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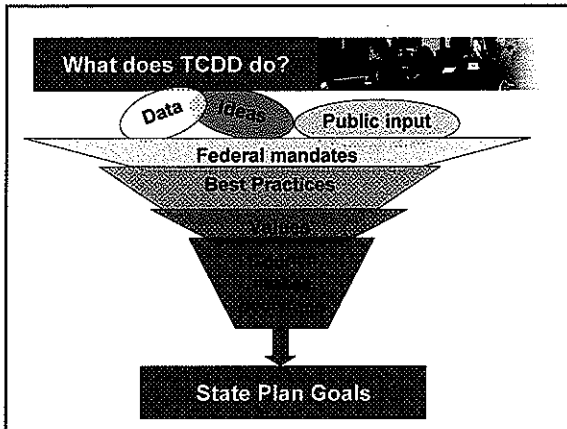
What is TCDD?

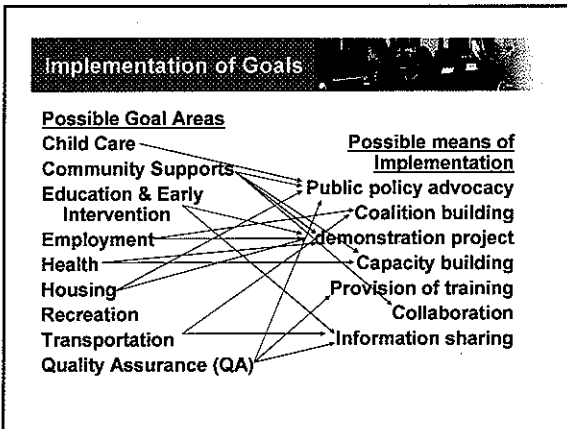
- A state agency?
- A federal agency?
- An organization for people with developmental disabilities?
- An advocacy organization?
- A funding agency?
- A service provider?

What is TCDD?

A state agency funded by a federal grant from the Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD).

The Mission of 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 does TCDD DO?

Advocate, Consistent With State Plan Goals:

- provide information and technical assistance to legislators, policymakers, agencies
- offer funds to organizations to support individuals with developmental disabilities and family members to participate on advisory boards, attend conferences
- participate in work-groups, task-forces, and coalitions that affect policy-making at the state level
- fund leadership and advocacy training

What does TCDD DO?



Fund Projects to Implement Specific Goals:

- Projects that demonstrate new approaches to service provision (pilot projects)
- Initial development of innovative programs (seed money)
- Activities to change existing systems
- Training
- Dissemination of information

What does TCDD DO?



TCDD DOES NOT PROVIDE NOR FUND DIRECT SERVICES.

TCDD will fund grants to provide some types of training or to demonstrate new approaches, but DOES NOT fund direct services to people as a primary goal of a project.

TCDD State Plan Goals



Examples of Past/Present Grant Projects:

- Youth Leadership Forum
- Project DOCC
- Positive Behavioral Supports Project
- Just Transportation Alliances Project
- Accessible Housing Project
- Texas Integrated Funding Initiative
- Development of the 211 Network
- Family-Based Alternatives

TCDD State Plan Goals

Public Policy Activities Examples:

2006 Biennial Report Recommendations:

- Increase funding for all health and human service programs; allow greater access; increase respite
- Appropriate funding to eliminate waiting lists
- Develop cross-disability information & assistance structures
- Increase availability & accessibility of special transit services in both urban and rural areas

Roles for Advocates

- Provide input to TCDD regarding needs, possible strategies
- Submit name to be considered for a review panel for future grants
- Apply for grants when they are available
- Support self-advocacy, leadership, and self-determination

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- **TCDD's E-News and Information Service** – Sign-up on the TCDD Web site for free e-mail announcements on disability news, advocacy opportunities and grants announcements.
- **"FYI,"** advocacy and resource publication. Monthly online at <http://www.txddc.state.tx.us/resources/publications/fyi/fyindex.asp>. Compiled quarterly in print.
- **"People First Language/Describing People With Disabilities"** -- A two-sided handout that explores how to talk accurately and appropriately about people with disabilities. It is a good reference tool for speaking or writing, or to give to reporters or other individuals. Also available in Spanish. **Updated February 2007.**
- **"The Next Step" Video (2003) & Companion Materials (2005)** -- This 19-minute video features five Texans with disabilities who enrolled in colleges, universities or technical schools. It is designed to challenge students with disabilities, families and educators to consider higher education. *Available on VHS and DVD in both English and Spanish. Also online at <http://www.txddc.state.tx.us/resources/publications/NextStepVideo.asp> (requires QuickTime player). Captioned versions available upon request and online.*
 - **"Next Step Discussion and Video Guide on Higher Education"** -- This companion packet has handouts to assist educators, students and parents in exploring options and preparing for education after high school. In print and at <http://www.txddc.state.tx.us/resources/publications/NextStepVideo.asp> in English + Spanish.
 - **"Resources Guide on Higher Education for People with Disabilities"** -- Updated regularly. This lists numerous Web sites containing resources on higher education plus colleges and their disability offices. Available in print or with active links at <http://www.txddc.state.tx.us/resources/publications/college.asp>.
- **Grant Profiles** -- This handout provides a brief description of the Council's current grant projects, as well as those that ended in the past year, along with their Web sites and contact information.
- **TCDD's FY 2007 Accomplishments** – This 1-page handout provides a brief summary of key accomplishments and activities by TCDD and its grant projects.
- **TCDD State Plan Goals and Objectives for Texans with Developmental Disabilities, FY 2007-2011** -- This 5-page handout lists TCDD's mission, goals, objectives and planned activities, Oct. 2006 - Sept. 2011.
- **"Working with the News Media"** -- This series of information sheets is designed to help people become familiar with the news media and develop skills needed to obtain coverage of disability issues. It includes basic information on selected topics, plus guidelines, tips and a resource list. Topics include an introduction to the news media, preparing a letter to the editor or guest editorial, preparing for an interview, using photos, conveying desired values, and preparing news releases and obtaining publicity. (Resource list revised 1/08.)
- **Council Position Statements** -- These address various disability issues: access to health care, aging with developmental disabilities, children and families, community living, criminal competency, education, emergency preparedness, employment, family support services, guardianship, public transportation systems, right to privacy, service coordination (case management) and transition from school to adult life.



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