

**Background:**

The quarterly Grants and Projects Report is enclosed for review by Committee members. TCDD staff may also provide updates to the Committee of notable achievement or items of concern. Items included in this report are:

- TCDD Projects Training Schedule – This calendar of training events planned by TCDD grant projects during the next six months is included as general information for Committee and Council members.
- Grant Project Highlights – The quarterly Grant Project Highlights Report is enclosed for review by Committee members. This report provides highlights of grantee accomplishments for a number of current TCDD funded projects. Different grantees are highlighted each quarter.

Important Terms:

**Bilingual:** In two languages, usually English and Spanish.

<p><b><u>Project Development Committee</u></b>  <b><u>Agenda Item 5.</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Expected Action:</u></b>  No action anticipated; information item only.</p>
<p><b><u>Council</u></b>  <b><u>Agenda Item 13. A.</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Expected Action:</u></b>  The Council will review discussions on this item. No action is anticipated.</p>

# TCDD Projects' Training Schedule

February 2012 – July 2012

**February**

- 3-4**      **El Paso del Norte Youth Leadership Forum**  
Border Conference on Special Education  
Education Service Center-Region 19  
6611 Boeing Drive (El Paso)  
9:00am-2:00pm  
Contact Rick Razo at (915) 780-5091  
Open to individuals registered as YLF delegates  
Free
- 8-9**      **Arc of Texas – Microboards**  
PATH Facilitators' Training  
MHMRA Conference Center, Room B  
7033 Southwest Freeway (Houston)  
9:00am-4:00pm  
Contact Amy Stabeno at (512) 454-6694 or [astabeno@thearcoftexas.org](mailto:astabeno@thearcoftexas.org)  
Open to the Public  
Cost: \$250; \$50 discount per person on groups of two or more
- 10**      **Paso del Norte Children's Development Center**  
Parent to Parent Mentor Project  
Positive Parenting – Spanish/English  
1101 E. Schuster Ave. (El Paso)  
10:00am-12:00noon  
Contact Gilda Lopez at (915) 544-8484  
Open to the Public  
Free
- 11**      **El Paso del Norte Youth Leadership Forum**  
Post Secondary Education and Assistive Technology  
El Paso Community College Day  
El Paso Community College (El Paso)  
9:00am-2:00pm  
Contact Rick Razo at (915) 780-5091  
Open to individuals registered as YLF delegates  
Free
- 16**      **VSA Arts of Texas**  
Arts and Disability Discussion Group  
3701 Guadalupe St. (Austin)  
11:30am-1:00pm  
Contact April Sullivan at (512) 323-6626 or [april@vsatx.org](mailto:april@vsatx.org)  
Open to the Public – RSVP required  
Free

If you are interested in attending any of the events listed,  
please contact Cynthia Ellison at 512-437-5436.

## February

- 17** **Paso del Norte Children's Development Center**  
Parent to Parent Mentor Project  
Transition – Spanish/English  
1101 E. Schuster Ave. (El Paso)  
10:00am-12:00noon  
Contact Gilda Lopez at (915) 544-8484  
Open to the Public  
Free
- 18** **VSA Arts of Texas**  
Open Mic Night  
3701 Guadalupe St. (Austin)  
7:00pm-9:00pm  
Contact April Sullivan at (512) 323-6626 or [april@vsatx.org](mailto:april@vsatx.org)  
Open to the Public  
Free
- 24** **Paso del Norte Children's Development Center**  
Parent to Parent Mentor Project  
IEP Facilitator Training  
Presented by Juan Alderete – Region 19  
1101 E. Schuster Ave. (El Paso)  
10:00am-12:00noon  
Contact Gilda Lopez at (915) 544-8484  
Open to the Public  
Free
- 26-28** **Texas A&M Statewide Advanced Leadership and Public Policy Advocacy Training**  
Texas Advanced Leadership and Advocacy Conference (TALAC)  
Embassy Suites Austin Central  
5901 North IH-35 (Austin)  
3:00pm-12noon  
Contact Jaime Duran at (979) 845-1884 or [talac@tamu.edu](mailto:talac@tamu.edu)  
Open to the Public  
Cost: Professional Rate - \$300, all inclusive  
Professional Rate - \$150, no hotel accommodations  
Individual/Family Member Rate - \$190, all inclusive  
Individual/Family Member Rate - \$110, no hotel accommodations

## March

- 3** **Family to Family Network**  
Collaboration with Katy Independent School District  
Cinco Ranch High School  
Cinco Ranch Blvd. (Katy)  
Katy Special Education Conference  
DLNH Youth Advocacy Training  
Variety of topics for Youth and Parents  
Community Resource Fair  
Contact Family to Family Network at (713) 466-6304  
Register online beginning January 15, 2012 at:  
<http://www.familytofamilynetwork.org/events/katy-parent-conference-a-resource-fair>  
Registration Closes February 25, 2012 or when registration reaches 500  
Free for Youth and Parents

