



The Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities (TCDD) awarded grants for the following projects in fiscal year 2010 (October 2009 - September 2010). These activities demonstrate new approaches to services and supports, address unmet needs, and provide valuable training and resources that make it easier for people with disabilities to be fully included in their local community. An estimated 452,620 Texans have developmental disabilities.

A brief overview of each project and their accomplishments in FY10 follows. Many projects work statewide. More details on each project are on the Grants section of the TCDD website at www.txddc.state.tx.us; the section also includes a list of current projects and links to their websites.

Employment

- **Community Healthcore's Regional Self-Employment Project** helps individuals with disabilities in East Texas become self-employed.
- **Artworks: Creative Industries is VSA Texas'** career development program for emerging artists with disabilities.
- **WorkFORCE Solutions' Project Rise (Regional Initiative for Supported Employment)** increased employment opportunities for high school seniors in Hidalgo, Starr and Willacy counties. TCDD funding ended May 2010.
- **Texas A&M Research Foundation's Brazos Valley Employment Project** created work-based learning and employment opportunities for high school students by providing technical assistance and training to six schools in the Brazos Valley. TCDD funding ended August 2010.
- **Knowbility, Inc.'s Access Works** established a program that employs individuals with disabilities to help businesses evaluate and improve their services, including how easily people with disabilities can access their products. TCDD funding ended August 2010.

Health Care Activities

- **Baylor College of Medicine's Transition Medicine Project** provides training to health care workers on how to care for people with chronic illnesses and/or disabilities and provide outreach to community health care providers and families of children with disabilities who are 14-25 years old.
- **Project DOCC Houston** established a DOCC (Delivery of Chronic Care) program for the **Department of Pediatrics at The University of Texas Medical School Houston**. Parents provided their perspective to pediatric resident physicians about caring for children with special health care needs. TCDD funding ended September 2010.

Community Supports and Recreation

- **Easter Seals' ASSET AmeriCorps** assists people with disabilities across the state to be more independent by learning how to handle money, get appropriate assistive technology and find affordable, accessible housing.
- **The Arc of Texas' Texas Microboard Collaboration** provides individuals with disabilities statewide a system to achieve self-determination with support from people who know and care about them.
- **TCDD's Consumer Stipends** enable consumers and families without organizational support to attend conferences, workshops, meetings and other events.
- **The Disability Policy Consortium**, with administrative support from **United Cerebral Palsy of Texas** and **Easter Seals of Central Texas**, is a coalition of nearly 30 groups that identify, formulate positions on, and educate the public and policymakers regarding public policy issues of concern to persons with disabilities and their families. TCDD funding ended August 2010.
- **EveryChild, Inc.'s Family-Based Alternatives Expansion Project** sought to increase the state's capacity to offer family-based alternatives to children with disabilities who were living in residential facilities. TCDD funding ended December 2009.
- **Imagine Enterprises, Inc.'s Self Determination for Texas: A Collaborative Project** provided information, training, technical assistance and hands-on consultation regarding self-determination across Texas. TCDD funding ended November 2009.

Housing and Transportation

- **Independent Living Research Utilization at Memorial Hermann/TIRR's Accessible New Housing Project** worked to increase the number of "visitable" single-family homes across Texas. Visitability refers designing a home so that the main areas are accessible for people who use wheelchairs or walkers or have trouble with steps. TCDD funding ended in September 2010.
- **Texas Citizen Fund's Paratransit Services Quality Improvement Initiative** increased the quality, quantity, and access that persons with disabilities have to paratransit services statewide. TCDD funding ended in May 2010.

Projects and Activities TCDD Funded in Fiscal Year 2010

Education and Child Care

- **Texas Tech University's Project IDEAL** helps prepare prospective general-education teachers to work more effectively with students who have disabilities.
- **Education Service Center - Region 17's Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Project Head Start** improves behavior intervention skills and knowledge of staff in child care, public school pre-K, ECI, Head Start and other settings that serve children with disabilities ages 2 to 5.
- **Education Service Center - Region 17's Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Project Impacting Disproportionality** uses research-based strategies shown to reduce the number of disciplinary referrals; establish procedures to monitor at-risk students to prevent escalating disciplinary action and support their success in school; and increase their skills in the area of cultural competency.

