



Texas Beacons of Excellence

Newsletter: February 2023

Announcements

Amarillo's ESC Region 16 Transition Fair

Feb. 9th, 2024

PILC Employment Specialist Training

Feb. 22nd, 2024

Upcoming Events

Texas Transition Conference

Feb. 28th - Mar. 1st, 2024

twc.texas.gov/events

Informative Links

Job Accommodation Network:

askjan.org

Texas APSE:

txapse.org

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Karina Saucedo, Victoria Gonzales, Robin Miller, Carmen Estrada, Joe Rogers, Pam Ware, Jana Bishop, and Ticcara Cassell



Dallas VR Staff with Goodwill CEO Tim Heis, Lucy Gafford, Ryan Cole, Sonia Martinez,

Texas Beacons of Excellence in the Community

The TBE team traveled to Amarillo for partner meetings as well as outreach and recruitment. On February 8th, Ticcara Cassell led soft introductions between the Texas Workforce Commission - Vocational Rehabilitation Services Region 1, Texas A&M project partners, and the Panhandle Independent Living Center. The meeting served to connect with one another to streamline VR services for TBE participants.

On February 9th, Ticcara Cassell and Karina Saucedo attended the Amarillo's ESC Region 16 Transition Fair where our very own consultant from Imagine Enterprises—Ricky Broussard—served as the keynote speaker to share about his experience transitioning into adulthood. The event brought in over 200 students with Special Education designation from various school districts (Amarillo, Canyon, Tulia, Highland Park, Panhandle, and Hedley). The primary intent was to reach students from AISD (Amarillo High, Palo Duro, Caprock, and Tascosa) and provide additional information on the TBE project and services offered, should they choose to join. Cassell and Saucedo spoke with various staff and leadership to promote the project as the goal is to recruit an additional school district site.

To bridge services and work toward a sustainable model, the TBE team led a meet and greet with the Dallas VR staff (David Quins, Crystal Chang, and Chatisha Bridgeman) and Goodwill leadership. The TBE team aims to establish a partnership between the two agencies to support consumers even years after the project comes to an end.