

A History of AAIDD-TX

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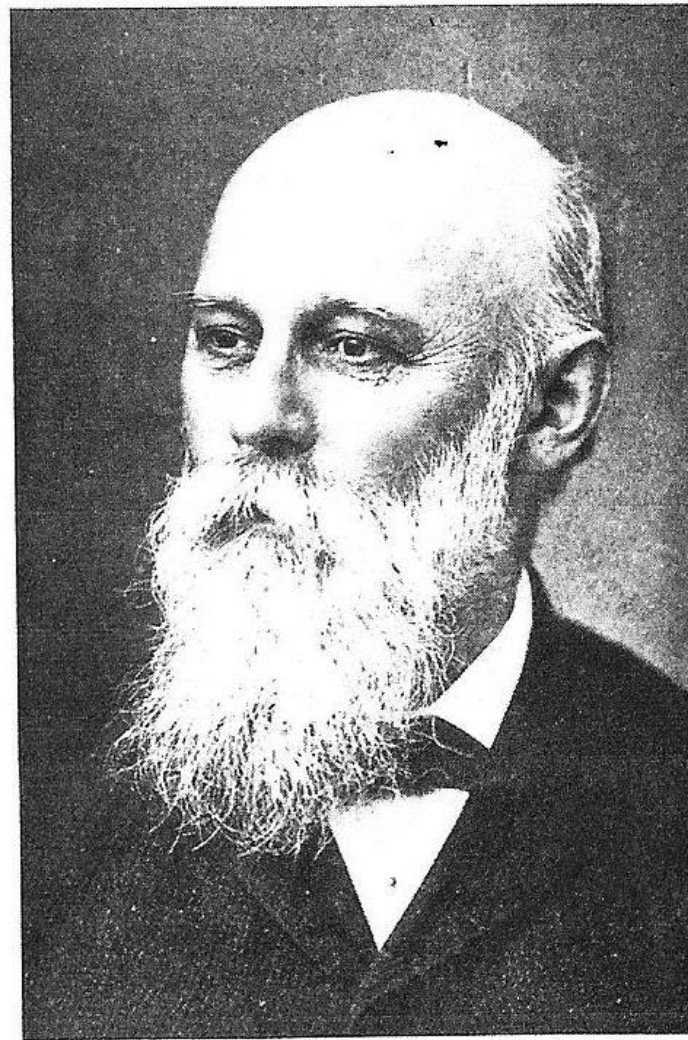
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Presentation made at the 40th Annual Meeting of the
American Association on Intellectual and
Developmental Disabilities

Corpus Christi, Texas

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION HISTORY



Issac Kerlin, Superintendent of the Pennsylvania Training School, invited superintendents from around the country to meet at his institution.

On June 6, 1876, six superintendents met & drafted the purposes & structure of a national organization.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION HISTORY

The primary purpose of the new organization, the Association of Medical Officers of American Institutions for Idiots and Feeble-minded Persons, was

“the discussion of all questions relating to the causes, conditions, and statistics of idiocy, and to the management, training, and education of idiots and feeble-minded persons; it will also lend its influence to the establishment and fostering of institutions for this purpose.”

Dr. Edouard Seguin

was elected as
the Association's
1st President.

However, Kerlin
assumed the
major leadership
role and was a
strong advocate
for the
proliferation of
institutions.



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION HISTORY

NAME CHANGES

1907

American Association for the Study of the Feeble-Minded

1933

American Association on Mental Deficiency (AAMD)

1989

American Association on Mental Retardation (AAMR)

2007

American Association in Intellectual and Developmental
Disabilities (AAIDD)

EARLY FOCUS OF THE ASSOCIATION

DEFINITION & CLASSIFICATION

In 1910 the Association issued a definition & classification system.

“The term feeble-minded is used generically to include all degrees of mental defect due to arrested or imperfect development as a result of which the person so affected is incapable of competing on equal terms with his normal fellows or managing himself or his affairs with ordinary prudence.”

EARLY FOCUS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The 1910 definition included a tripartite classification:

- **Idiots** – Those so deeply defective that their mental development does not exceed that of a normal child of about 2 years.
- **Imbecile** - ...does not exceed that of a normal child of about 7 years.
- **Moron** - ...does not exceed that of a child of about 12 years.

EARLY FOCUS OF THE ASSOCIATION

DEFINITION & CLASSIFICATION MANUALS

1ST Edition of an actual Definition & Classification Manual was in 1921. These have been published periodically, the most recent (the 11th) in 2010.

The definitions & classification systems have largely been adopted by the World Health Organization in its International Classification of Diseases (ICD) & the American Psychiatric Association in its Diagnosis & Statistical Manuals (DSM)

EARLY FOCUS OF THE ASSOCIATION

RESEARCH PUBLICATION

From the beginning the Association published Proceedings of its meetings.

