Different grantees are highlighted each quarter.

**Project Development
Committee****Agenda Item 5. C.****Expected Action:**

No action anticipated; information item only.

Council**Agenda Item 10. A.****Expected Action:**

The Council will review discussions on this item. No action is anticipated.

TCDD Projects' Training Schedule

May 2012 – October 2012

May	10	Brighton Center Building Bridges Curriculum: Developing Advocacy Skills Parents Alliance for Learning and Support (PALS) Advocacy Training One For Autism (Class 1 of 4) 265 E. Lullwood (San Antonio) 6:30pm–8:00pm Contact Manny Garcia at (210) 826-4492 Open to Public – Limited to 15 participants Free
	10	Brighton Center Building Bridges Curriculum: Developing Advocacy Skills Parents Alliance for Learning and Support (PALS) Advocacy Training New Braunfels Kids Club (Class 1 of 4) 169 South Hickory (New Braunfels) 6:30pm-8:00pm Contact Dot O'Donnell at (210) 826-4492 Open to Public Free
	11	Brighton Center Parents Alliance for Learning and Support (PALS) Advocacy Training Self Determination Program 265 E. Lullwood (San Antonio) 6:00pm-7:30pm Contact Manny Garcia at (210) 826-4492 Open to Young Adults 15-22 years of age Free
	12	El Paso del Norte Youth Leadership Forum YLF Celebration! Vista del Sol Conference Center (El Paso) 5:00pm-9:00pm Contact Rick Razo at (915) 780-5091 Open to individuals registered as YLF delegates Free
	15	Brighton Center Parents Alliance for Learning and Support (PALS) Advocacy Training ARD Clinic: Special Education 101 Arc of San Antonio 13430 West Ave (San Antonio) 9:00am-11:00am Contact Dot O'Donnell at (210) 826-4492 Open to Public Free

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May

- 17 **Brighton Center**
Building Bridges Curriculum: Special Education Law
Parents Alliance for Learning and Support (PALS) Advocacy Training
One For Autism (Class 2 of 4)
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Open to Public
Free
- 17 **VSA Arts of Texas**
Arts and Disability Discussion Group
3701 Guadalupe St. (Austin)
11:30am-1:00pm
Contact April Sullivan at (512) 323-6626 or april@vsatx.org
Open to the Public – RSVP required
Free
- 24 **Brighton Center**
Building Bridges Curriculum: The Pre-ARD (Effective Communication)
Parents Alliance for Learning and Support (PALS) Advocacy Training
One For Autism (Class 3 of 4)
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One For Autism (Class 4 of 4)
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31 **Brighton Center**
Building Bridges Curriculum: Developing Advocacy Skills
Parents Alliance for Learning and Support (PALS) Advocacy Training
New Braunfels Kids Club (Class 4 of 4)
169 South Hickory (New Braunfels)
6:30pm-8:00pm
Contact Dot O'Donnell at (210) 826-4492
Open to Public
Free

June

4-14 **VSA Arts of Texas**
Summer Camp 1
3710 Cedar St. Room 101 (Austin)
10:00am-2:00pm
Contact April Sullivan at (512) 323-6626 or april@vsatx.org
Open to the Young Adults with Disabilities age 15 and Older
Cost: \$350

7 **Brighton Center**
Building Bridges Curriculum: Developing Advocacy Skills
Parents Alliance for Learning and Support (PALS) Advocacy Training
One For Autism (Class 1 of 4)
265 E. Lullwood (San Antonio)
6:30pm–8:00pm
Contact Manny Garcia at (210) 826-4492
Open to Public – Limited to 15 participants
Free

7 **Brighton Center**
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- 8** **Brighton Center**
Parents Alliance for Learning and Support (PALS) Advocacy Training
Self Determination Program
Hector Garza Treatment Center
620 East Afton Oaks Blvd. (San Antonio)
4:00pm-6:00pm
Contact Manny Garcia at (210) 826-4492
Closed to Public
Free
- 14** **Brighton Center**
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- 18-28** **VSA Arts of Texas**
Summer Camp 2
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10:00am-2:00pm
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Open to the Young Adults with Disabilities age 15 and Older
Cost: \$350
- 19** **Brighton Center**
Parents Alliance for Learning and Support (PALS) Advocacy Training
ARD Clinic
Down Syndrome Association
7607 Sommerset Rd. (San Antonio)
6:00pm-8:00pm
Contact Manny Garcia at (210) 826-4492
Open to Public
Free

- 21 Brighton Center**
Building Bridges Curriculum: The Pre-ARD (Effective Communication)
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6:30pm–8:00pm
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Open to Public
Free
- 21 VSA Arts of Texas**
Arts and Disability Discussion Group
3701 Guadalupe St. (Austin)
11:30am-1:00pm
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Free
- 28 Brighton Center**
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July

- 5 Brighton Center**
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- 4** **Brighton Center**
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Parents Alliance for Learning and Support (PALS) Advocacy Training
Class 1 of 4
3823 Fortuna CT (San Antonio)
8:30am-10:30am
Contact Dot O'Donnell at (210) 826-4492
Open to Families within the Edgewood School District
Free
- 6** **Brighton Center**
Building Bridges Curriculum: Special Education Law
Parents Alliance for Learning and Support (PALS) Advocacy Training
One for Autism (Class 2 of 4)
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Building Bridges Curriculum: Special Education Law/504
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Class 2 of 4
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October

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**TCDD Project Highlights
May 2012**

**Grantee: Community Healthcare
Supported Employment**

Project Title: The Texas Customized Self-Employment
Project Location: Longview, TX

Year: 5 of 5
TCDD Budgeted: \$112,704

RFP Intent: To fund projects that demonstrate innovative activities that will systematically increase employment opportunities for people with developmental disabilities and develop strategies that will make these activities sustainable after grant funding has ended. The project will provide customized self-employment opportunities through training and local collaboration on how to develop and implement an individualized self-employment plan.

Accomplishments:

- A total of 150 individuals have attended one or more of the self-employment trainings;
- To date, 38 individuals were assisted with funds for their business;
- Currently, there are 38 self-owned businesses, 10 of which are beginning this project period; and
- The Texas Customized Self-Employment project has presented at 2 conferences and 8 workshops on self-employment.

Sustainability: One focus of the project has been to obtain sufficient in-kind match through the Potential Business Owner's Business Design Team. The staff has identified some ways to encourage individuals to bring these supports to the trainings and get them involved early in the process, which will help provide the individual with needed support for business longevity and success. The project collaborates with the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) and the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS).

Products: None

Grantee: Paso del Norte

Expansion of Leadership Development and Advocacy Skills Training

Project Title: Leadership Academy for Families
Project Location: El Paso, TX

Year: 1 of 2
TCDD Budgeted: \$40,000

RFP Intent: The intent of the RFP is to expand the impact of TCDD leadership development and advocacy skills training projects that have been funded through previous RFPs. TCDD intends to continue development of a network of training programs and resources to assist Texans with developmental disabilities and their families to have support and training needed to be strong leaders and advocates.

Accomplishments:

- The project recruited ten graduates of the Leadership Academy for Families to become mentors.
- To date, the project has held 13 trainings for mentors and parents; project holds at least 1-2 trainings per week.
- Mentors have begun some activities such as visiting schools, doctors' offices and meeting with other parents to promote the Leadership Academy training and other trainings.

Sustainability: The Paso del Norte Children's Development Center (PdNCDC) already maintains the Leadership Academy for Families. The mentoring component will be integrated into the advocacy/outreach component for the long term.

Products: None