

Services

at

Autism Treatment Center





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**Assisting people with autism and related disorders throughout their lives as they learn, play, work and live in the community**



San Antonio



Dallas

# Autism Treatment Center

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- Established in 1976
- Non-profit agency
- Serve 115 individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder
- 65 are over age 22
- 50 are school age
- Provides ST, OT, PT, and ABA to 105 clients with autism
- Major program areas are:
  - Educational
  - Residential
  - Adult Services
  - Therapy Services
  - ABA



# Educational Services

- Crystal Charity Wing
- Approved by TEA for contracting purposes
- 50 students age 5-21
- Referred for challenging behaviors
- Small classroom size of 4 with 2 staff, sometimes 3 depending on day
- Use ABLLS curriculum
- Use TEKS curriculum



# Licensed Residential Treatment Center

- 5 homes
- School
- Therapy
- 6 children in each home
- 2/3 staff
- Serve children ages 3-18 with ASD
- Most are intense level
- Most thrive at ATC
- Stability and routine
- Behavior programming
- Therapy services
- Medical issues identified & treated
- Education training

# Adult Services

- Transition Services
  - ages 14-22
- Tiger Café
- Art Classes
- Snack Store
- Janitorial Services
- Office Skills
  - Shredding/Laminating
- Skill Development
  - Repair/Maintenance/Assembly



# Models for Services for Adults with Autism

## Residential Services and Employment Services

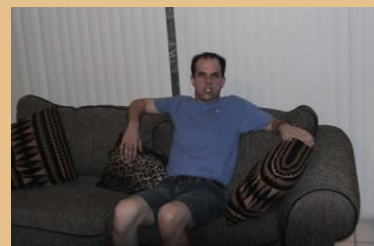
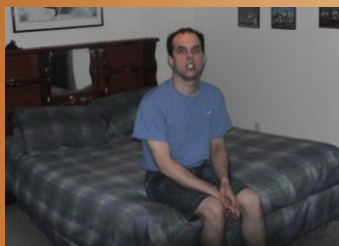
- Supervised Living Model (ICF/MR)
- Semi-Independent Living Model (HCS)
- Foster Care
- 14 Homes for Adults

Reimbursement Rate – \$56,000 to \$57,000 annually

Costs based on FY11 Audit are \$85,200 annually









# Vocational/Employment

Licensed by DARS (CRP)

Community Rehab Program



# Community Integration Program

## Volunteer for Area Non-Profits

- Meals on Wheels
- Volunteer Center – Donated Goods
- Arboretum
- Lake Highlands Community Gardens
- Recycling
- Special Olympics



# September 2010 – September 2011 Volunteer Hours for Adults

**Volunteer Center**

**5083 Hours**

**World of Goods**

**4455 Hours**

**Meals on Wheels**

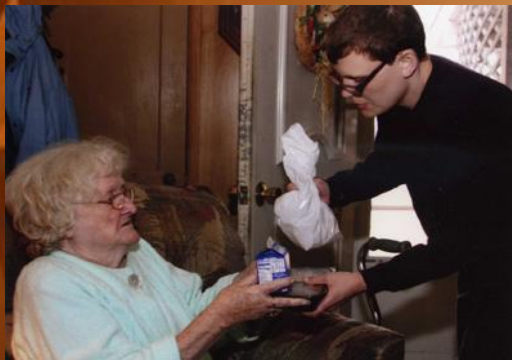
**3759 Hours**

**Community Garden**

**108 Hours**

**Total Volunteer Hours:**

**13,405 – Sep 2010 – Sep 2011**



# Horticulture Program





# **New Services for January 2012**

- **Provide support for adults living in their own apartment and attending nonPareil on SMU Plano Campus**
- **Diagnostic Services**
  - **San Antonio – CARES Clinic  
Baptist Health Grant**
  - **Dallas – T Boone Pickens Grant**
- **DARS – San Antonio**



# Therapy Services

Medicaid, Private Insurance, TRICARE Clinics, DARS



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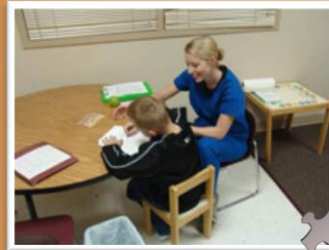
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OCCUPATIONAL



