



TEXAS COUNCIL *for* DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES



Quint from San Angelo speaks to legislators and their aides, Statewide Youth Leadership Forum



Bob Kafka talks with Jennifer Deegan (senior policy advisor to House Speaker Joe Straus) and Rep. Patrick Rose. Disability Policy Consortium



A Special Olympics Texas athlete promotes appropriate terminology



Disability Policy Consortium members with Tim Thetford of Senator Royce West's office



Lawrence Brown prepares for a talent show. ESC Region 19, Youth Leadership project



NAMI Texas Leadership and Advocacy Training in Amarillo



Laura Jones and Roxanna Castillo prepare for an ARD. Brighton School



Meeting with Rep. Vicki Truitt, Advocacy Training Project. The Arc of Tarrant County



Maria Teresa Aguirre works with students in Stephenville. VSA arts of Texas

FY 2008 Annual Report

Projects & Activities TCDD Funded in FY 2008



Leon High School students in Jewett assembled and operated a greenhouse. Brazos Valley Employment Project



Sanjuana and medical assistant Dametric. Transition Medicine Program



Sisters Nicole and Gillian Howell, Transition Medicine Program, Baylor College of Medicine/Houston

The Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities (TCDD) funded 40 grant projects and activities in fiscal year 2008 (FY08, October 2007 – September 2008). These activities 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 437,885 Texans have developmental disabilities.

A brief overview of the projects and what they did in FY08 follows. During the year, 13 new projects started, 22 were ongoing, and 5 ended. Many projects work statewide. More details on each project are on the TCDD Web site at http://www.txddc.state.tx.us/grants_projects/profilesindex.asp, as well as links to project Web sites.

Employment Activities

- **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.
- **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.
- **Art Works: Creative Industries, VSA arts of Texas** assists artists statewide to develop micro-enterprises and become self employed.
- **Access Works, Knowbility, Inc.** has developed a business where people with disabilities evaluate phone and Internet shopping services statewide.
- **Customized Self-Employment: A Regional Self-Employment Project, Community Healthcare** is helping individuals with disabilities in Longview/East Texas to become self-employed. It started in December 2007.

Housing and Transportation Activities

- **Accessible New Housing Project, Independent Living Research Utilization at Memorial Hermann/TIRR** certifies builders who construct single-family homes in Texas having basic accessibility features, under the EasyLiving Home Texas program. In FY08, it created a program to certify remodeled homes.
- **Paratransit Services Quality Improvement Initiative, Texas Citizen Fund** is increasing access to reliable, responsive paratransit services for people with disabilities at local, state and regional levels. It created an online database of 77 transit agencies in Texas and got input on travel from 28 focus groups and 1,000 surveys.

Health Care Activities

- **Transition Medicine Expansion Project, Baylor College of Medicine** (Houston) provided consultation to 91 patients plus training to professionals on transitioning to adult health care. It started in March 2008.
- **Houston Project DOCC (Delivery of Chronic Care), Project DOCC, Inc.** began educating pediatric residents at The University of Texas Medical School at Houston on delivering family-centered care to children with chronic illness or disabilities. It started in July 2008.

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Leadership and Advocacy Activities

