



# TEXAS COUNCIL *for* DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES



## PROJECTS TCDD FUNDED IN FY 2007

The Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities (TCDD) funded 37 grant projects in fiscal year 2007 (FY07, October 2006 - September 2007). These projects demonstrate new approaches to services and supports, address unmet needs and help create change so all people with disabilities can be fully included in their communities and exercise control over their own lives. An estimated 423,500 Texans have developmental disabilities.

A brief overview of the projects, location of grant recipients and what they did in FY07 follows. During the year, 7 new projects started, 19 were ongoing, and 11 ended. Many projects are statewide. More details on each project are on the TCDD 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



Erica on Ropes Challenge Course, Goodwill Industries' YouthWorks!, Lufkin

- **4 YOUTH LEADERSHIP & ADVOCACY PROJECTS** provide training and support to Texas youth with disabilities. 3 regional projects each support about 60 youth per year. A statewide project conducts a 5-day forum each summer for 30 students chosen from regional projects.

- **Texas A&M Research Foundation** coordinates the Statewide Youth Leadership Forum.
- **Goodwill Industries of Central East Texas** works with youth from the Lufkin area.

- **Imagine Enterprises** works with youth from 13 counties in West Texas.
- **Education Service Center Region 19** works with youth from El Paso and Hudspeth counties.

- **3 PEER TO PEER SELF-ADVOCACY TRAINING PROJECTS** assist people with developmental disabilities to increase their self-advocacy skills. They also help individuals to train/mentor others.

- **Self-Advocates Working All Together, Community Healthcare (Longview)** works with self-advocates to train others to be more independent and self-sufficient.
- **Training Tomorrow's Mentors Today, Paso Del Norte Children's Development Center** (formerly El Paso Rehabilitation Center) helps youth with developmental disabilities mentor other youth.
- **Peer to Peer Self-Advocacy Training, Texas Advocates (Austin)** conducts self-advocacy workshops in San Antonio, Corpus Christi and Rio Grande Valley areas, holds leadership academies and assists people to improve their own lives. It provides information statewide.



Statewide Youth Leadership Forum activities

- **Disaster Recovery Project, Advocacy, Inc. (Austin)** helped numerous people with disabilities in Texas who were displaced by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

- **Texas Community Integration Project, Advocacy, Inc. (Austin)** assisted 108 people to move from institutions to the community in FY07. It trained 1,309 people on individualized support and community options.

- **Family-Based Alternatives Project, EveryChild, Inc. (Austin)** assisted 10 children who moved from an institution to a family home, including one individual who had lived in a nursing home 7 years.

- **The Disability Policy Consortium, United Cerebral Palsy of Texas (Austin)** provides support for a coalition of 29 disability organizations working together on public policy issues in Texas.

- **Consumer Stipends Program** provided funding to 13 organizations allowing 687 self-advocates and parents to attend conferences/events that promote empowerment, independence, productivity and community integration for people with disabilities.



Paula Shamburger, Betty Johnson & David Paige at emergency preparedness training, East Texas Local Advocacy Network

Diego Olea at goal planning event in McAllen. VSA arts of Texas



## COMMUNITY SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

- **8 LOCAL ADVOCACY NETWORKS (LANS)** provided advocacy training and support for people with developmental disabilities, their families and others to participate in public policy advocacy and/or leadership roles at local, regional and state levels. TCDD funding for 6 of the 3-year projects ended in FY07; 2 end in FY08.

- **The Arc of Texas LAN (Austin)** conducted a total of 59 trainings in 24 communities, with a focus on El Paso, Rio Grande Valley and Central Texas.
- **Boerne Independent School District LAN** provided assistance for student-led Individual Educational Plan meetings.

– **Denton County Federation of Families LAN** provided training focused on transportation, mental health and juvenile justice issues.

- **East Texas Center for Independent Living LAN (Tyler)** provided training in 11 counties in East Texas. Participants advocated on transportation, health, education, early intervention and other issues.
- **Family to Family Network, Inc., LAN** provided training through Disability Leadership Network of Houston. In 3 years, 55 people graduated from an 8-month training program, 383 attended resource fairs, and 246 attended 13 workshops.

