



FY 2005 ANNUAL REPORT

# Projects TCDD Funded in FY 2005

In Fiscal Year 2005 (October 2004-September 2005), the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities (TCDD) funded 42 grant projects. These projects are designed to demonstrate new approaches to services and supports, address unmet needs and create change so all people with disabilities are fully included in their communities and exercise control over their own lives.

A brief overview of the projects, location of grant recipient (when not obvious) and what they did in FY 2005 follows. Many work statewide. More details on each project are on the Council's Web site at [http://www.txddc.state.tx.us/grants\\_projects/profilesindex.asp](http://www.txddc.state.tx.us/grants_projects/profilesindex.asp), as well as links to project Web sites.

## Leadership and Advocacy Activities

- **Leadership Academy for Families (Academia de Liderazgo para Familias), El Paso Rehabilitation Center** provided community-based leadership training to 94 individuals; project funding ended August 2005.
  - **Partners in Policymaking, Family to Family Network, Inc.** (Houston) provides extensive leadership and advocacy skills training to adults with disabilities and parents; 33 Texans graduated in April 2005.
  - **Youth Leadership Training, Children's Association for Maximum Potential (CAMP)** (San Antonio) held 6-day forum for 30 Texas youth with disabilities.
  - **3 Peer to Peer Self-Advocacy Training Projects** started in 2005 to develop training led by people with developmental disabilities and to provide direct support and technical assistance to self-advocates.
    - **Self-Advocates Working All Together, Sabine Valley Regional MHMR Center** (Longview) strengthens existing support groups; will also promote new groups.
    - **Training Tomorrow's Mentors Today, El Paso Rehabilitation Center**, helps youth with developmental disabilities mentor other youth.
    - **Peer to Peer Self-Advocacy Training, Texas Advocates** (Austin) will conduct 12 local self-advocacy workshops in San Antonio, Corpus Christi and Rio Grande Valley areas, develop local/regional leadership academies, assist individuals to improve own lives, and support growth of local self-advocacy organizations. Also providing training and information statewide.
  - **Texas Community Integration Project (TCIP), Advocacy, Inc.**, (Austin) enables people living in institutions to move to the community. Started in San Antonio; now expanding in other parts of Texas.
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- Jennifer Osborne and Margaret Crittendon address legislators and their aides, Partners in Policymaking project
- **Family-Based Alternatives, EveryChild, Inc.**, (Austin) recruits foster families; building a system to assist children to move from institutions to family homes.
  - **Safety Awareness Program, Travis County Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Survival Center** (Austin) is a nationally known, abuse prevention project that worked statewide; grant funding ended July 2005.
  - **Self Determination for Texas: A Collaborative Project, Imagine Enterprises, Inc.**, (Seabrook) provides information, training and technical assistance on self-determination in up to 10 Texas regions. Started in East Texas, Gulf Coast and Dallas areas.
  - **Texas Disability Policy Consortium, United Cerebral Palsy of Texas** (Austin) provides support for a consortium of 24 statewide disability advocacy groups working together on public policy issues.
  - **Consumer Stipends Program** provided funding to 19 organizations in FY 2005 to assist consumers and families to attend conferences/events that promote empowerment, independence, productivity and community integration for people with developmental disabilities.