- **8 NEW LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND ADVOCACY GRANTS** started in September 2008 to create a network of disability leadership and advocacy training programs, as well as resources and supports individuals need to be successful leaders. A ninth project was delayed by Hurricane Ike.
- **3 Local Basic Advocacy Training Projects** awarded to:
 - **The Arc of Greater Tarrant County** to train 300 people in 5 counties;
 - **Brighton School, Inc.** (San Antonio) to train 152 young adults (15-22) in 4 counties; and
 - **SERS – Jobs for Progress** (Houston) to train 100 people from minority communities.
- **2 Specialized Advocacy Training Projects** awarded to:
 - **The Arc of Texas** to train 80 individuals and establish Local Advocacy Collaborations in El Paso, Corpus Christi and Houston; and
 - **NAMI Texas** to train 150 people in 6 urban and rural areas.
- **An Advocacy “U” Resource Center, Syracuse University Center on Human Policy** to provide easy access to training resources.
- **A Statewide Advanced Leadership Training Project, Texas A&M Research Foundation** to facilitate networking and conduct 5 annual 3-day conferences.
- **A Statewide Advocacy Network Development project, Parents Anonymous** to assist regional networks in Texas in supporting each other to promote leadership and advocacy, and improve developmental disabilities systems.
- **4 YOUTH LEADERSHIP & ADVOCACY PROJECTS** provide training and support to Texas youth with disabilities. 3 regional projects each support about 60 youth each year. A statewide project conducts a 5-day forum each summer for 30 students.
- **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.
- **The Disability Policy Consortium, United Cerebral Palsy of Texas** provides support for a statewide coalition of 29 disability organizations working together on public policy issues in Texas.
- **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** works with self-advocates in the Longview area to train others to be more independent and self-sufficient.
- **Training Tomorrow’s Mentors Today, Paso Del Norte Children’s Development Center** helps youth with developmental disabilities mentor other youth in the El Paso area.
- **Peer to Peer Self-Advocacy Training, Texas Advocates** 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.
- **Local Advocacy Network, The HALI Project, Inc.** provided training addressing rural challenges in the Texas Panhandle. TCDD funding ended July 2008.
- **Local Advocacy Network, Community Healthcare** connected advocates for children, women, seniors and disabilities in Longview/East Texas on such issues as rights, abuse and neglect. TCDD funding ended January 2008.
- **Strategic Communications, Special Olympics of Texas** worked to educate the public about appropriate terminology regarding intellectual disabilities.
- **Support for Advisory Committee Travel, Texas Center for Disability Studies** provided financial support for 23 self advocates and family members in FY08 so they could participate in state-level public advisory boards.
- **Consumer Stipends Program** provided funding to 14 organizations allowing more self-advocates and parents to attend conferences/events that promote empowerment, independence, productivity and community integration for people with disabilities.

Staff Activities

TCDD staff provide support for all of the Council’s activities. Staff activities in FY08 included:

- Monitored public policy and provided input to Texas legislators, state agencies, members of Congress & other policymakers on issues affecting people with disabilities.
- Expanded e-mail news service, Spanish Web site & electronic newsletters, plus numerous public information activities, products & reports.
- Developed 7 Requests for Proposals for new projects and coordinated start of 13 grant projects.
- Provided grants monitoring and technical assistance to 40 grant projects/activities.
- Provided administrative support for Council and staff activities.
- Coordinated preparation of 2008 Biennial Disability Report.
- Coordinated 4 meetings of Council, Project Development Committee, Public Policy Committee & Executive Committee, plus 2 meetings of Audit Committee.

Projects & Activities TCDD Funded in FY 2008



Participants of Training Tomorrow's Mentors Today



Amanda with her microboard members. The Arc of Texas

Community Support Activities

- **Texas Microboard Collaboration, The Arc of Texas** plans to develop at least 75 small, non-profit groups across the state to help individuals direct their own lives. It started in September 2008.
- **Texas Community Integration Project, Advocacy, Inc.** assisted 93 people to move from institutions in Texas to the community in FY08. It trained 544 people in institutions and others on community options.
- **Family-Based Alternatives Project, EveryChild, Inc.**, assisted 20 children in Texas who moved from an institution to a family home and trained 487 potential support families.
- **Self Determination for Texas, Imagine Enterprises, Inc.** trained 493 individuals across Texas in FY08, to help people with disabilities control their lives. It also created a guide to Texas Medicaid Waivers and helped develop closure plans for an ICF facility.
- **Positive Behavioral Support Project, Texana MHMR Center** (Rosenberg) provided training to service providers and school staff on positive behavior supports. TCDD funding ended November 2008.
- **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. TCDD funding ended April 2008.
- **Quality Reporting System Enhancements, Department of Aging and Disability Services** to expand information on the DADS Web site about Medicaid Waiver providers.

Child Care and Education 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. Also certifies PBS Trainers.
- **Teacher Education for Inclusive Education, Texas Tech University** (Lubbock) is preparing prospective teachers to educate all students in inclusive classrooms.
- **Positive Behavioral Supports Projects, Region 17 Education Service Center** provided training on decreasing disruptive behavior and disciplinary actions of students in the Panhandle, including the entire Lubbock ISD. It expanded in July 2008 to include children with disabilities, ages 2-5, and to address racial and cultural over representation.

