

# TCDD's Mission

The mission of the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities (TCDD) is to create change so that all people with disabilities are fully included in their communities and exercise control over their own lives.

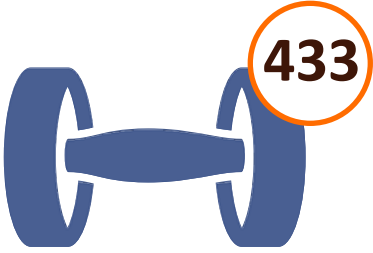
## What is a DD?

A developmental disability (DD) is a severe, chronic disability that begins before a person reaches age 22 and is likely to continue throughout one's life. Examples of a DD include intellectual disabilities, autism, and cerebral palsy.

## The DD Act

TCDD was established in the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (DD Act). The purpose of the DD Act is to help individuals with DD achieve independence, productivity, integration and inclusion into the community.

# A sampling of TCDD's impact in 2014



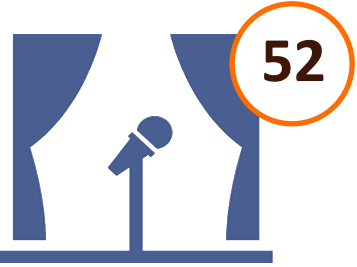
433 people with disabilities learned how to improve their **health and fitness**.



989 self-advocates and family members participated in **leadership and advocacy** training.



280 families have improved access to **culturally competent** services and supports.



52 self-advocates from diverse backgrounds were trained to be effective **public speakers**.



599 people made their **faith communities more inclusive** of people with disabilities.



113 people with disabilities have **meaningful employment** in the community.



17 people with disabilities and family members were **supported to serve** on boards, committees, and workgroups.



An app was developed to support people with disabilities to **monitor inventories** while competitively employed.



19 people with disabilities were supported to develop **meaningful relationships** with people in their community.



TCDD played a key role in the formation of the **TX Employment First (EF) Taskforce** and the expansion of EF policies.



The article **14 Facts About the Service Dog Law** had over 5,000 views. TCDD's website received over 130,000 views.



TCDD grantees **presented to over 4,000 people** at events. TCDD also supported 24 people to speak at events.

# The Council

TCDD is governed by a 27-member governor-appointed board.

- Mary Durham, Chair (Spring)
- Andrew Crim, Vice Chair (Fort Worth)
- Rebecca Hunter Adkins (Lakeway)
- Kimberly Blackmon (Fort Worth)
- Kristine Clark (San Antonio)
- Gladys Cortez (McAllen)
- Kristen Cox (El Paso)
- Mateo Delgado (El Paso)
- Stephen Gersuk (Plano)
- Cindy Johnston (Dallas)
- Diana Kern (Cedar Creek)
- Scott McAvoey (Cedar Park)
- John Morris (Austin)
- Dana Perry (Brownwood)
- David Taylor (El Paso)
- Lora Trainer Taylor (Houston)
- Richard Tisch (Spring)
- Susan Vardell (Whitesboro)
- Mary Faithfull (Disability Rights Texas)
- Penny Seay (Texas Center for Disability Studies, University of Texas at Austin)
- Mike Benz (Center on Disability and Development, Texas A&M University)
- Nancy Walker (Texas Health and Human Services Commission)
- Penny Larkin (Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services)
- Manda Hall, MD (Texas Department of State Health Services)
- Cindy Swain (Texas Education Agency)
- Sara Kendall (Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services)

# TCDD awarded funding to over 50 grants in 2014

*Below is a sampling of projects that TCDD provided grant funding for in federal fiscal year 2014.*

## **Building Community Capacity through Collaboration**

Circle of Ten, Inc. (*Gulf Coast*)  
Community Healthcore (*East Texas*)  
East Texas Center for Independent Living  
Texas Tech University (*Panhandle and West Texas*)  
Volar Center for Independent Living (*West Texas*)

## **Culturally Competent Outreach & Development**

Advocacy for Living in Mainstream America (*Central Texas*)  
Reaching East African Children and Families (*Dallas area*)  
Abundant Rain Christian Fellowship Community Services (*Bastrop County*)  
Moody Clinic (*South Texas*)  
The Arc del Paso  
Growing Roots (*Austin*)  
Nuevo Horizontes de Starr County

## **Enabling Technologies**

Educational Programs Inspiring Communities, Inc. (*Harris County*)  
Strategic Education Solutions, LLC (*Harris County*)

## **Health and Fitness**

Any Baby Can of San Antonio, Inc.  
Epilepsy Foundation of Texas (*Houston and San Antonio*)  
Texas Statewide Independent Living Council (*Brazos Valley and West Texas*)

## **Higher Education for Employment**

Texas A&M University (*statewide*)  
Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (*Hidalgo County*)  
Texas Tech University (*statewide*)

## **Inclusive Faith-Based Communities**

Jewish Family Service of Dallas  
OneStar Foundation (*Travis County*)  
The Arc of Greater Tarrant County  
West Central Texas Regional Foundation

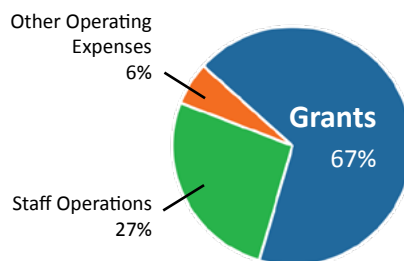
## **Leadership Development & Advocacy Skills Training**

Coalition of Texans with Disabilities  
National Alliance on Mental Illness of Texas (*statewide*)  
Texas Advocates (*Central and Southern Texas*)  
Texas Statewide Independent Living Council (*statewide*)  
The Arc of Dallas  
The Arc of Texas (*multiple locations*)  
Texas A&M University (*Brazos County*)

## **Promoting Self-Advocates as Speakers**

Imagine Enterprises (*statewide*)  
VSA Texas (*multiple locations*)

## **INVESTMENTS IN GRANT PROJECTS**



TCDD awarded \$3.4M in funding to over 50 grants throughout Texas in federal fiscal year 2014. TCDD's overall budget was \$4.8M.

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