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- El Paso del Norte Youth Leadership Forum**  
Children's Disabilities Information Coalition Conference  
El Dorado High School (El Paso)  
Date and Time to be Determined  
Contact Rick Razo at (915) 780-5091  
Open to individuals registered as YLF delegates  
Free
- 7**      **Community Healthcare Self Employment Project**  
Customized Self-Employment Training and Business Development  
Location to be Determined (Texarkana)  
9:00am-4:00pm  
Contact Mary Evans at (903) 237-2333 or [Mary.evans@communityhealthcore.com](mailto:Mary.evans@communityhealthcore.com)  
Open to the Public  
Free
- 8**      **Community Healthcare Self Employment Project**  
Customized Self-Employment Training and Business Development  
Location to be Determined (Texarkana)  
9:00am-11:00am  
Contact Mary Evans at (903) 237-2333 or [Mary.evans@communityhealthcore.com](mailto:Mary.evans@communityhealthcore.com)  
Open to the Public  
Free
- 8**      **Community Healthcare Self Employment Project**  
Customized Self-Employment Training and Business Development  
Community Healthcare  
107 Woodbine Place (Longview)  
2:00pm-4:00pm  
Contact Mary Evans at (903) 237-2333 or [Mary.evans@communityhealthcore.com](mailto:Mary.evans@communityhealthcore.com)  
Open to the Public  
Free
- 9**      **Community Healthcare Self Employment Project**  
Customized Self-Employment Training and Business Development  
Community Healthcare  
107 Woodbine Place (Longview)  
9:00am-4:00pm  
Contact Mary Evans at (903) 237-2333 or [Mary.evans@communityhealthcore.com](mailto:Mary.evans@communityhealthcore.com)  
Open to the Public  
Free
- 15**      **VSA Arts of Texas**  
Arts and Disability Discussion Group  
3701 Guadalupe St. (Austin)  
11:30am-1:00pm  
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Open to the Public  
Free

24 **El Paso del Norte Youth Leadership Forum**  
Career Awareness and Resources in the Community  
Workforce Solutions Upper Rio Grande  
1359 Lomaland Dr. (El Paso)  
9:00am-2:00pm  
Peer Mentoring Session  
12:30pm-2:00pm  
Contact Rick Razo at (915) 780-5091  
Open to individuals registered as YLF delegates  
Free

April

15 **VSA Arts of Texas**  
Arts and Disability Discussion Group  
3701 Guadalupe St. (Austin)  
11:30am-1:00pm  
Contact April Sullivan at (512) 323-6626 or [april@vsatx.org](mailto:april@vsatx.org)  
Open to the Public – RSVP required  
Free

21 **El Paso del Norte Youth Leadership Forum**  
Financial Literacy and Resources in the Community: Building Self Sufficiency  
Education Service Center-Region 19  
6611 Boeing Dr. (El Paso)  
9:00am-2:00pm  
Peer Mentoring Session  
12:30pm-2:00pm  
Contact Rick Razo at (915) 780-5091  
Open to individuals registered as YLF delegates  
Free

21 **Family to Family Network**  
Collaboration with To Be Determined  
Location to Determined  
Spanish Disability Leadership Training (Presented in Spanish)  
Topics include: Inclusion, Transition, Self-Advocacy and Empowerment  
Community Resource Fair  
Trainers: Diana Avila, Ana Calvo and Dawn Thurmond  
Contact Family to Family Network at (713) 466-6304  
For more information and registration: <http://familytofamilynetwork.org/programs/sp-leadership-a-advocacy>  
Free for Adults with Disabilities, Families and Community Members  
Limited Childcare Available  
Pre-registration required

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7:00pm-9:00pm  
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Open to the Public  
Free

**May**

**20**

**El Paso del Norte Youth Leadership Forum**

YLF Celebration!  
Vista del Sol Conference Center (El Paso)  
5:00pm-9:00pm  
Contact Rick Razo at (915) 780-5091  
Open to individuals registered as YLF delegates  
Free

**El Paso del Norte Youth Leadership Forum**

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Academy  
Education Service Center-Region 19  
6611 Boeing Dr. (El Paso)  
Date and Time to be Determined  
Contact Rick Razo at (915) 780-5091  
Open to individuals registered as YLF delegates  
Free

**June**

**No Trainings scheduled at this time**

**July**

**No Trainings scheduled at this time**

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**TCDD Project Highlights  
February 2012**

**Grantee: Syracuse University  
Advocacy U**

Project Title: Advocacy "U" Resource Center  
Project Location: Syracuse, NY – Statewide

Year: 3 of 3  
TCDD Budgeted: \$93,750

**RFP Intent:** The project intent is to develop and maintain an online clearinghouse that is accessible to individuals and to advocacy organizations. The website will include listings of ongoing advocacy, leadership, and community organizing training programs around the state and will include training opportunities for people of all ages.

**Accomplishments:** The project met its goal as the Advocacy U website was launched and is now available in the public domain. All contract specified requirements are contained within the site. A trained partner network is in place.

**Products:** Advocacy "U" website: <http://www.advocacyu.org/>; Advocacy U Site Administrator Manual, Advocacy U Partner Training Manual.

**Grantee: Region 17 Education Service Center  
Positive Behavior Intervention Support**

Project Title: PBIS-Head Start  
Project Location: Lubbock and surrounding area

Year: 4 of 5  
TCDD Budgeted: \$120,000

**RFP Intent:** This was an unsolicited idea. This project will provide training to staff employed by early childhood settings, child care settings, and pre-school settings. Training is a four-tier model focusing on relationship building, classroom management and organization, social emotional development, and individual behavior interventions.

**Accomplishments:** The project developed training curriculum for the PBIS-Head Start project. Training and ongoing support was provided to fourteen Head Start sites since the beginning of the project. Improved childcare programs and policies have emerged as a result.

**Products:**  
None