



Texas Beacons of Excellence

Newsletter: January 2023

Announcements

Disability Etiquette/Inclusion Training for Goodwill Staff

Jan. 8th, 2024

U&I Luncheon

Jan. 18th, 2024

Goodwill Leadership and Social Security Benefits

Jan. 19, 2024

Amarillo's Region 16

Transition Fair

Feb. 9th, 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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Left to right: Isabel Camarillo, Carmen Estrada, Elyse Luke, Victoria Gonzales, Sonia Martinez, Karina Saucedo, Ticcara Cassell, Lucy Gafford, and Danny Wvalle

Texas Beacons of Excellence in the Community

The TBE team returned from winter break and ready to spring into action. On January 9th, the team flew out to Richmond, Virginia for professional development training. The workshop training covered the history of disability employment, tips for building employer relationships, and provided the TBE staff an opportunity to shadow job coaches at specific sites within the VCU *Project Search* program.

Our VCU partners also scheduled to host training sessions to support the 14C leadership working directly with our TBE participants. The specific employer trainings that are to take place this month will focus on social security benefits and inclusive leadership.

We look forward to the month of February in which the TBE team will fly out to Amarillo for Region 16's Transition Fair where three of the four Amarillo ISD high schools will attend with their students. Additionally, Director Lucy Gafford and Senior Program Project Coordinator Ticcara Cassell will also attend the Texas Transition Conference in February to present on the SWTCIE project.

The hard work continues as we are in the process of recruiting our additional project sites (four additional 14c agencies and one school district).