



Welcome

Best Buddies International

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Texas State Director**

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Intellectual and
Developmental
Disabilities Council
of Tarrant County

PURPOSE

To transform the region into an inclusive community where individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) thrive.

MISSION

To bring stakeholders together to create an environment for the development of an efficient and accessible system of support for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Tuesday's Caregiver Education ♦ Noon-1 pm

Dec. 8 - Hard conversations about tough topics: Tips for talking about and teaching skills related to puberty and adult relationships

Dec. 15 - Dental Care for Adults in Medicaid programs

Monthly IDD Council Meeting

First Thursday of Each Month, 8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Dec. 3 - Assistive Technology for people with Disabilities

Follow us on social media for upcoming topics, events and networking opportunities



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Membership Driven

Premier Partners:



Centered in Care
Powered by Pride



Organizational Partners and many individual memberships





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Welcome New Members!

- Goodwill Industries Fort Worth (Sponsor Member)
- BlueSprig Pediatrics (Elite Member)
- Amplify Fort Worth (Sponsor Member)
- Rebecca Swift
- Tammy Baca
- Shelly Lofland
- Kristen Williams
- Latasha Hill
- **Your name belongs here!**
[Membership Form](#)



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PLEASE JOIN US
to Celebrate

OUR NEW INCLUSIVE
**Membership
Menu**



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Building Awareness and Inclusion in our Community! IDD Council Membership Menu

We recognize and appreciate your support! The benefits and privileges described below are tokens of our appreciation and ways for you to be involved in building awareness and inclusion to our community. Your benefit year begins on the 1st day of the month in which your dues are received, and it continues for 12 consecutive months.

All IDD Council members have access to monthly meetings, job fairs, transition fairs, and access to information and resources via our monthly newsletter, social media, and IDD Council website.

ANNUAL BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES TO MEMBERS

\$5000+ (ALL BENEFITS FROM \$2500 LEVEL, PLUS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING):	\$2500+ (ALL BENEFITS FROM \$1000 LEVEL, PLUS CHOOSE 1):	\$1000+ (ALL BENEFITS FROM \$500 LEVEL, PLUS CHOOSE 2):
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Logo with link on website, ability to put our logo on their website with prior approval Keynote speaker at Celebrating YOU Employer Recognition luncheon OR another premier event Access to the benefits of the individual membership level for all families/employees affiliated with your organization Guest feature (e.g., ad, article, profile) in an issue of the IDD Council newsletter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organization's name on IDD Council website Tailored 1-hour training for your organization's staff or stakeholders (CEUs may be offered for an additional fee) Present at a Caregiver Education session Recognition in all IDD Council publications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly social media posts (1 image of your choice) Speaker spot at a monthly membership meeting Request of a custom topic for a Caregiver Education session; priority selection over non-member and non-custom requests Recognition in select IDD Council publications
\$500+ (ALL BENEFITS FROM \$250 LEVEL, PLUS CHOOSE 2):	\$250+ (ALL BENEFITS FROM \$25 LEVEL, PLUS CHOOSE 2):	\$25 INDIVIDUAL MEMBER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Banner with logo at all 4 Making Connections Disability Resource Fairs OR at April Cool's Day Organizational info table at Sensory Santa Permission to distribute information at events (e.g., in bags, or at the doorway) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizational info table at one* of the following events: April Cool's Day, CapeAbilities Job Fair, a Caregiver Education session, OR a Making Connections event Choose 1 topic for a monthly Caregiver Education session from a pre-set list of topics. Priority selection over non-member requests * May select two organizational table events as benefit option. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free training (non-CEU) Collaboration and networking among agencies, caregivers, and other advocates Recognition of membership on website and newsletter Access to members-only portal with a resource directory and video/audio recordings of select presentations

...additional customized benefits available a-la-carte to meet your organization's needs!

CEUs may be offered for an additional fee at individual events.
Members at all levels will receive a discount on CEUs.

<https://www.iddcouncil.org/join-us>



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BEST BUDDIES

a global movement

THE WORLD'S ONLY ORGANIZATION COMMITTED TO THE
SOCIAL INCLUSION OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES



WHAT IS BEST BUDDIES?

GLOBAL NON-PROFIT DEDICATED TO
INCLUSION FOR PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL
AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Our Mission

Friendships. Jobs. Leadership. Inclusive Living.

Empowering people with disabilities by helping them form meaningful friendships with their peers, secure successful jobs, live independently, and feel valued by society.

HOW OUR PROGRAMS WORK



FRIENDSHIP

Builds friendships between people with and w/o IDD, offering social mentoring while improving the quality of life and level of inclusion.



