

Below is a sampling of projects that TCDD provided grant funding for in federal fiscal year 2017.

Accessible Transportation

Texas Statewide Independent Living Council
(Galveston, Hidalgo, McLennan and Travis counties)

Building Community Capacity through Collaboration

Community Healthcore (East Texas)
Volar Center for Independent Living (West Texas)

Culturally Appropriate Family Supports

Light & Salt Association (Houston)
REACH Families (Dallas)

Developmental Disabilities Policy Fellows

EveryChild, Inc. (statewide)

Enabling Technologies

Strategic Education Solutions, LLC (Harris County)

Families in Schools

Region 17 Education Service Center (West Texas)

Higher Education Collaborative

Texas A&M University (statewide)

Higher Education & Employment

Imagine Enterprises, Inc. (El Paso County)
Texas Tech University (statewide)

Leadership Development & Advocacy Training

Easterseals Central Texas (statewide)
Family to Family Network (Southeast Texas)
Paso del Norte Children's Development Center (El Paso)

Promoting Self-Advocates as Speakers

Imagine Enterprises (statewide)
VSA Texas (multiple locations)

Self-Advocate Community Organizing

Texas Advocates (statewide)

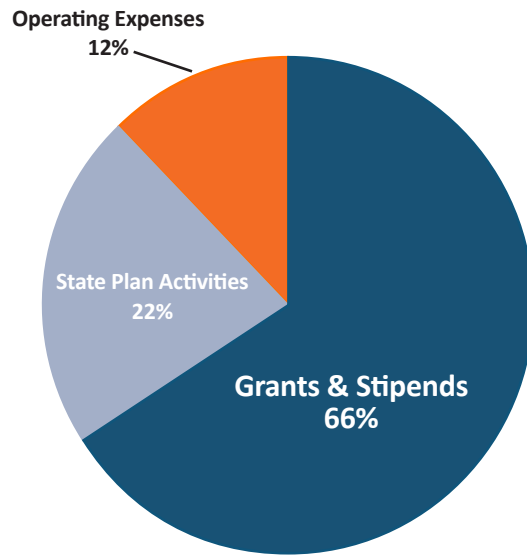
Stakeholder Training on Guardianship Alternatives

Disability Rights Texas (statewide)

Youth Leadership Development

Educational Programs Inspiring Communities, Inc.
(Harris County)

Investments in Grant Projects



Total federal funding: \$4.9 million

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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 DD?

Developmental disabilities (DD) are severe, chronic disabilities that begin before a person reaches age 22 and are likely to continue throughout one's life. Examples of 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 2017



120 self-advocates were trained to be effective and impactful **public speakers**.



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



Over 500 people have improved access to **culturally competent** services and supports.



151 people with disabilities gained **meaningful employment** in their communities.



42 people with disabilities enrolled in **post-secondary education** to get career-ready.



243 people learned how to make informed **decisions about employment options**.



TCDD event stipends supported 886 advocates to **improve their knowledge** of disability issues.



A **virtual job coach** was developed to help people with disabilities seek and find employment.



TCDD **provided testimony** to lawmakers on 9 different disability-related issues during the 85th Texas Legislature.



Informational material was **translated into 11 languages** to increase access to services and supports.



TCDD ensured safe access to disability-related services and supports after **Hurricane Harvey**.



TCDD informed more than **40 policy-related workgroups** about issues that impact people with disabilities.

The Council

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

- Mary Durham, Chair** (Spring)
- John Thomas, Vice Chair** (Weatherford)
- 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)
- Ruth Mason** (Houston)
- Scott McAvoy** (Cedar Park)
- Michael Peace** (Poteet)
- Dana Perry** (Brownwood)
- Brandon Pharris** (San Marcos)
- Lora Taylor** (Katy)
- Richard Tisch** (Spring)
- Mary Faithfull** (Disability Rights Texas)
- Amy Sharp** (Texas Center for Disability Studies, University of Texas at Austin)
- Dan Zhang** (Center on Disability and Development, Texas A&M University)
- Nancy Walker** (HHSC - Social Security Act Title XIX, Medicaid)
- Donnie Wilson** (HHSC - Older Americans Act)
- Rachel Jew** (HHSC - Social Security Act Title V, Maternal and Child Health)
- Jennifer Kaut** (Texas Workforce Commission - Rehabilitation Act)
- Ron Roberts** (TEA - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act)