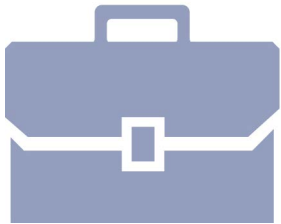


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TCDD's Mission

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.

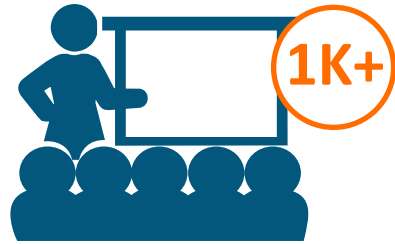
What is DD?

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 2019



1,070 self-advocates and others participated in **leadership and advocacy training** programs.



290 parents and teenagers had access to supports to help manage the **transition into adulthood**.



196 people developed a deeper understanding of **supporting people with autism**.



1,295 people have improved access to **culturally competent services and supports**.



360 people learned leadership and advocacy skills at **disability-related events and conferences**.



129 disability advocates **met with legislators** to share experiences and ideas on disability issues.



77 people were **supported to serve** in leadership roles on boards, committees, and coalitions.



TCDD staff and Policy Fellows gave testimony on **over 20 disability-related bills** to the Texas Legislature.



95 people living in SSLCs connected with **peer-support specialists** to learn about living in the community.



50 young adults improved their **employment skills** through a program at the Houston Food Bank.



106 young adults received training and support to help them achieve their **higher education** goals.



Health care educators ensured **accessible dental services** are available to people with disabilities.

The Council

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Below is a sampling of projects that TCDD provided grant funding for during federal fiscal year 2019.

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)

DD Policy Fellows

Coalition of Texans with Disabilities (statewide)
Disability Rights Texas (statewide)
EveryChild (statewide)
The Arc of Texas (statewide)

Health and Wellness

Baylor College of Medicine (Harris County)
Special Olympics of Texas (statewide)

Leadership Development and Advocacy Training

Easterseals Central Texas (statewide)
Family to Family Network (Southeast Texas)
Paso del Norte (El Paso)
West Central Texas Regional Foundation
(Brown, Coleman, Comanche, and Runnels counties)

Outreach and Development

Dominique Cares (Collin County)
Hatching Hope Foundation
(Collin, Dallas and Tarrant counties)

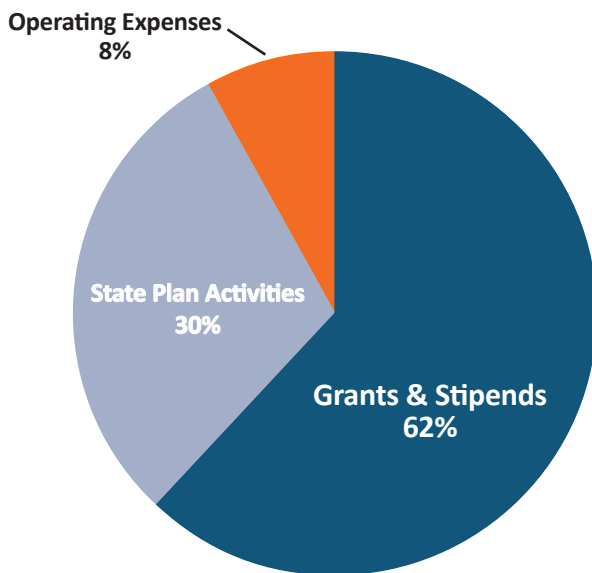
Peer-Support Specialists

Baylor College of Medicine (Harris County)
Imagine Art (Travis County)
Project Amistad (El Paso)
Texas Advocates (Bexar and Travis counties)
Texas SILC (North Central Texas, South Texas)
University of Massachusetts Medical School
(statewide)

Youth Leadership Development

Educational Programs Inspiring Communities
(Harris County)
Mounting Horizons (Galveston)
The SAFE Alliance (Travis County)

Investments in Grant Projects



Total federal funding: \$5.3 million

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