EQUINE



ABA



PHYSICAL

Serve 95 patients for ST, OT, PT, & ABA



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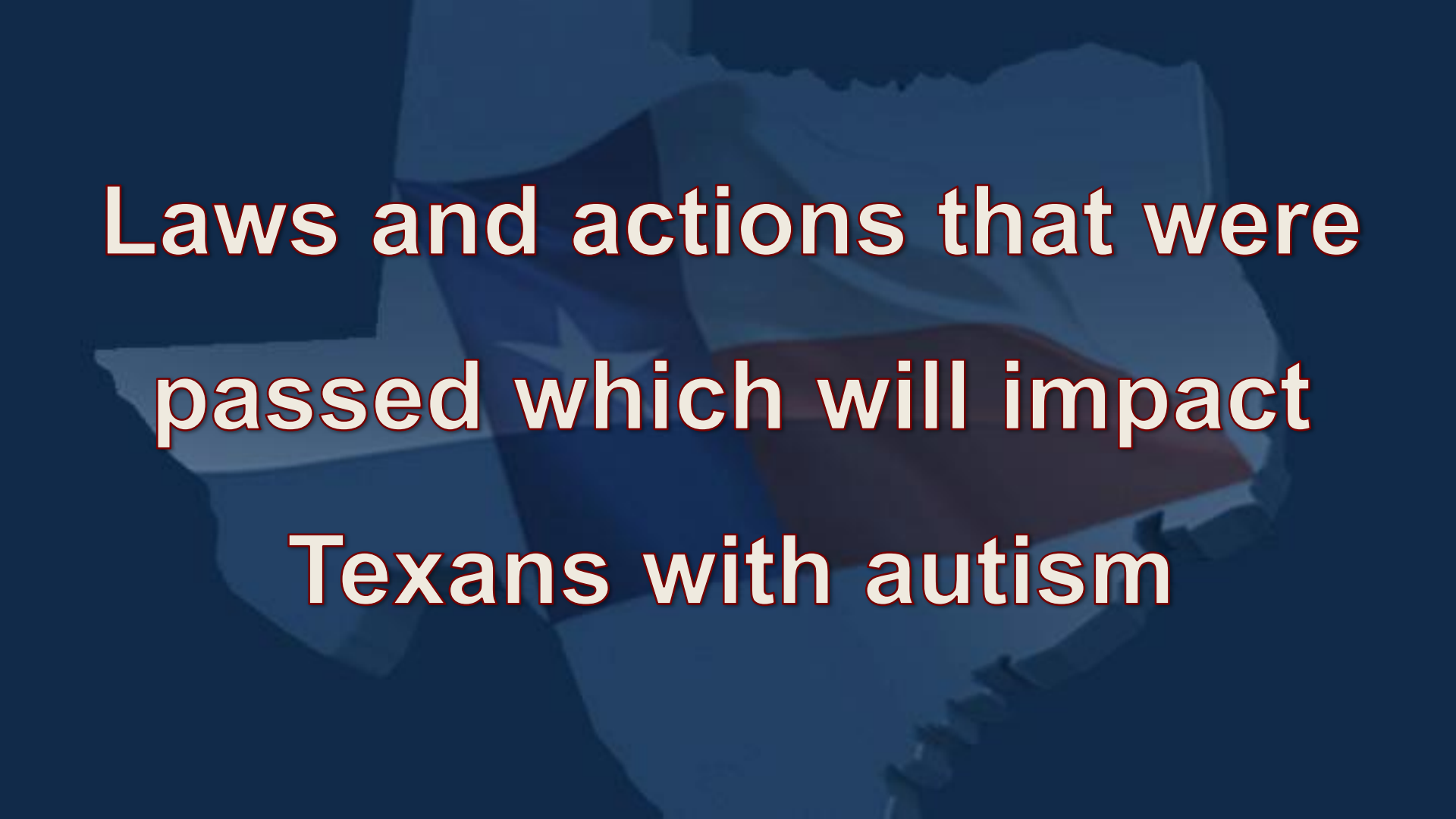
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“In 2011 Texas responded to the unprecedented growth in the number of Texans affected by ASD largely by reducing and eliminating funding for services and support, deferring unfunded obligations to Medicaid entitlement programs and reducing funding for public education.”

Texas Council on Autism established in 1987



[www.dads.state.tx.us/autism/](http://www.dads.state.tx.us/autism/)



**Laws and actions that were  
passed which will impact  
Texans with autism**



# Actions of 82<sup>nd</sup> Texas Legislative Session

- Early childhood intervention reduced by 30 million
- Public education – 4 billion reduction over two years
- DADS – 31 million cut in Medicaid Waver Services
- ID In Home Services – eliminated
- ID Community Services – reduced by 27%
- HCS enrollment frozen for 2 years

Meanwhile 154,000 people await services  
from Medicaid Waver & other DADS programs

Over 10,000 have been on interest list for 6 years or more

# Successes

DARS Autism Program – Early intensive behavior intervention 3-8; 152 children

Texas Autism Research & Resource Center – Created by HB 1571

- disseminate information about ASD & related research
- coordinate with local entities
- conduct training and development
- provide to individuals with ASD and their families

TARRC – [www.dads.state.tx.us/tarrc/](http://www.dads.state.tx.us/tarrc/)

TARRC Autism Research Conference

- 180 people attended (7-3-2011)
- Received very positive feedback

Texas Statewide Leadership for Autism – Region 13

- No fee online training

# Laws that were passed that will impact students with autism

**SB41**

Prohibits use of mechanical or physical restraints unless necessary to prevent serious physical injury

**SB1788**

Transition planning for student enrolled in Special Education must begin on or before 14 years of age

**HB1919**  
**HB451**

81<sup>st</sup> Legislative Session plans must provide coverage for ASD from date of diagnosis until 9 year of age

**HB1841**

Respectful Language Bill – (Example) Phrase mentally retarded person will be replaced by person with intellectual & PDD