WHO WE ARE

The work of the Center on Disability and Development at Texas A&M University is focused on promoting inclusive schools and communities, improved outcomes, and better lives for people with disabilities and their families through research, education, and service activities. Highlights from 2012 include:

- New funding was secured for doctoral education in autism services across the lifespan, and for an inclusive postsecondary certificate program to train Direct Support Professionals working in community settings.
- Total annual funding leveraged by the CDD in 2012 exceeded $4.3 million. Twenty-four research, education, and service projects were affiliated with and supported by the CDD.
- Over 19,000 people received services through the Center’s training, technical assistance, and community outreach activities.
- Thirty-four graduate students from seven academic disciplines participated in CDD-affiliated research projects.
- CDD research projects generated findings which advance the knowledge base in education, early intervention, and community inclusion.
- Collectively, CDD faculty and staff authored 54 publications and made 48 presentations.

Together, the Center and its partners improve the lives of children and adults with disabilities.

The CDD appreciates our Texas partners:

- Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities (www.tcsdd.org)
- Disability Rights Texas (www.disabilityrightstx.org)
- Texas Center for Disability Studies (http://tcds.texas.edu)

Activities & Projects in 2012

- **19,000+** People served at one or more of the CDD’s outreach and service projects in 2012
- **202** Students and teachers who took part in research studies with Texas A&M students active in Aggie Guide Dogs & Service Dogs puppy raising service program
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- **1,290** Farmers and ranchers with disabilities and their families who received training, support, and accessibility equipment to continue working in their field of farming and ranching through the CDD’s AgrAbility partnership project
- **1,700** Hours of intensive behavioral interventions provided to children with autism spectrum disorder in 2011 - 2012 through the CDD’s Autism Assessment and Intervention Clinic “The Autism Clinic”

WHAT DO WE DO

- **Develop and provide outreach services, training, and technical assistance** for individuals with disabilities, their families, and those who support them.
- **Conduct research and evaluation** to improve education services and outcomes and quality of community life for individuals with disabilities.
- **Offer interdisciplinary pre-service training and continuing education** through Texas A&M University.
- **Develop tools for better information and resource sharing** to people with disabilities, and their support systems.

WHERE DO WE GO

- **56.7 Million** Americans have a disability. That equals nearly 19% of the U.S. population.
- **7.6 million** have hearing impairments.
- **8.1 million** have vision impairments.
- **2.8 million** have speech impairments.
- **15.2 million** have mobility impairments.
- **15.2 million** have cognitive or mental health impairments.
- **28%** People 25+ with a disability have less than a high school education.
- **65%** Percentage of working-age adults with disabilities are unemployed. Of those who work, nearly 1/3 earn income below poverty level.

WHY WE DO IT

- Children are diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

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Autism Assessment and Interventions

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Information and Resources Shared

- **Websites** Visits to CDD-affiliated websites in 2012: 56,171
- **Unique visitors** to the CDD sites in 2012: 14,000+
- **CDD Social Media** CDD Facebook page “likes”: 322
- **Post views**: 19,517
- **Post responses**: 1,597

Disability Related Presentations & Training

- **2012 Texas Advanced Leadership and Advocacy Conference**: 111 participants
- **2012 Texas Transition Conference**: 410 participants
- **Person-Centered Practices Training**: 44 workshops
- **978 participants**

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The Center on Disability and Development at Texas A&M University was established in 2005. The projects currently affiliated with the CDD are listed below. Details about each project can be found online on our website http://cdd.tamu.edu.

COMMUNITY SERVICES, TRAINING and TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- Aggie Guide-Dogs and Service-Dogs (ags.tamu.edu) Texas A&M students raising future service animals
- Camp LIFE (camplife.tamu.edu) An inclusive adventure for children with disabilities and their siblings
- Brazos Valley Center for Independent Living (BVCIL) (bvcil.org) Promoting the full inclusion and participation of persons with disabilities in all aspects of community life
- Bryan ISD GEAR UP (gearup.tamu.edu) Preparing underrepresented students, including those with disabilities, for college and beyond
- Family Support Network (FSN) (fsn.tamu.edu) A resource hub for parents of children with disabilities living in Texas
- Institute for Person-Centered Practices (person-centered-practices.org) A collaboration with the Texas Center on Disability Studies at the University of Texas at Austin to offer training on person-centered thinking and plan facilitation
- Career and Technical Special Populations Training and Resource Education Center (ctsp.tamu.edu) Providing career technology and special education information
- Directory of Community Resources in Texas (disabilityresources.tamu.edu) Add, edit and search disability-related resources in Texas
- Early Reading Intervention (ERI) Advancing early reading skills in kindergartners through curriculum studies
- Promoting Adolescents’ Comprehension of Text (PACT) Improving the reading comprehension of 7th–12th graders through university and school collaboration
- Research and Education on Disability and Disaster (REDD) (redd.tamu.edu) Providing research and training on the effects of disaster at its intersection with disability
- Texas AgrAbility (txagrability.tamu.edu) Connecting, assisting and empowering those who work in agriculture and have disabilities and/or chronic health conditions

INTERDISCIPLINARY PRE-SERVICE TRAINING

- Interdisciplinary Graduate Training Doctoral Programs Training researchers, teachers, practitioners and activists interested in disability issues from various disciplinary perspectives
- Autism Across the Lifespan Doctoral Program Prepares educators to effectively meet the needs of students with disabilities served in educational environments
- Postsecondary Access and Training in Human Service (PATHS) (path.tamu.edu) Providing certification for people pursuing careers as Direct Support Professionals
- Bridge to Career in Human Service (B2C) (b2c.tamu.edu) Providing wraparound supports and training for people with developmental disabilities pursuing a career as a Direct Support Professional

RESEARCH and EVALUATION

- Disability Training Network Improving the access, retention and success rates of college students with disabilities through training, innovation and research
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- The Autism Clinic (txautism.tamu.edu) Improving outcomes for individuals with autism spectrum disorders through research, training and outreach
- Words of Oral Reading and Language Development (WORLD) (world.tamu.edu) Accelerating vocabulary and background knowledge in at-risk preschoolers

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