Research journals were subsequently published, providing the primary source for research on this population.

Publications of journals continues, also now including books and training programs.

HISTORICAL TRENDS

- Growth of Institutions from 1850s to 1970s
- Early training efforts & loss of optimism
- Warehousing era & rise of eugenics
- Renewal of training efforts (e.g., behavior modification) in 1970s & requirements for special education
- Normalization & community integration
- Self-Determination & Support Model

EARLY FOCUS OF TAMD



- Formation of the Texas chapter occurred in 1976
- Institutions were still being built & the institutional population increasing in Texas.
- Nationally, however, a marked trend toward deinstitutionalization was already occurring.

EARLY FOCUS OF TAMMD

Texas members of AAMD had been associated with Region V of AAMD prior to Texas forming its state chapter.

- This grouping continues today.
- The 6-state region includes Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma & Texas.

For many years Region V conventions were held independently of the Texas state conventions.

TAMD in 1976

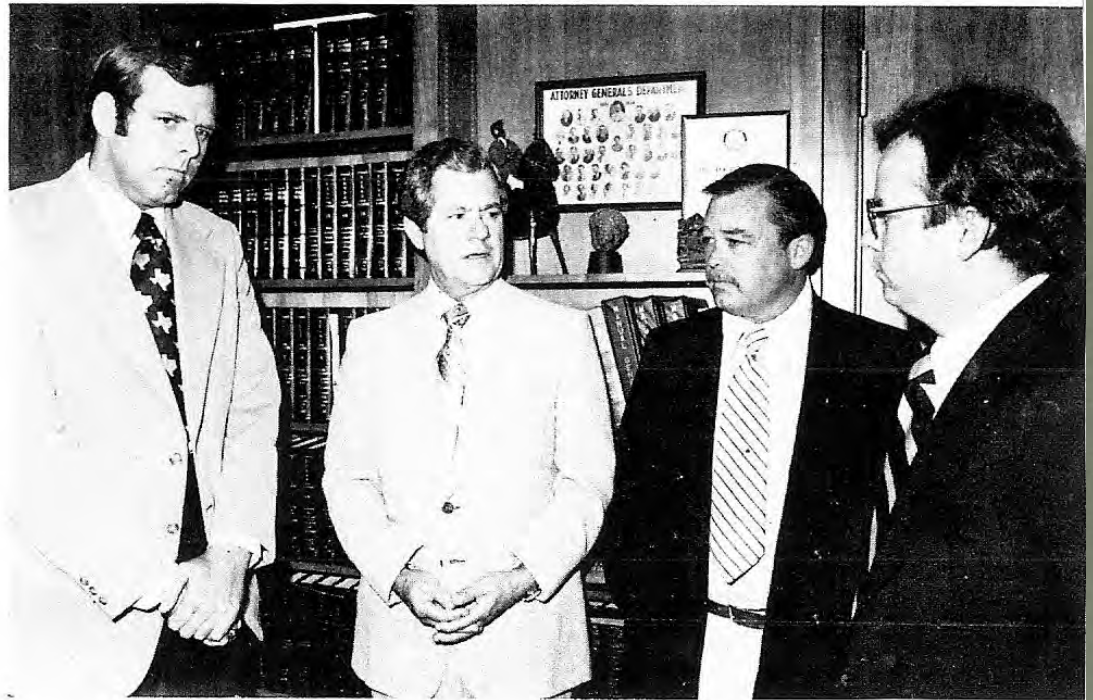


1st Chairman of TAMD was Dr. Margaret Noyes, with the Special Education Department at Texas Woman's University.

TAMD in 1977

Dr. John Carley with the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation (TDMHMR), was the 2nd TAMD Chairman.

State Attorney General Hill Honorary Membership Chairperson



TAMD Board Members with Attorney General John Hill following his selection as TAMD's Honorary Membership Chairperson.

- Carley far right.
- Lee Birdsong is to his immediate left.

TAMD in 1977

- The TAMD Membership Committee was coordinated by L.E. Birdsong, of Travis State School.
- The Committee included representatives from all the major professional disciplines.
- It is of note that the membership at that time included 703 members, the 2nd largest chapter in the nation.

TAMD in 1977

- Early in 1977 Dr. Carley wrote an editorial in the TAMD Forum, raising some questions about the value of Texas being a member of AAMD.
- Responses were received from the AAMD Executive Director & the Chairperson of the AAMD Planning Board.
- The responses indicated that AAMD valued the input & participation of all its members & was still struggling with the best way to obtain it.

TAMD in 1977

- A survey sent to the TAMD membership regarding the issue.
- Survey results indicated that a majority were not in favor of withdrawing from AAMD
 - but did favor Texas becoming its own Region.

