

**About TCDD:** The Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities (TCDD) draws from the principles identified in the Federal Developmental Disabilities Act (Public Law 106–402) in evaluating and responding to current and future policy issues that impact the developmental disabilities (DD) community. **TCDD invests its funds on promising practices that advance the inclusion of people with DD in all facets of community life by eliminating barriers, creating opportunities, and promoting innovation.**

2019 Public Policy Priority:  
**Accessible Parking**

Strengthen the enforcement and increase the availability of accessible parking spaces. Address placard fraud and abuse by revising criminal and civil penalties and improving public awareness. Develop innovative, collaborative solutions to adjust for the growing demand of accessible parking spaces as our population ages and more people acquire or are diagnosed with mobility disabilities.

**TCDD Investments & Impact: Accessible Parking Awareness Campaign**

TCDD's recent project investments to build capacity to improve the system in Texas:

- **Access Empowerment** developed a comprehensive marketing strategy to educate the community about the importance of accessible parking and the impact to people with disabilities when people who do not need accessible parking use these spaces illegally.
- **Travis County Constable Precinct 5** developed a multi-faceted accessible parking awareness campaign, Operation ACCESS, to educate the public about accessibility, decrease violations, and enable people with disabilities to actively participate in their community. Travis County planned to educate the public on accessible parking and universal design, design targeted educational outreach materials, and hold a community-wide symposium.

**Other 2019 Public Policy Priorities:**

- Community Attendant Rates and Wages
- Most Integrated, Person-Centered Setting
- Home and Community-Based Services
- Accessible Transportation
- Employment First
- Health Care

**More Information:** To learn more about TCDD's public policy priorities for the 86<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature, contact Scott Daigle, Public Policy Director, at [scott.daigle@tcdd.texas.gov](mailto:scott.daigle@tcdd.texas.gov) or (512) 437-5417.