- **Serving Children and Adolescents in Need (SCAN), Inc., LAN (Laredo)** conducted public policy advocacy skills training called Juntos Podemos (Together We Can). It held 75 workshops and trained more than 600 people.
- **The HALI Project, Inc., LAN (Canyon)** provided training addressing rural challenges in Texas Panhandle. Funding ends July '08.
- **Community Healthcare LAN (Longview)** connected advocates for children, women, seniors and disabilities on such issues as rights, abuse and neglect. Funding ends January '08.

- **Personnel Attendants Pool Demonstration Project, Austin Travis County MHMR** demonstrated strategies to increase the number of personal attendants in Austin, Dallas/Fort Worth, El Paso, Houston and San Antonio. TCDD funding ended in FY07; the Web site still connects attendants and people needing services.

- **Self Determination for Texas, Imagine Enterprises, Inc. (Seabrook)** trained 1,527 individuals in FY07, to help people with disabilities control their lives. It also held 15 trainings on Medicaid waivers for 1,070 people.

- **Positive Behavioral Support Project, Texana MHMR Center (Rosenberg)** provides training to service providers and school staff on positive behavior supports. Training lasts 2 years.



After three years in a nursing home, Mahal moved in with a support family. EveryChild, Inc.

- **Texas Council on Autism and Pervasive Developmental Disorders' Identification of Service Delivery Innovations, Department of Aging and Disability Services** gathered information about service delivery innovations in education, training or treatment in Texas to improve the lives of persons with autism spectrum disorders.
- **Quality Reporting System Enhancements, Department of Aging and Disability Services** to expand information on the DADS Web site about Medicaid Waiver providers.

## CHILD CARE ACTIVITIES

- **Positive Behavioral Supports, Texas Association for Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (San Antonio)** provides training statewide to help providers address challenging behaviors of children. 66 professionals were certified as PBS Trainers by end of FY07.

## EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

- **Teacher Education for Inclusive Education, Texas Tech University (Lubbock)** is preparing general and special education teachers to educate all students in inclusive classrooms. Project started June 2007.
- **Positive Behavioral Supports Project, Region 17 Education Service Center** provided training on decreasing disruptive behavior and disciplinary actions of students on various campuses in the Panhandle. Lubbock ISD launched a district-wide PBS endeavor affecting 28,000 students.



Participants at Region 17 ESC's Positive Behavior Support conference, Lubbock

- **Project Rise (Regional Initiative for Supported Employment), Lower Rio Grande Valley Workforce Development Board** is increasing work opportunities for high school seniors in Hidalgo, Starr and Willacy counties. Project started September 2007.

## EMPLOYMENT ACTIVITIES



Anthony speaks to legislators and their aides, Statewide Youth Leadership Forum

- **Brazos Valley Employment Project, Texas A&M Research Foundation (College Station)** will work with 6 high schools and local businesses to develop meaningful work opportunities for students. Project started September 2007.

- **Art Works: Creative Industries, VSA arts of Texas (Austin)** assists artists to develop micro-enterprises and become self employed. Statewide project started August 2007.

- **Access Works, Knowbility, Inc. (Austin)** is developing a business where people with disabilities evaluate phone and Internet shopping services statewide. Project started August 2007.

## HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION ACTIVITIES

- **Accessible New Housing Project, Independent Living Research Utilization at Memorial Hermann/TIRR (Houston)** certifies builders who construct single-family homes in Texas having basic accessibility features, under the EasyLiving Home Texas program.

- **Local Transportation and Mobility Initiatives (Just Transportation Alliances), Texas Citizen Fund (Austin)** supported regional and statewide groups to increase reliable, accessible public transportation. 1,000 people were active in transportation advocacy. Grant funding ended May 2007.

- **Paratransit Services Quality Improvement Initiative, Texas Citizen Fund (Austin)** started June 2007 to increase access to reliable, responsive paratransit services for people with disabilities at local, state and regional levels. It builds a statewide paratransit tracking system.



