POSITION STATEMENT
TEXAS TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY ADVISORY COUNCIL REPRESENTATION
TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY
TEXAS COUNCIL FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

The Texas Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Council (TBIAC) supports the representation and participation of the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities (TCDD) on the TBIAC.

Despite the thousands of Texas children who are disabled by traumatic brain injury (TBI) each year, less than 1% is identified in Texas schools for services they desperately need.

TEA and TCDD representatives help the TBIAC in many ways, including:

- Collaboration with representatives from pediatric trauma care to assist with transition from hospital to school services (an issue recognized as problematic nationwide);

- Assistance with identification of children with TBI in Texas schools to provide needed services; and

- Shaping education and developmental disabilities services to be responsive to the needs of children with TBI.

The Texas TBIAC meets quarterly, and thus, the representation of TEA and TCDD requires a minimal commitment in terms of meeting time.