



General Legislative Platform: 82nd Session

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

Uphold Texas Council Principles

Promote legislative direction that adheres to established principles: *Strong Communities, Local Control, Public Accountability, Proven Performance and Personal Independence*. Stop legislative direction that threatens established principles.

Promote & Protect

Promote legislative direction that supports our locally managed public safety net for individuals with serious mental illness, substance use disorders and developmental disabilities.

Seek legislative and/or administrative remedy if deemed necessary to ensure the continued viability of the locally managed public safety net.

General Platform Considerations

1. Legislative Appropriations (Do No Harm)
 - Ensure state leaders recognize the value of community-based services and the harmful effect proposed reductions will have on the cost and quality of care for Texans with intellectual and developmental disabilities, mental illness and substance use disorders.

2. Health Care Reform:
 - Medicaid Expansion in 2014
 - Medicaid Managed Care Expansion
 - Mental Health Parity
 - Accountable Care Organizations
 - 'Medical' Homes
 - Workforce (e.g., capacity, scope of practice)