



Texas Beacons of Excellence

Partnership Led by:



July, August, & September 2024

Upcoming Conferences

Texas Workforce Commission
December 4-6, 2024
Click here for more information:

<https://www.twc.texas.gov/agency/annual-texas-workforce-conference>

Texas Transition Conference
February 19-21, 2025
Click here for more information:

<https://ttc.tamu.edu/>

Resources

Job Accommodation Network
askjan.org

Community Engagement

Want to share your experience? Join our Advisory Board!

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Texas Beacons of Excellence in the Community

The TBE team is continuing to build meaningful connections within the community to support our participants in securing employment. We are excited to be part of this impactful journey and to assist our participants on their path toward competitive, integrated employment.

Creating Pathways in the Panhandle

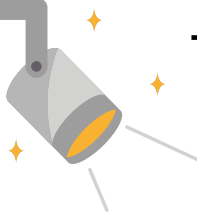
In Amarillo, our team has been actively working with participants, focusing on key areas such as job placements, job shadowing, interviews, resume building, and parent meetings. We've continued collaborating with stakeholders to expand employment opportunities. TBE participants and their families have benefited from a variety of sessions, ranging from interview preparation for participants to parent discussions about available resources, planning, and roles and responsibilities.

Amarillo Students Learn New Job Skills at Sam's Club

The TBE team supports students in exploring diverse employment opportunities by engaging in hands-on experiences within the community.

TBE participant Aaliyah has been practicing folding tasks at Sam's Club in Amarillo, gaining insight into retail and related fields as potential career paths.





Texas Beacons of Excellence Spotlight



Lindsey Terrell
Current Employer:
Momentous Institute

She is passionate about helping others and wants to serve as a good role model for the children.



Gilbert Gonzalez
Current Employer:
Nikki's Popcorn

He loves greeting customers with a smile everyday and enjoys working with his team members.

Amarillo ISD Student Accepts Internship

We are thrilled to announce our first TBE student internship: Faheem has accepted an internship with the Panhandle Independent Living Center. Faheem will begin his internship in November, where he will work on graphic design by creating flyers, pamphlets, and graphics for PILC.



Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Consultants Enhance Support for 14c Sites

Our VCU consultants have collaborated with our TBE Coordinators and Employment Specialists to ensure guidance on topics ranging from job development to engaging employers in person and virtually.

On July 17th, VCU consultants Alissa Brooke and Dr. Lauren Avellone provided Behavior Management training to support staff from Goodwill Dallas and U&I Spread the Light. The training covered the basics of understanding the A-B-Cs, (Antecedent, Behavior, and Consequence).

On August 27th, the Texas Beacons of Excellence received in-person technical assistance from VCU consultants including caseload staffing to address individual needs for participants.

Dallas Sites Celebrate Community Employment Success

The team is happy to announce that 2 additional participants have transitioned into community employment.

On September 9th, Lindsey started her new role as a Cafeteria Monitor at Dallas' Momentous Institute. She helps keep the cafeteria clean and organized to ensure a safe lunchtime for students.

On September 25th, Gilbert began his new role as a Production Associate with Nikki's Popcorn in Dallas. He is responsible for processing orders, preparing retail items, and maintaining the store's cleanliness.

The TBE team remains dedicated to fostering employment opportunities and meaningful connections within the community.