



Texas Beacons  
of Excellence

Newsletter: August 2023

## Announcements

- Project Workshop for U & I Spread the Light is scheduled for September 12, 2023.
- ADVO Site Observation is scheduled for September 21, 2023.
- Project Website and project database are continuing to be developed.

## Upcoming Events

### Texas Rehabilitation Association Annual Conference

Sept. 6th - 8th, 2023

[txrehabassoc.org/event-533478](http://txrehabassoc.org/event-533478)

### Texas APSE Conference

Oct. 2nd - 4th, 2023

[txapse.org/](http://txapse.org/)

### Annual Texas Workforce Commission Conference

Nov. 29th - Dec. 1st, 2023

[tfc.tamu.edu/](http://tfc.tamu.edu/)

### Texas Transition Conference

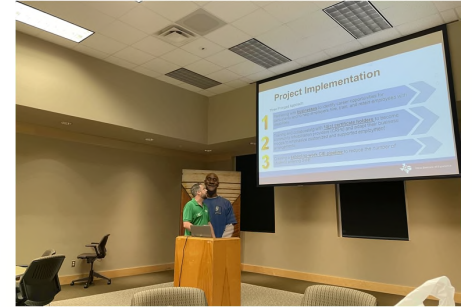
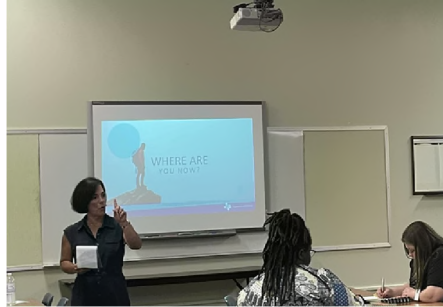
Feb. 28th - Mar. 1st, 2024

[twc.texas.gov/events](http://twc.texas.gov/events)

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## Texas Beacons of Excellence in the Community...

The project goals were set into action during the month of August. UNT-WISE and Virginia Commonwealth University presented at Amarillo ISD on Thursday, August 10. The workshop covered the project overview and the importance of Employment First. The workshop was well received by the teachers and staff. Many expressed great desire to learn more about the project.

Top left image: Judy Averill from VCU presenting on Employment First principles to Amarillo ISD staff.

UNT-WISE conducted a workshop for Goodwill Dallas staff on Wednesday, August 23. During this presentation, UNT introduced the project, the importance of employment first, and discussed upcoming/future trainings. Goodwill Dallas employees are excited about the project and how it can improve the system. UNT-WISE will provide a Needs Assessment to best determine the level of support needed.

Top right image: TBE Program Director, Ryan Cole, presenting on project overview to Goodwill Dallas staff.

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