Leadership and Advocacy Activities

TCDD has nine interrelated grants on leadership development and advocacy training that create a network of disability training programs as well as resources and supports individuals need to be successful leaders.

Local Basic Advocacy Training Projects

- **The Arc of Greater Tarrant County** provides training to individuals with developmental disabilities and family members in Tarrant, Johnson, Hood, Wise and Parker counties.
- **Brighton School, Inc.**, provides training to young adults with disabilities from Bexar, Comal and Bandera and Kendall counties.
- **The Family to Family Network** provides training to adults with disabilities, their family members and other interested community members in the Houston area.
- **SER - Jobs for Progress of the Texas Gulf Coast** provides training to participants from minority communities in Houston and the surrounding communities.

Specialized Advocacy Training Projects

- **The Arc of Texas** provides training to individuals in basic systems advocacy and advanced systems advocacy for public policy in El Paso, Brownsville and Houston.
- **The National Alliance on Mental Illness Texas** collaborates with local and diverse groups to train people in six urban and rural areas across Texas.
- **Syracuse University's Advocacy "U" Resource Center** is developing an interactive, accessible and user-friendly resource center/website that contains information on training events across Texas, training modules developed by TCDD grantees, and subject-specific resources.
- **Texas A&M Research Foundation's Statewide Advanced Leadership Training Project** provides advanced leadership and public policy advocacy training.
- **Parents Anonymous, Inc.'s Statewide Advocacy Network** supports regional networks by promoting collaboration and encouraging innovative communication strategies, training and technical assistance.

Youth Leadership

- **Texas A&M Research Foundation's** statewide initiative increases the leadership and advocacy skills of Texas youth with disabilities.
- **Goodwill Industries of Central East Texas, Inc.'s Youthworks! Leadership & Advocacy Project** operates in Lufkin.
- **Imagine Enterprises** supports youth with disabilities from 43 school districts in West Texas to increase their leadership and advocacy skills.
- **The Education Service Center - Region 19** and the **Paso del Norte Youth Leadership Forum Project** provides leadership and advocacy building activities for students with disabilities in far west Texas, activities to engage parents, follow-up activities and a comprehensive project evaluation.