TAMD in 1977

The 1977 Convention, the 2nd, had a number of highlights, including keynote speakers, Dr. Kenneth Gaver, Commissioner of TDMHMR & Bill Hobby, Lieutenant Governor



TAMD in 1977

- A 2 ½ day workshop on meeting ICF-MR standards. The program was just getting underway in Texas at this time & was a major new source of revenue.
- A management training seminar by staff from the **University of Alabama**
- New legal requirements under the Mentally Retarded Persons Act (MRPA) & Criminal Commitments (46.02)

TAMD in 1977

- AC/MR-DD Standards
- McCarron-Dial evaluation system
- Genetics screening & counseling
- Special education programs in the public schools
- Tours of local programs

TAMD in 1978



Dr. W. H. Lowry,
Superintendent of
Mexia State School,
the 3rd TAMD
Chairman

TAMD in 1978

Speakers at the Opening session included:

- Attorney General John Hill
- Robert Gettings, Director of the National Association of State MR Directors
- Fred Krause, Director of the President's Committee on Mental Retardation
- Dr. John Kavanagh, TDMHMR Commissioner

Innovation
Speculation
Interpretation



THIRD
ANNUAL CONVENTION

Dupont Plaza Hotel
Dallas, Texas

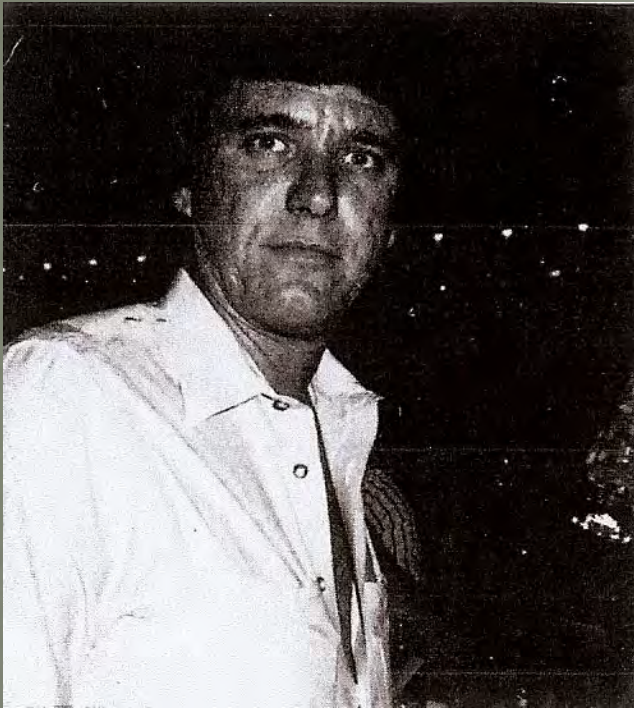
July 18-21, 1978

TAMD in 1978

Other presentations included:

- Medical Director's workshop
- Quality assurance activities in state facilities
- Managing disruptive behavior – Dr. Luke Watson, Partlow State School, Alabama
- MR juvenile offenders
- Implementation of problem oriented record system
- Issues facing Psychologists in State Schools

TAMD in 1979



Dr. Jon Hannum, of the TDMHMR Central Office, the 4th TAMD Chairman

Costs for the 1979 convention in Corpus Christi:

- \$35 registration for members & \$40 for non-members.
- Hotel rooms \$28 nightly for singles & \$38 for a double.

Membership had risen from 703 in 1976 to 735; however, Texas had slipped from 2nd to 3rd in the nation.

TAMD in 1979

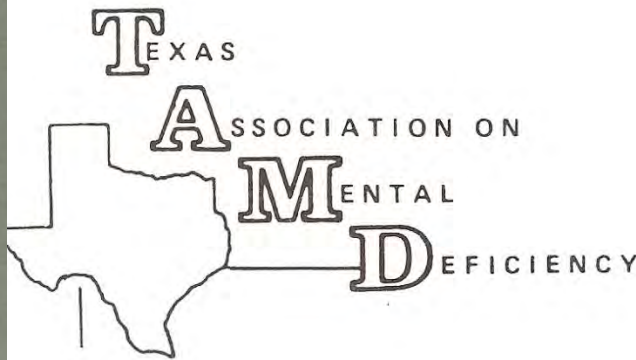
Although there were many excellent presentations, this convention was particularly remembered for the beach party, during which Chairman-Elect Dr. Vearl McDaniel led a blues band.



Others also enjoyed the festivities...

TAMD in 1980

Continuity of Care



Fifth Annual Convention

**July 21 - 24, 1980 • The Shamrock Hilton
Houston, Texas**

For the 5th convention, Dr. Vearl McDaniel, Superintendent of Fort Worth State School, presided.

