



Community Center System of Care

- Recovery and Self-Determination ● Local Control and Strong Communities ●
- Best Value for Taxpayers ●

- ✚ Texas is one of the fastest growing states, representing the 2nd largest population and one of the lowest funded in the nation in terms of serving people with disabilities.
- ✚ Locally governed by Boards of Trustees appointed by County Commissioners' Courts, City Councils, School Boards and/or Hospital Districts, Community Centers fulfill a statutorily directed role in assuring citizens with disabilities access to efficient, effective community services;
- ✚ 1 in 10 families are affected by some level of intellectual & developmental disability and 1 in 5 people will have a mental disorder in any given year that, if left untreated can lead to lost productivity, unsuccessful relationships, significant dysfunction and continuing effect on children in their care;
- ✚ People with serious mental illness who do not receive mental health care are two times more likely to spend time in prison or jail and a high percentage of youth placed on probation are in need of mental health care;
- ✚ Community Centers of Texas focus on recovery and self-determination in providing lower cost community-based services to vulnerable populations across all 254 counties of our great state—touching more than 400,000 lives in FY 2009:

Early Childhood Intervention	Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities	Substance Use Disorders	Mental Health	Other	Total
43,401	43,499	34,717	277,830	31,688	431,135

- ✚ In serving this vital function, the Community Centers:
 - Serve as a catalyst for drawing resources to local service areas by leveraging local, state and federal funds for purpose of creating an integrated local service delivery system;
 - Employ more than 15,000 professionals, direct service specialists and administrative personnel, engage a network of private providers and interact with numerous local businesses for operational support;
 - Create and maintain strong collaborative partnerships throughout the community—serving a critical role at the intersection of public health and public safety.
- ✚ Texas leadership must maintain its investment in community-based services for people with disabilities, particularly in an economic environment that prompts an increased need to reduce reliance on higher cost services and ensure cost effective use of public funds.

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