Gene works at a retail store, Dallas Transitioning project

## Community Support Activities

- **8 Local Advocacy Networks (LANs)** provided advocacy training and support for 2,467 people with developmental disabilities, their families, and other advocates in Texas communities in FY 2005.
  - The Arc of Texas LAN** (Austin) conducts legislative workshops in El Paso, Rio Grande Valley and central Texas.
  - Boerne Independent School District LAN** provides assistance for student-led Individual Educational Plan meetings.
  - Denton County Federation of Families LAN** provides training focused on transportation, mental health and juvenile justice issues.
  - East Texas Center for Independent Living LAN** (Tyler) provides training in 11 counties in East Texas.
  - Family to Family Network, Inc., LAN** provides training through Disability Leadership Network of Houston.
  - The HALI Project, Inc., LAN** (Canyon) provides training addressing rural challenges in Texas Panhandle.
  - Sabine Valley Regional MHMR Center LAN** (Longview) connects advocates for children, women, seniors and disabilities on such issues as rights, abuse and neglect.
  - Serving Children and Adolescents in Need (SCAN), Inc., LAN** (Laredo) conducts public policy advocacy skills training called Juntos Podemos (Together We Can).
- **4 Personal Attendants Pool Demonstration Projects** developed new ways to increase the number of personal assistants.
  - The Arc of Dallas** trained 224 and recruited 137 new applicants. Grant funding ended May 2005; now partners with an employment agency.
  - SAILS (San Antonio Independent Living Services)** trained 144 personal assistants. Grant funding ended May 2005.
  - Sabine Valley Center** (Longview) trained 131 personal assistants.
  - Austin Travis County MHMR** expanded its training into Dallas/Fort Worth, El Paso, Houston and San Antonio; Web site connects attendants and people needing services.
- **3 Positive Behavioral Support projects** offer training and assistance in PBS to childcare providers, parents, school, community service providers, universities and nonprofits.
  - Region 17 Education Service Center PBS project** (Lubbock) provides training to 22 schools; has a cyber classroom.
  - Texas Association for Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (TACCRRRA) PBS** (San Antonio) hosted a conference with 170 participants.
  - Texana MHMR Center PBS** (Rosenberg) trained 228 people.
- **Other Community Support Activities**
  - Family Support Network, Texas A&M Research Foundation** (Bryan/College Station) helps families in seven-county Brazos Valley obtain information, support and skills to make informed decisions. Grant ended Sept. 2005.
  - Accessibility Internet Rally, Knowbility, Inc.** (Austin) increased access to Internet and information technology; held accessibility Web site building competitions. Grant funding ended May 2005; project is being replicated across Texas, other states.



Professional Web developers learn how to make Web sites accessible, Accessible Internet Rally

- Arts-Based Learning, VSA Arts of Texas** (Austin) uses Start With the Arts to promote communication skills, cognition and school readiness for non-typical, pre-school learners.



Personal assistants training in San Antonio

## Employment and Education Activities

- **Dallas Transitioning: Making It Happen, Dallas Metrocare Services** provides supported employment services to graduating students with disabilities; assisted 184 students in transitioning to community services and/or jobs.



Tyris works at a City Hall, Dallas Transitioning project

- **Inclusive Education Demonstration Project (Middle School Inclusion), LR Consulting** (Katy) piloted “best practices” for including students with developmental disabilities in five middle schools in Texas, to ensure academic inclusion; grant funding ended May 2005.
- **Inclusion Works! Conference, The Arc of Texas** (Austin) helped ensure students with disabilities progress in the general curriculum. Four local Arc chapters collaborated on inclusive education training for 260 families. TCDD funding ended in 2005; annual conference now funded by Texas Education Agency and Statewide Access to General Curriculum Network.

## Housing and Transportation Activities

- **Public Housing Initiative, Coalition of Texans with Disabilities** (Austin) provided training to 389 people and technical assistance to Public Housing Authorities in Texas to increase integrated housing. TCDD funding ended December 2005.
- **Accessible New Housing Project, The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research/Independent Living Research Utilization (TIRR/ILRU)** (Houston) started in July 2005 to increase new visitable single-family homes in Texas with first level accessibility. Certifies builders constructing accessible homes.
- **Local Transportation and Mobility Initiatives (Just Transportation Alliances), Texas Citizen Fund** (Austin) is expanding statewide and local alliances to increase reliable, accessible transportation.

## Health Care Activities

Four projects bring together parents of children with chronic illnesses or severe disabilities and health care providers to improve providers’ skills in delivering family-centered care. Three projects are connected with the national Project DOCC (Delivery of Chronic Care).

- **Project DOCC, Driscoll Children’s Hospital** (Corpus Christi) expanded to include bilingual presentations in the Rio Grande Valley and a presentation to Philippine nursing residents; grant funding ended October 2005.
- **Houston Project DOCC, Project DOCC, Inc.**, connects parents with pediatric and family practice residents at Baylor College of Medicine.
- **Project DOCC, Children’s Association for Maximum Potential** (San Antonio) trained pediatric residents at three sites in San Antonio; participating in PBS documentary on “Remaking American Medicine” expected to air in fall 2006.