The keynote speaker, Attorney General Mark White, was introduced by Dr. Frank Borreca, the Chairman-Elect of the national AAMD & the Director of the Center for the Retarded in Houston

TAMD in 1980

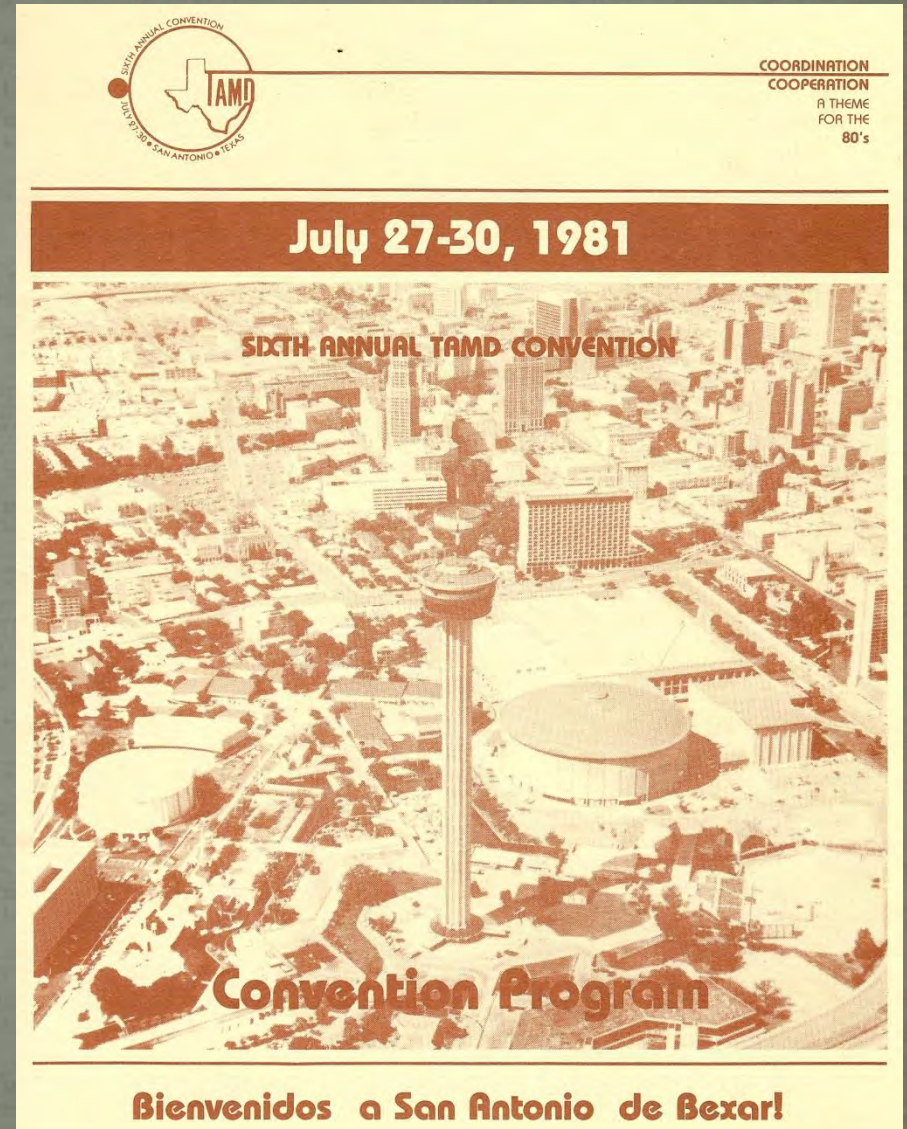
Several special symposiums were a key part of this convention, including ones on political issues, behavior therapy, parent/infant programs, speech & hearing practices & health care.

Other presentations included several of the 1st TAMD sessions focusing on self-advocacy & the roles of other advocates.

TAMD in 1981

The 6th TAMD Chairman was Spencer McClure, of the TDMHMR Central Office.

- International Year of the Disabled & thus there was increased general recognition of our population & services.



TAMD in 1981

- Membership in TAMD had begun to decline
 - falling from 735 in 1979 to 534
 - still ranked 3rd nationally
- Convention registration fees had risen from \$35 in 1979 to \$55
- Established a scholarship fund that year to assist members in completing their education.

TAMD in 1981

New era in the diversity of board membership with private provider candidates.

- Among 3 candidates for Treasurer was Helen Wirth, the President of Cresthaven Nursing Centers.
- Although she did not win, Don Fariss, of the Brown Schools, was elected as Secretary that year.



TAMD in 1981



Continuing the diversity trend, the keynote speaker was Dr. Robert Williams, a Psychologist who had done extensive research on intellectual testing of Blacks.

Arguing for the need for more culturally sensitive tests, he developed the Black Intelligence Test of Cultural Homogeneity (BITCH).

