

## Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities

2004

### Accomplishments & Activities

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#### TCDD Highlights Include:

Over 10,000 copies of materials were directly distributed by TCDD on disability issues including brochures, DVDs, and various reports, and over 500 I&R inquiries were received from self-advocates and family members.

Four demonstration projects across the state assisted the state to develop model policies and procedures for hiring and retaining Personal Assistants. 360 people were trained as Personal Assistants through these four projects in 2004.

882 policymakers across the state were presented information and recommendations on disability issues at the federal, state, and local level.

1,200 healthcare workers were trained on how to provide family centered care to children with disabilities through the four Project DOCC programs.

Three Positive Behavioral Support projects across the state offered Positive Behavioral Support training and assistance to childcare providers, parents, school districts, community service agencies, and others.

The Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities helps Texas meet some of the most pressing needs of Texans with disabilities by improving services and supports for people with disabilities. TCDD develops projects based on a multi year State Plan. TCDD develops projects within these areas in the State Plan: quality assurance, formal and informal community supports, education and early intervention, child care, health, employment, housing, transportation, and recreation related activities. TCDD awarded 42 grants in 2004 with over 74% of the \$4,775,777 federal allotment spent on projects.

FY 2004 projects included:

- **Quality Assurance Activities:** Two projects provide assistance to people who wish to move from institutions to the community. Advocacy and leadership projects include a youth leadership project that includes youth with severe disabilities or behavioral issues and a leadership project in an underserved area that is conducted completely in Spanish.
- **Formal and Informal Community Supports:** Four projects are demonstrating different approaches to recruit, train, and keep Personal Attendants, and four cross disability advocacy network projects trained over 3,500 people in systems advocacy about formal and informal community supports.
- **Education and Early Intervention:** A school-to-work project in the Dallas area, a middle school inclusion demonstration project, and the annual statewide conference on inclusion for education professionals and parents trained 7,132 individuals in inclusive education practices, and two education projects became sustainable.
- **Health:** Four projects trained pediatric residents and other healthcare workers on the delivery of long-term care to children with chronic illness and/or disabilities and the impact on families of these children, and three Positive Behavioral Support projects began in different parts of the state including Southeast Texas, far west Texas, and the San Antonio area.
- **Housing:** The Texas Home Of Your Own (HOYO) became sustainable and continues to assist people with disabilities obtain housing. Another housing project is providing training and technical assistance to public housing authorities (PHAs) across the state to increase integrated public housing for people with disabilities with outreach to over 40 public housing authorities.
- **Employment:** A self-advocacy program focused on employment, and five school to work projects that assisted students to find and keep jobs resulted in 140 people with disabilities obtaining employment.
- **Child Care:** The inclusive child care project through the Texas Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (TACCRRRA) assisted 154 families of children with disabilities find inclusive child care.
- **Transportation:** The Local Transportation and Mobility Initiative project expanded statewide transportation alliances and created new alliances with 467 individuals now actively participating in transportation alliances across the state and are actively working on transportation issues.
- **Recreation:** 194 people with developmental disabilities were trained to scuba dive, and a regulatory agency for scuba diving, the National Association of Underwater Instructors, developed and implemented an adaptive SCUBA certification card through support from this project.