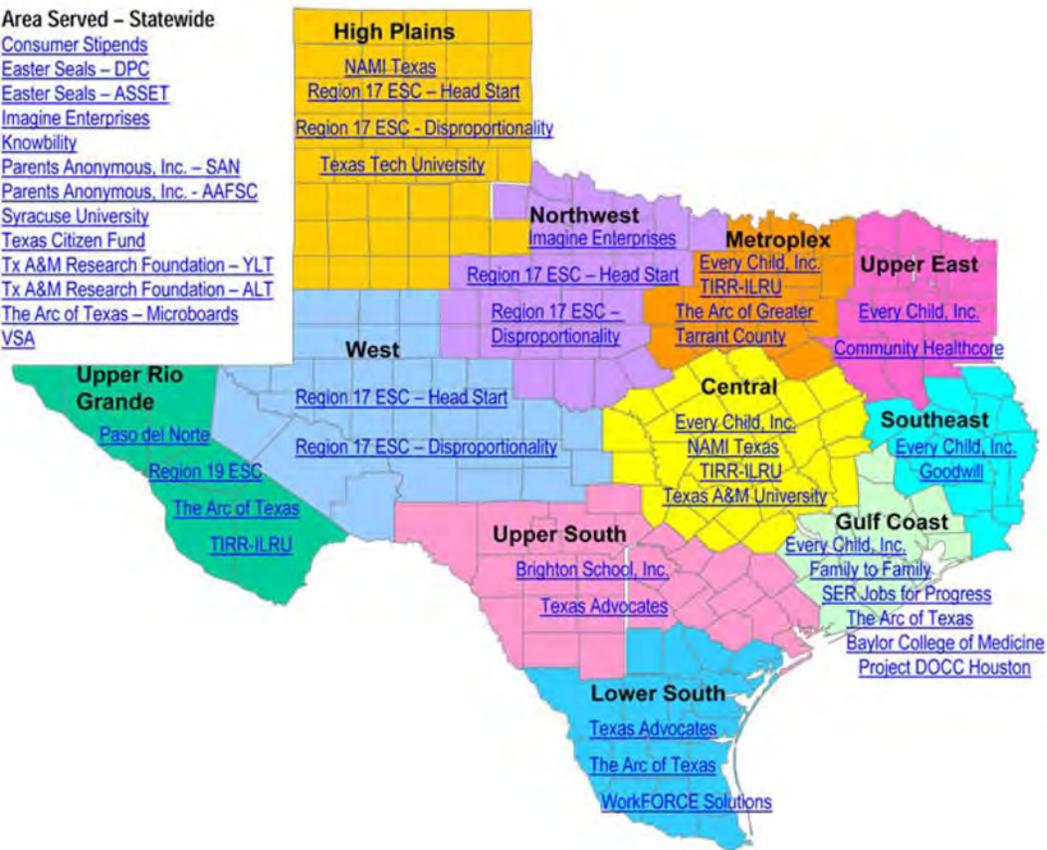
Peer-to-Peer Self-Advocacy

- **Texas Advocates** provides training for individuals to learn to advocate for their own rights and interests by making decisions and choosing supports and services that allow them to live the life they want.
- **Parents Anonymous, Inc.'s African American Family Support Conference** in Houston will strengthen the knowledge and skills of individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, community members and professionals on available health care services (behavioral and physical) through culturally sensitive education supports and partnerships. This project started in September 2010.
- **Paso del Norte Children's Development Center** provides training, support and assistance to young people with developmental disabilities in the El Paso area to build their self-advocacy skills. TCDD funding ended January 2010.
- **Community Healthcare** capitalizes on the strengths of local self-advocates to inspire and provide training to other people with disabilities. TCDD funding ended January 2010.

Texas Map by Areas Served

Area Served – Statewide

- [Consumer Stipends](#)
- [Easter Seals – DPC](#)
- [Easter Seals – ASSET](#)
- [Imagine Enterprises](#)
- [Knowbility](#)
- [Parents Anonymous, Inc. – SAN](#)
- [Parents Anonymous, Inc. - AAFSC](#)
- [Syracuse University](#)
- [Texas Citizen Fund](#)
- [Tx A&M Research Foundation – YLT](#)
- [Tx A&M Research Foundation – ALT](#)
- [The Arc of Texas – Microboards](#)
- [VSA](#)



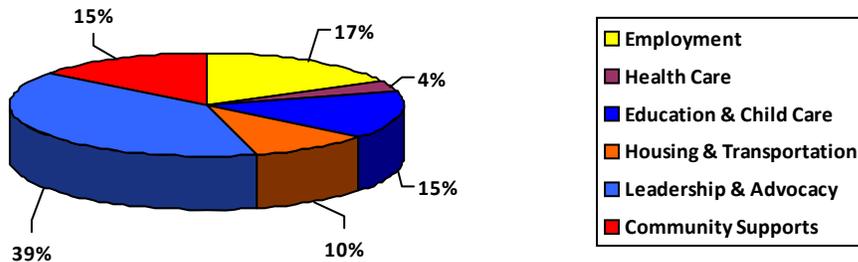
Staff Activities

TCDD staff provide support for all of the Council's activities. Staff activities in FY10 included:

- Monitored public policy and provided input to Texas legislators, state agencies, members of Congress and other policymakers on issues affecting people with disabilities.
- Developed six Requests for Proposals for new projects.
- Provided grants monitoring and technical assistance to 34 grant projects/activities.
- Provided administrative support for Council and staff activities.
- Coordinated preparation of 2010 Biennial Disability Report.
- Coordinated four meetings of Council, Project Development Committee, Public Policy Committee & Executive Committee, plus two meetings of Audit Committee.