TAMD in 1981

Among the innovative presentations at the convention were:

- Multiple Disabilities Units at state hospitals
- Reduction of self-injury with electric shock
- Data-based integration of behavioral & medication management
- Community-based residential program for juvenile offenders

TAMD in 1982

The 7th TAMD Chairman was James Armstrong, the Superintendent of the Corpus Christi State School.



EFFICACY IN MOTION

Texas Association on Mental Deficiency

Seventh Annual
Convention



July 26 to 29, 1982
Americana Hotel

Membership continued to drop, from 534 in 1981 to 456 in 1982.

TAMD in 1982

TAMD Bylaws amended, adding additional board positions for private providers & CMHMR Centers .



Carl Kelly represented the CMHMRCs and Sharon Flippen the private providers

TAMD in 1982



Keynote speakers:

Dr. Gary Miller, TDMHMR Commissioner



Bob Bullock, State of Texas Comptroller

TAMD in 1982

Among the innovative programs at this convention were:

- Attitudes toward MRs among Hispanic families
- Use of group therapy to teach socialization & assertiveness skills
- Community Center MR Directors' meeting
- Managing aggressive behavior (1st PMAB presentation)

TAMD in 1982

Discussion of
experiences
living at Fort
Worth State
School by the
residents.



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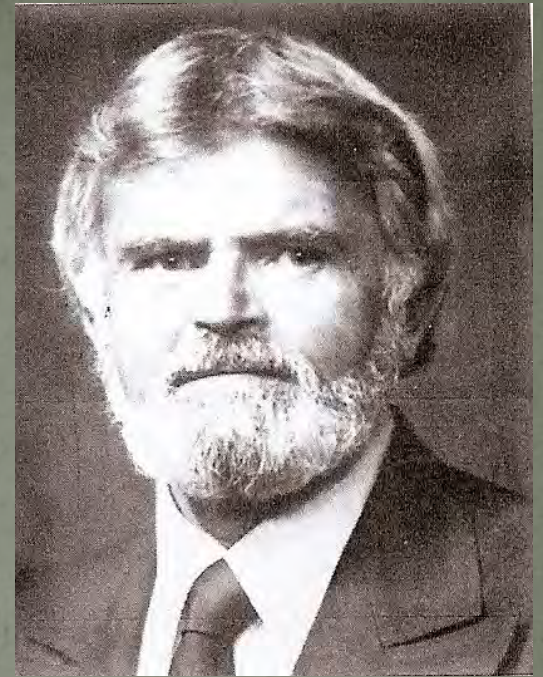
TAMD in 1983

The 8th Chairman was Harry Heyman, the Director of the Amarillo State Center.



Dr. Gail O'Connor,
AAMD President

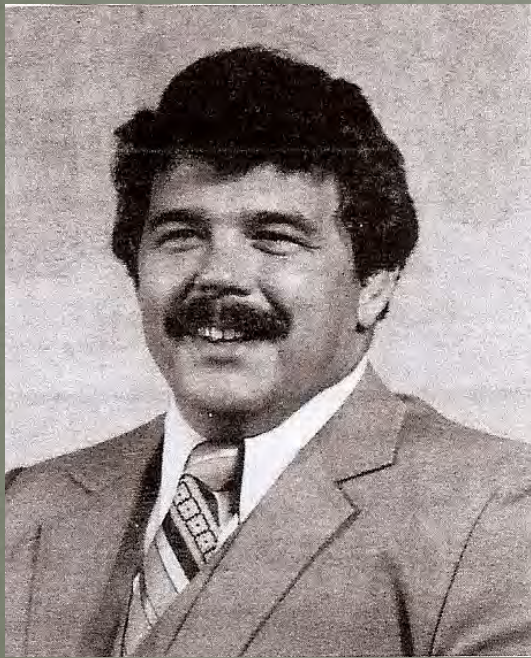
Keynote speakers:



Dr. Bill Walker,
AAMD Vice-President

TAMD in 1983

Candidates for Chairman-Elect that year include two from Community MHMR Centers & a private provider. This was the first time that no state employees were candidates for the position.



Leon Evans



Sandy Livingston



Bob Murray

TAMD in 1984

The 9th TAMD Chairman was Aurelio (Ray) Valdez

Director of the
El Paso State Center

First Hispanic
Chairman



TAMD in 1985

The 10th TAMD Chairman was Edward (Sandy) Livingston, the MR Director at Tarrant County MHMR Center.

TAMD in 1986

The 11th TAMD President was Gretchen Claiborne, of the TDMHMR Central Office.



Note the switch in title from Chairman to President.