JOBS

Secures jobs for people with IDD, allowing them to earn an income, pay taxes, and support themselves.



LEADERSHIP

Educates and empowers people with and without IDD to be leaders, public speakers and advocates.



LIVING

Fosters an integrated experience for people with and without IDD to live independently in a dynamic environment where they can learn, grow, and thrive.



OUR GLOBAL IMPACT

6

CONTINENTS

50

COUNTRIES

27

STATE OFFICES

FRIENDSHIP PROGRAMS

Our friendship pillar encompasses programs that offer socialization opportunities for people with and without IDD including:

- Citizens
- Colleges
- e-Buddies
- High Schools
- Middle Schools
- Elementary Schools

Our programs provide meaningful connections with their peers, gain self-confidence and self-esteem, and share interests, experiences and activities that many other individuals enjoy.



WHAT MAKES FRIENDSHIP WORK



Peer-to-Peer Connection

Best Buddies friendship programs create inclusive school and community based settings to foster one-to-one connections between pairs

- One-to-One
- Friendship based, not mentoring
- For schools programs, integrated leadership opportunities for students
- Group events for engagement

TEXAS BY THE NUMBERS

Texas Friendship Chapters

9

ELEMENTARY
SCHOOLS

17

MIDDLE
SCHOOLS

59

HIGH
SCHOOLS

17

COLLEGES

Texas Participants

101

e-BUDDIES

5905

SCHOOL
PARTICIPANTS

JOBS PROGRAM

Best Buddies Jobs secures employment for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), allowing them to earn an income, pay taxes, and continuously and independently support themselves.

The Jobs program places focus beyond the typical jobs in which a person with IDD might be placed. Best Buddies focuses on finding work that matches the job seeker's interests and talents.



WHAT MAKES JOBS WORK



Personal Choice & Empowerment

Best Buddies Jobs matches skilled and qualified individuals with IDD with businesses seeking enthusiastic and dedicated employees.

- Competitive employment opportunities
- Business benefits for employers looking to diversify workforce
- Finding a job for each person through job matching



JOBS DATA: TO DATE

USA

372 Job Development

816 Placements

TEXAS

22 Job Development

32 Placements



EMPLOYEE PARTNERS



"A workforce that offers a variety of perspectives and experiences is good for our people, our clients, and our business - and it might change your life like it changed mine."

Greg O'Brien
CEO Americas at Jones Lang LaSalle

Current Partners

Levy Partners
TJX
MOD Pizza

In Progress

Kelly Services
Apple
DSW

LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

Best Buddies' leadership programs educate and empower people with and without IDD to become leaders, public speakers and advocates. Best Buddies passionately believes that its program participants can lead the effort within their community and beyond to build a more inclusive world for people with IDD.

Our programs include:

Ambassadors

Promoters



LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Advocacy and Leadership Development

Best Buddies leadership programs focus on providing participants with the tools, training's, and platform to build inclusive communities.

- Training opportunities for leaders with and without IDD
- Focus on community engagement, as well as schools and workplaces
- Advocacy focused

WHY BEST BUDDIES?

What does Best Buddies do differently that sets our programs apart from other disability organizations?

INCLUSIVE OPPORTUNITIES

Best Buddies provides equitable leadership roles and sets equal expectations for participants with and without disabilities in all programs - to serve, to pay for outings, to report, etc.

VOLUNTEER-CENTRIC

Best Buddies is a global volunteer movement, committed to empowering volunteers to create new opportunities for their communities to engage and provide inclusive experiences

LIFE-CYCLE

Participation in the Best Buddies movement engages volunteers as soon as they enter school through adulthood with programs at all school levels in addition to community and employment opportunities

2020-2021 GOALS

- Opening Friendship Chapters in diverse communities and in Historically Black Campuses and Universities
- Newly formed Student Advisory Boards will create and implement a 9-month training series to support other high school student leaders
- Monthly mini-trainings for student leaders
- Raise awareness of and build pipeline for Jobs Program through presentations to transition programs
- Monthly Ambassador Trainings
- Focused outreach for Ambassador Speaking opportunities

BEST BUDDIES®



A photograph of two men dancing on a beach, overlaid with a teal semi-transparent filter. The man on the left is wearing a striped polo shirt and dark shorts, while the man on the right is wearing a blue t-shirt with a graphic and light-colored shorts. Both are smiling and in dynamic dance poses. The background shows a sandy beach and the ocean under a clear sky.

GET READY TO CHANGE THE WORLD

The Future is Now



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Thank you!

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