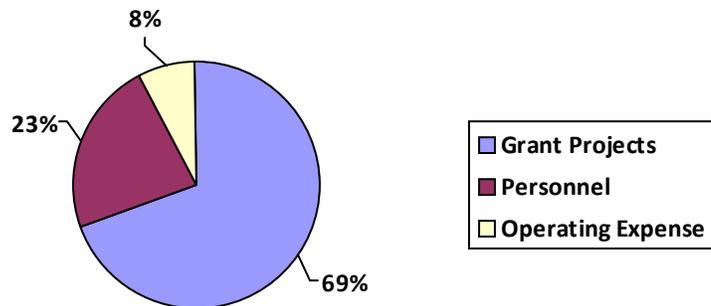
Investments in Grant Projects by Activity Area (note: may include expenditures of prior year funds)

Emphasis Area	Federal Funds	Non-Federal Funds	Total Funds
Employment	\$527,107	\$281,876	\$808,983
Health Care	123,509	122,652	581,899
Education & Child Care	459,247	207,422	513,010
Housing & Transportation	305,588	223,972	347,481
Leadership & Advocacy	1,217,965	498,440	1,716,405
Community Supports	450,805	172,251	623,056
TOTAL	\$3,084,221	\$1,506,613	\$4,590,834



2010 TCDD Budget (note: funds may be expended over three fiscal years)

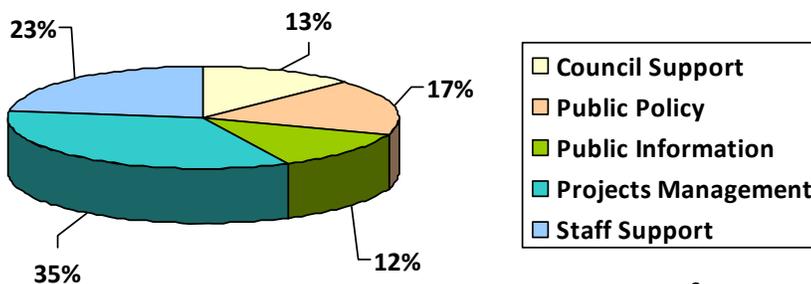
Budget Categories	Funding
Grant Projects	\$3,533,643
Personnel	1,188,327
Operating Expense	384,060
TOTAL	\$5,106,030



Allocation of 2010 Operating and Personnel Expenses

- Council Support
- Public Information
- Public Policy
- Projects Management

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



Council Membership and Staff as of Sept. 30, 2010

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 support 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

- Brenda Coleman-Beattie, Chair, Austin
- Mary Durheim, Vice-Chair, McAllen
- Rebecca Hunter Adkins, Lakeway
- Kristine Bissmeyer, San Antonio
- Kimberley S. Blackmon, Fort Worth
- Kristen L. Cox, El Paso
- Andrew D. Crim, Fort Worth
- Mateo Delgado, El Paso
- Marcia J. Dwyer, Plano
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- John C. Morris, Austin
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- Rene Requenez, Edinburg (*deceased 12/07/09*)
- Joe Rivas, Denton
- Lora Trainer Taylor, Houston
- Richard A. Tisch, Spring
- Susan Vardell, Sherman

Agency Representatives and Alternates

- Mary Faithfull/Patty Anderson, Advocacy, Inc. (AI)
- Penny Seay/Sandy Graham, Texas Center for Disabilities Studies (CDS) at UT/Austin
- Michael Benz/Amy Sharp, Center on Disability and Development at Texas A&M University (TAMU)
- Kathy Clayton/Margaret Christen, Texas Education Agency (TEA)
- Frank Genco, Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)
- Jeff Kaufmann, Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS)
- Lynn Blackmore, Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS)
- Kathy Griffis-Bailey, Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

Council Staff

Administration and Support

- Roger Webb, Executive Director
- Martha Cantu, Operations Director
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- Rosalinda Lopez, Web Administrator
- Koren Vogel, Executive Assistant

Planning and Strategy

- Joanna Cordry, Planning Coordinator

Projects Management

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- Sonya Hosey, Senior Grants Specialist
- Cynthia Ellison, Grants Specialist
- Wendy Jones, Grants Specialist
- Jerianne Barnard, Project Development Assistant

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- Angela Lello, Public Policy Director
- Belinda Carlton, Public Policy Specialist
- Cassie Laws-Fisher, Public Policy Specialist
- Melissa Loe, Communications Coordinator
- Lucy Walker, Public Information Specialist
- Melissa Rosser, Public Policy Assistant

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