TAMD in 1987

Joe Emerson, Superintendent
Richmond State School, 12th
TAMD President

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THE CHALLENGE OF CHANGE: ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE



*ANN RICHARDS, State Treasurer
Opens 12th Annual TAMM Convention
at the Arlington Sheraton With
Inspiration, Support and Challenge.*

... "Keeping alive the spirit
which brought you to your
profession may be the most
difficult task you face . . . "



TAMD

12th Annual Convention

*The Challenge of Change:
Achieving Excellence*

June 30 -
July 3, 1987

Sheraton
CentrePark Hotel
Arlington

TAMD in 1987

An article in the Forum that year listed 7 recipients of the \$600 annual educational stipends. Two of these were:

- Charlotte Kimmel, a later President &
- Ollie Seay, a Presidential candidate this year.

In addition to a State School Superintendents meeting (held for years at the convention), there were also special meetings for :

- Community Center MR Directors &
- Texas Association of Private ICF/MR Providers.

TAMD in 1987

Among the innovative presentations at the convention were:

- Training of police in interacting with people with MR
- Community-based services for the medically fragile
- Adapting diagnostic psychological services to the Spanish-English language in the Rio Grande Valley

TAMD in 1988



The 13th TAMD President was Richard Browder, the Director of the Amarillo State Center.

Rick Browder introduces Denny Jones, the TDMHMR Commissioner & keynote speaker

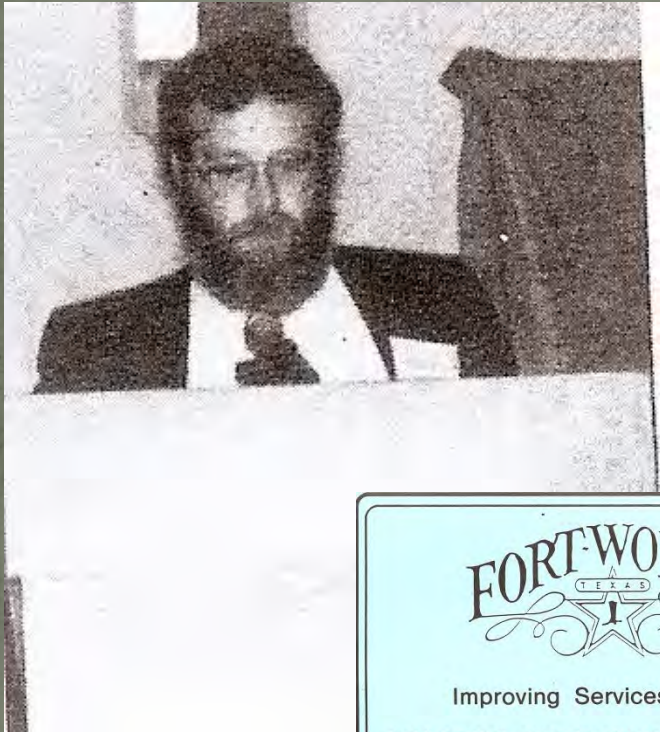
TAMD in 1988

Rick Browder (right)
enjoying a social event.



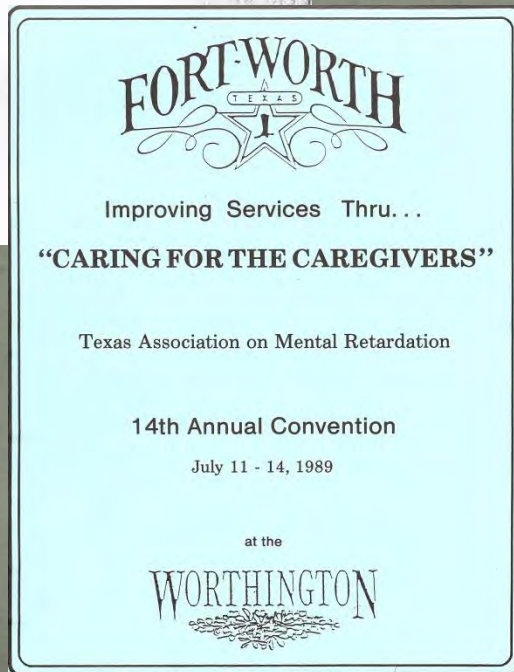
Denny Jones sharing a
laugh with Jaylon
Fincannon, the MR
Deputy Commissioner
for TDMHMR

TAMR in 1989



Dr. Ellis M. (Pat) Craig was the 14th TAMR President

Convention costs were beginning to increase: \$65 for members.

