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# **Collaborating for Disability Prevention in Texas**

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**The Office of Disability Prevention for Children**

# Background

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- Successor to the former Texas Office for the Prevention of Developmental Disabilities
- Senate Bill 200 abolished the former office and its executive committee and transferred the duties to HHSC effective Sept. 1, 2017
- The Office of Disability Prevention for Children was created in response to this legislatively mandated transfer to ensure the prevention of developmental disabilities remains a focus in Texas



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# Purpose and Goals

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## **ODPC strives to:**

- Prevent developmental disabilities in children ages 0-12
  - Includes disabilities that manifest in utero and during birth
- Minimize the losses caused by preventable disabilities
- Coordinate a unified, comprehensive prevention effort in Texas



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# Developmental Disability

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## **A severe, chronic disability that is:**

- A mental or physical impairment, or both
- Manifested before a person reaches the age of 22
- Likely to continue indefinitely

## **And results in:**

- Substantial limitations in three or more major life activities
- A need for a combination and sequence of special interdisciplinary or generic care, treatment, or other lifelong or extended services



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# Duties

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## The Office shall:

- Educate the public
- Promote sound public policy
- Identify, collect, and disseminate information and data
- Work with appropriate divisions within the commission, state agencies, and other entities to develop a plan to monitor and reduce the incidence or severity of developmental disabilities



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# Duties (cont.)

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## The Office shall:

- Recommend the role the commission and each state agency should have
- Facilitate coordination of state agency prevention services and activities
- Encourage cooperative, comprehensive, and complementary planning among public, private, and volunteer individuals and organizations



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# Levels of Prevention

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## Primary prevention

- Prevent the onset of disability, aims to reduce the incidence of disability

## Secondary prevention

- Detecting the disability in its earliest stages and intervening to slow or stop its progression

## Tertiary prevention

- Interventions to stop or slow the progression of a disability to mitigate its negative consequences and prevents secondary conditions



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# Current Activities

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- Quarterly stakeholder meetings
  - Next meeting: Feb. 26, 2018 at 10:00am to 12:00pm in the Brown Heatly Public Hearing Rooms
- Identify areas of focus
- Environmental scan
  - Collect data on selected developmental disabilities of focus
  - Identify and assess prevention efforts within HHS, and other state agencies
  - Identify areas for improvement and make recommendations



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# Partners within HHS

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## Programs we plan to work with include:

- Early Childhood Intervention
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children
- Prevention and Early Intervention
- Healthy Texas Women and Family Planning Program
- Office of Acquired Brain Injury
- Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Behavioral Health Services



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# How can you help?

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- Meet with us to discuss shared interests
- Join us for our quarterly stakeholder meetings
- Recommend connections with other individuals or programs
- Let your partners know we are here



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# Thank you

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## The Office of Disability Prevention for Children (ODPC)

### Purpose and Goals

ODPC strives to:

- Prevent developmental disabilities in children ages 0-12
- Minimize the losses caused by preventable disabilities
- Coordinate a unified, comprehensive prevention effort

### Levels of Prevention

#### Primary Prevention

Prevent the onset of disability

#### Secondary Prevention

Detecting the disability in its earliest stages and intervening to slow or stop its progression

#### Tertiary Prevention

Interventions to stop or slow the progression of a disability to mitigate its negative consequences

### Duties

- Educate the public and attempt to promote sound public policy regarding the prevention of developmental disabilities (DD)
- Identify, collect, and disseminate information and data concerning the causes, frequency of occurrence, and preventability of DD
- Work with appropriate divisions within the commission, state agencies, and other entities to develop a coordinated long-range plan to effectively monitor and reduce the incidence or severity of DD
- Promote and facilitate the identification, development, coordination, and delivery of needed prevention services
- Identify and encourage establishment of needed reporting systems to track the causes and frequency of DD
- Develop, operate, and monitor programs addressing the prevention of specific targeted DD
- Monitor and assess the effectiveness of divisions within the commission and of state agencies in preventing DD
- Recommend the role each division within the commission and each state agency should have with regard to prevention of DD
- Facilitate coordination of state agency prevention services and activities within the commission and among appropriate state agencies
- Encourage cooperative, comprehensive, and complementary planning among public, private, and volunteer individuals and organizations engaged in prevention activities, providing prevention services, or conducting related research

#### Year One: FY 2018

- Stakeholder meetings
- Primary prevention
- Environmental scan

#### Year Two: FY 2019

- Report to the legislature
- Primary prevention
- Continue projects, partnerships, and stakeholder meetings

#### Years Three to Five: FY 2020—FY2022

- Primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention
- Continue projects, partnerships, and stakeholder meetings

*This could be affected by legislative sessions and funding.*