



Texas Beacons of Excellence

Newsletter: November 2023

Project Events

U & I Spread the Light Parent Informational Session | Tuesday, December 5, 2023
2:00 pm-3:30 pm

Upcoming Conferences

Annual Texas Workforce Commission Conference
Nov. 29th - Dec. 1st, 2023
ttc.tamu.edu/

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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Texas Beacons of Excellence in the Community

At the beginning of November, TBE staff, Ticcara Cassell and Karina Saucedo traveled to Amarillo to conduct project informational sessions for family members within the Amarillo School District. The informational sessions discussed Employment First principles and shared action steps to promote an Employment First mindset. After discussing the project overview, parents were informed of the next steps to participate, if interested. Several parents expressed great interest in the project and completed contact forms to schedule individual meetings. Project Coordinator, Ticcara Cassell, is now in the process of scheduling one-on-one meetings with potential participants and their circle of support.

Project Coordinator, Sonia Martinez, has begun the one-on-one meetings with project participants at Goodwill Dallas. The families are receptive and delighted to participate in this project. TBE staff will be hosting one parent informational session with U&I Spread the Light the first week of December.

TBE staff notes pivotal moments this month, such as hosting the first advisory board meeting as well as bridging partnerships with ESC Region 16 and the Panhandle Independent Living Center (PILC).

Overall, the TBE team enjoyed another great month out in the community, meeting with students and their families. We are excited about the future of the project, partnerships, and closing out the rest of the year with continued progress.