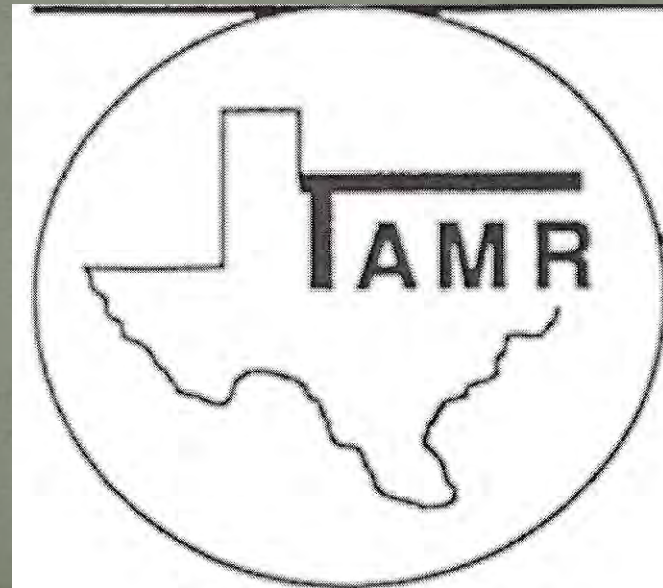


The name was changed to TAMR (Texas Association on Mental Retardation) to be consistent with the national name change to AAMR.

TAMR in 1989

The special interest group meetings began expanding:

- State School Community Service Directors began meeting with the Community Center MR Directors.
- Executive Directors (MHMR Centers) Consortium
- Lelsz Coordinators
- D&E Coordinators
- Black Caucus of TAMR.



TAMR in 1989

Family advocates were beginning to attend the conventions in greater numbers



Ora Houston, TAMR Treasurer & current Austin City Council member



Jimmy Haskins, Superintendent of Brenham State School & longest-term member of AAIDD from Texas (53 years)



TAMR in 1989

Among the innovative presentations were:

- Dealing with staff grief over client deaths
- Changes in behavior programming resulting from the Lelsz lawsuit
- Foster parent panel
- Parents as caregivers
- Crisis intervention

TAMR in 1989

Panel on the death penalty for MRs

- Still constitutionally acceptable at the time, but was under considerable legal discussion due to a Texas case (Penry).
- The panel included attorneys who had argued the Penry case on both sides, along with advocates on both positions regarding whether people with MR should be exempted from the penalty.

TAMR in 1989

- After hearing arguments on both sides of the issue, a straw poll was taken.
- Over 75% of the meeting attendees voted that people with MR should not be exempted from the death penalty on the basis of MR alone.
- A joint Resolution taking that position was passed by both the TAMR & AAMR Region V Boards.
- Letters of support were received from the Texas Advocates (a self-advocacy group) & the State ARC Executive Director.

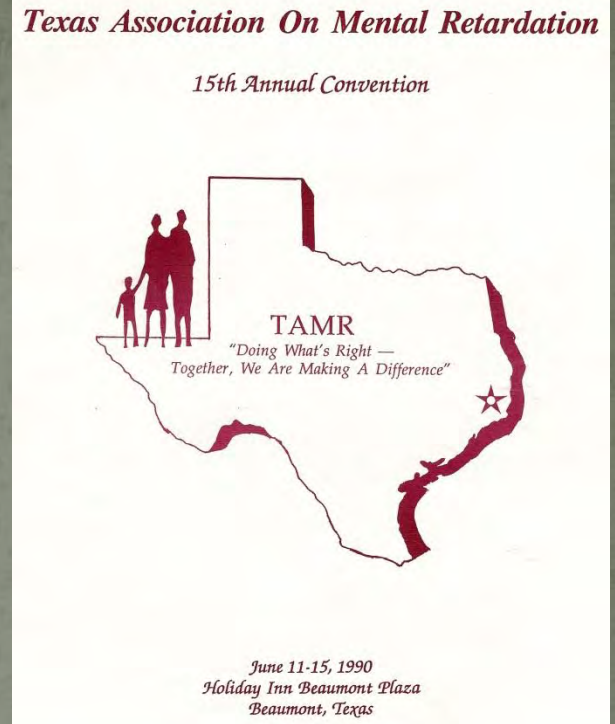
TAMR in 1989

- The National AAMR office had earlier that year released a Resolution opposing the death penalty for persons with MR.
- AAMR objected to the Region V Board taking a position contradictory to National's.
- Region V rescinded approval of the Resolution.

TAMR in 1990



The 15th TAMR President was Carl Kelly, Executive Director of MHMR Services of Texoma.



Among the highlights of the convention was a presentation by Dr. Richard Foxx, a TDMHMR consultant on the Lelsz case, & the Lelsz family describing John Lelsz' reactions to a contingent shock program.

TAMR in 1990

Other notable presentations were:

- In-Home & Family Support Program
- The Home & Community-Based Services (HCS) Program
- Standards for vocational programs
- Operation RENEW

TAMR in 1991

Texas Association on Mental Retardation

16th Annual Convention



"Forging a Public/Private Partnership"

*June 24-28, 1991
Hotel Galvez
Galveston, Texas*



**(Left to right) Martin Woodard
accepts gavel from Carl Kelly.**

The 16th TAMR President was Martin Woodard, Director of the Beaumont State Center.