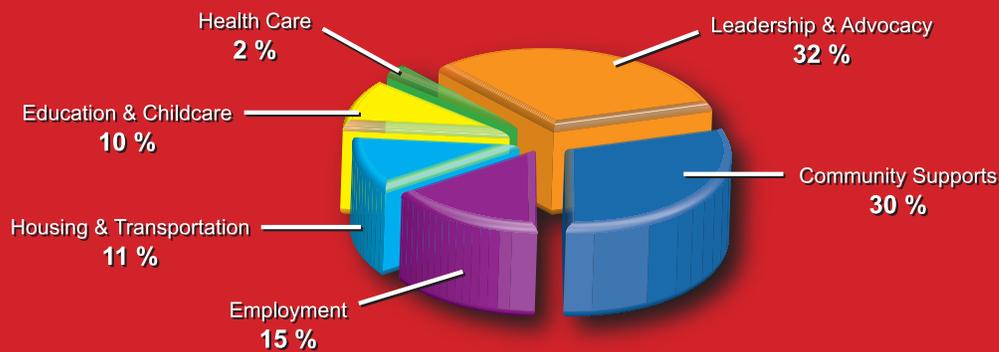


Ed Elizaitis speaks to students about job safety and careers. Goodwill Industries of Central East Texas

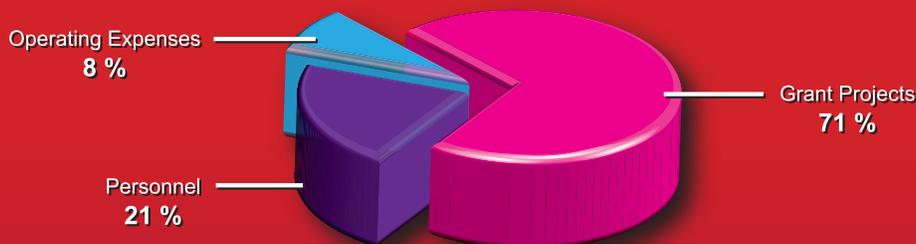
Investments in Grant Projects by Activity Area

Emphasis Area	Federal Funds	Non-Federal Funds	Total Funds
Leadership & Advocacy	\$1,028,229	\$398,911	\$1,427,140
Community Supports	965,495	374,316	1,339,811
Employment	500,529	201,340	701,869
Housing & Transportation	373,138	199,676	572,814
Education & Child Care	342,380	100,511	442,891
Health Care	69,037	57,440	126,477
TOTAL	\$3,278,808	\$1,332,194	\$4,611,002

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

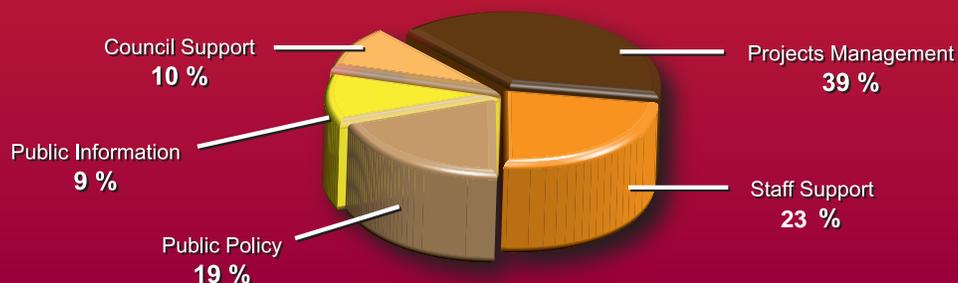


2008 TCDD Budget



Budget Categories	Funding
Grant Projects	\$3,375,272
Personnel	1,031,708
Operating Expenses	406,773
TOTAL	\$4,813,753

Allocation of 2008 Operating and Personnel Expenses



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

Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities

Council Membership and Staff as of Sept. 30, 2008

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

Public Members

Jan R. Newsom, Chair, Dallas
Brenda Coleman-Beattie, Vice Chair, Austin
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Vickie Mitchell, Montgomery
John Morris, Leander
Dana Perry, Brownwood
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Joe Rivas, Denton
Richard Tisch, Spring
Raul Trevino, Jr., Palmhurst
Susan Vardell, Sherman
2 positions were vacant

Agency Representatives and Alternates

Mary Faithfull/Patty Anderson, Advocacy, Inc.
Penny Seay, Texas Center for Disabilities Studies at UT/Austin
Mike Benz/Amy Sharp, Center on Disability and Development at TAMU/
College Station
Audrey Deckinga/Clare Seagraves, Texas Health and Human Services
Commission
Don Henderson, Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services
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State Health Services
Kathy Clayton/Richard Poe, Texas Education Agency

Council Staff

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For current staff and Council members,
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