Individuals like Kaci and Eddie Bujano provide insight to health care providers on living with disabilities, Project DOCC, San Antonio

- **Medical Education Program, Texas Parent to Parent** (Austin) matches parents with medical residents/providers hospitals in the Austin, Temple, Fort Worth and Dallas areas. Trained 230 nurses in Waco and Temple.

## Cross-Cutting Activities

- **Marketing Services, The Loomis Agency** (Dallas) developed products to promote TCDD and its work, with emphasis on the Council’s Web site and marketing a video that encourages students with disabilities to attend higher education.
- **Biennial Disability Report, United Cerebral Palsy of Texas** (Austin) held 26 focus groups plus individual interviews on housing issues.



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**Left:** Chico (event mascot) Roger, Brandi, Betty, Marcy and Kay at kite-flying fundraiser, East Texas CIL Local Advocacy Network

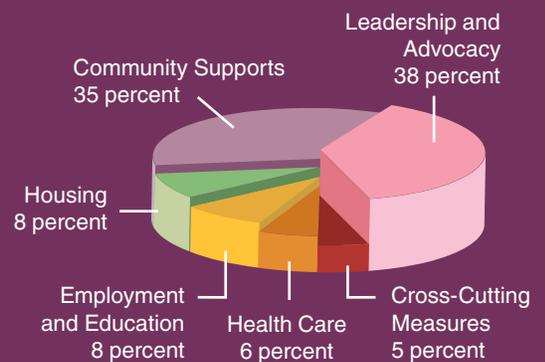
**On the cover:** Pre-kindergarten students in El Paso, Arts-Based Learning

Chuckie at Texas Capitol, Youth Leadership Forum  
Jamie and Rachel Connor, Sabine Valley Advocacy Network

## Investments in Grant Projects by Activity Area

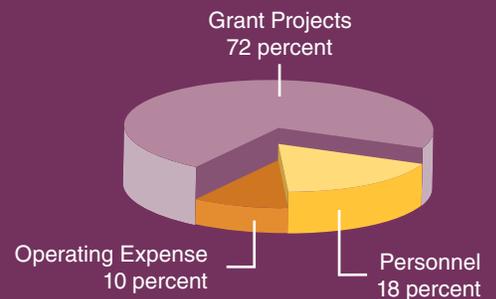
Emphasis Area	Federal Funds	Non-Federal Funds	Total Funds
Employment & Education	\$386,195	\$523,439	\$909,634
Housing & Transportation	379,538	119,314	498,852
Health Care	309,225	144,851	454,076
Leadership & Advocacy	1,797,923	704,176	2,502,099
Community Supports	1,658,901	782,197	2,441,098
Cross-Cutting Measures	261,793	62,937	324,730
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,793,575</b>	<b>\$2,336,914</b>	<b>\$7,130,489</b>

**Note:** Table (above) represents funds spent during FY 2005. Chart (right) shows federal funds only. Most grantees provide non-federal "matching funds" up to 25% of their federal funds each year. Includes some funds awarded in prior years.



## 2005 TCDD Budget

Budget Categories	Funding
Grant Projects	\$3,446,653
Operating Expenses	451,300
Personnel	839,600
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,737,553</b>



## Allocation of Operating and Personnel Expenses



- Council Support (8 percent)
- Staff Support (25 percent)
- Public Information (9 percent)
- Projects Management (46 percent)
- Public Policy (12 percent)

## **Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities Council Membership and Staff as of Sept. 30, 2005**

The Texas Council is a governor-appointed board. Members include self-advocates with developmental disabilities, family members, and representatives of state agencies that provide services and supports to persons with disabilities. The Council also includes representatives of the Texas Center for Disability Studies, the state's protection and advocacy system (Advocacy, Inc.), and local organizations. Sixty percent of the members are either self-advocates or family members.

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