El Paso Peer to Peer Self-Advocacy Training

## HEALTH CARE ACTIVITIES

While TCDD funding for these projects ended in 2007, both are continuing these efforts.

- **Houston Project DOCC (Delivery of Chronic Care), Project DOCC, Inc.** used 37 parent teachers over 5 years to educate pediatric and family practice residents on delivering family-centered care to children with chronic illness or disabilities.



Ryan and Jennifer Percivalle, with son (Jadon), have a "shared parenting" arrangement with another family. EveryChild, Inc.

- **Medical Education Program, Texas Parent to Parent (Austin)** created 5 Medical Residency Programs involving 4 hospitals plus 3 pediatric, 1 family practice and 1 osteopathic program to train a variety of medical providers over 5 years on family-centered care. Training is in the Austin, Temple, Waco, Fort Worth and Dallas areas.

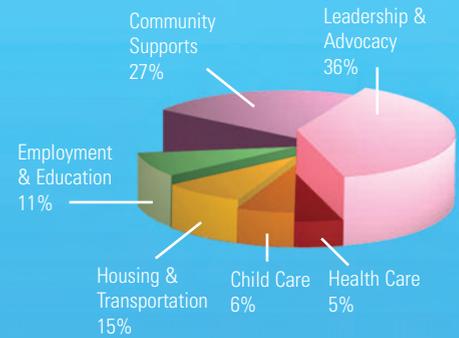
## STAFF ACTIVITIES

TCDD staff provide support for all of the Council's activities. Staff activities in FY07 included:

- Monitored public policy and provided input to Texas legislators, state agencies, members of Congress & other policymakers on issues affecting people with disabilities.
- Created e-mail news service, Spanish Web site & electronic newsletters, plus numerous public information activities, products & reports.
- Developed 4 Requests for Proposals for new projects and coordinated start of 7 grant projects.
- Provided grants monitoring and technical assistance to 37 grant projects.
- Provided administrative support for Council and staff activities.
- Coordinated 4 meetings of Council, Project Development Committee, Public Policy Committee & Executive Committee, plus 2 meetings of Audit Committee.

## INVESTMENTS IN GRANT PROJECTS BY ACTIVITY AREA

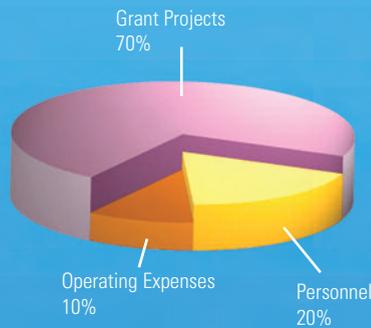
Emphasis Area	Federal Funds	Non-Federal Funds	Total Funds
Employment & Education	\$431,363	\$33,134	\$464,497
Housing & Transportation	577,673	152,890	730,563
Health Care	205,161	63,340	268,501
Leadership & Advocacy	1,387,627	397,914	1,785,541
Community Supports	1,053,788	343,793	1,397,581
Child Care	250,973	47,549	298,522
TOTAL	\$3,906,585	\$1,038,620	\$4,945,205



Note: Investments in Grant Projects may include expenditures of prior year funds.

## 2007 TCDD BUDGET

Budget Categories	Funding
Grant Projects	\$3,339,057
Operating Expenses	492,053
Personnel	953,188
TOTAL	\$4,784,298



## ALLOCATION OF 2007 OPERATING AND PERSONNEL EXPENSES



- Council Support (9 percent)
- Public Information (9 percent)
- Public Policy (20 percent)
- Staff Support (24 percent)
- Projects management (38 percent)

\* Note: 88% of Operating and Personnel Expenses are allocated to State Plan activities.

Michael (right) with support family: Brandon, Briana & Sharon. EveryChild, Inc.



## TEXAS COUNCIL FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP AND STAFF AS OF SEPT. 30, 2007

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 includes representatives of the Texas Center for Disability Studies and the Center on Disability and Development, as well as the state's protection and advocacy system (Advocacy, Inc.). Sixty percent of the 27-member board are either self-advocates or family members.

### COUNCIL MEMBERS

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