

Did you know?

One in six children has a developmental disability.

The cost of addressing the issues that children with developmental disabilities experience is estimated to be \$2 million per child; the human cost and impact cannot be quantified.

Children with developmental disabilities frequently need services from a large cross-section of systems in Texas throughout their lifetime. Accessing services can be a struggle.

Living with developmental disabilities creates tremendous stress on the individuals, their families and communities.

Prevention Matters!

Prevention approaches can and should be integrated at home, in school, in the workplace and in the community. We need to improve safety; interventions for people in crisis; improve education about health; and actively promote policies for wellness.

We can all have a positive impact in Prevention and improving the lives of Texas children!



The effects of developmental disabilities are broad and potentially impact every aspect of life.

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**Minding the Minds
of Children**

— Preventable Developmental Disabilities —

Our mission is to minimize the economic and human losses caused by preventable developmental disabilities.



Texas Office for Prevention of Developmental Disabilities (TOPDD)

is an independent state office that builds public-private partnerships with organizations across the state to prevent developmental disabilities.

Our office is minding the minds of children by:

- Spearheading state planning
- Developing resources
- Educating and engaging stakeholders
- Convening leaders to facilitate collaboration
- Integrating prevention across systems
- Improving public policy

Many developmental disabilities are preventable! We must address the root causes and identify prevention opportunities.

TOPDD achieves its goals through a public-private partnership model, with special focus on:

- Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders
- Child Safety and Injury Prevention
- Developmental Disabilities and Mental Health

TOPDD organizes leadership to identify needs and develop statewide planning with over 100 leaders from across the state.

Causes of Preventable Developmental Disabilities

- Prenatal substance use
- Infant head trauma
- Child falls
- Child maltreatment
- Poor nutrition
- Shaken Baby Syndrome
- Concussion
- Sports-related head injury
- Bicycle accident
- Transportation-related child injury
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Environmental toxins

Preventing Developmental Disabilities by:

- Addressing women's health, nutrition, alcohol and other drug use practices; before and during pregnancy.
- Providing early identification and intervention to prevent secondary disabilities.
- Providing education and mentoring to parents to prevent child maltreatment and trauma.
- Providing services that address complex needs such as co-occurring developmental disabilities and mental illness, thereby improving family functioning and reducing risk to children.
- Strengthening the safety net which provides families with medical care, treatment, nutrition, child safety equipment and other basic services.