The keynote address by Dr. Robert Schalock, the Secretary/Treasurer of AAMR, was "What does quality mean in the 1990's?"

TAMR in 1991

A special AAMR Training Institute was held on the day prior to the convention. Dr. Matthew Janicki & Philip LePore, from the New York state MR agency, presented “The Wit to Win”, a workshop on integrating older persons with developmental disabilities into community aging programs.

TAMR in 1991

Among the key presentations were:

- Panel on “Forging a Public/Private Partnership”
- HCS certification
- Dual diagnosis
- 10 years of community integration – A success story
- Priority populations & service definitions

TAMR in 1991

There was also a special recognition of Nova Dearing, who had been a member of AAMR (or AAMD) since 1941.

She worked in admissions at the Brown Schools & was The AAMR Region V Secretary for many years. The TAMR Board re-named the educational stipend program in her honor.



TAMR in 1992

Judy Schmid, of Richmond State School, was the 17th TAMR President.

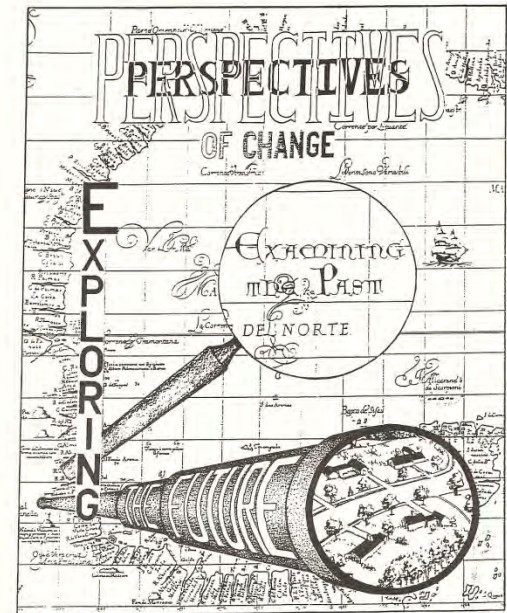


Contracted with Interface Management Associates of Austin to coordinate publishing of the *Forum* and convention (previously done by member volunteers).

TEXAS ASSOCIATION ON MENTAL RETARDATION 17th Annual Convention

Perspectives of Change - Examining the Past: Exploring the Future
June 30 - July 3, 1992
Corpus Christi Marriott Bayfront
Corpus Christi, Texas

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TAMR in 1992

Key presentations by national leaders included:

- The Accreditation Council's Dr. James Gardner
- Robert Gettings, NASMRPD
- Joni Fritz, NAPRR
- Dr. David Braddock, AAMR President-Elect
- Doreen Croser, AAMR Executive Director

TAMR in 1992

Other key presentations included:

- The NIMBY phenomenon
- The regional monitoring system
- State facility closure plans
- Sexuality policies

It was also reported that TAMR membership had shrunk to 338 (7th nationally)

TAMR in 1993

**Interdependence:
The Power of Working
Together**



Texas Association on Mental Retardation

18th Annual Conference
Tuesday, June 29 through Friday, July 2, 1993
DFW Hilton Executive Conference Center
Grapevine, Texas

**Convention
Program**

The 18th TAMR President was Helen FitzSimmons, of Develo-Cepts, Inc. She was the 1st private provider to serve as TAMR President.

- The opening session's keynote speaker was Dr. Ian Pumpian, of San Diego State University, speaking on choice & full inclusion.
- This was the 1st convention for which a consumer stipend grant was requested from the Texas DD Council.

TAMR in 1993

A preconvention workshop was conducted by Anne Donnellan, of the University of Wisconsin, on the topic of facilitated communication

Key presentations included:

- RAJ lawsuit
- Personal Futures Planning
- AAMR's new definition of MR

TAMR in 1993

There was also a special general session presented by Ruth Sienkiewicz-Mercer, an internationally known self-advocate.

Following her presentation, a panel of 5 state agency commissioners reacted to her presentation & described what their agency was doing to improve the quality of life for people with MR.

TAMR in 1994

The 19th TAMR President was Lloyd Bergman, the MR Director of MHMR Services of Texoma.



Keynote was “Choice: Its our decision!” by Dr. Colleen Wieck, the Executive Director of the Minnesota Governor’s Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Texas Association on Mental Retardation
19th Annual Convention
Austin Marriott at the Capitol
Tuesday, August 16, 1994–Friday August 19, 1994
Austin, Texas

TAMR in 1994

2 pre-convention workshops

- “Bridging the gap between behaviorism & humanism” by William Gardner (University of Wisconsin)
- Legislative process by Mike Bright (Arc of Texas).

Other presentations included:

- D&E/DMR Transition
- Sexual assault of clients by staff
- Client retirement
- Capacity determination.

The conference attendance was about 600.

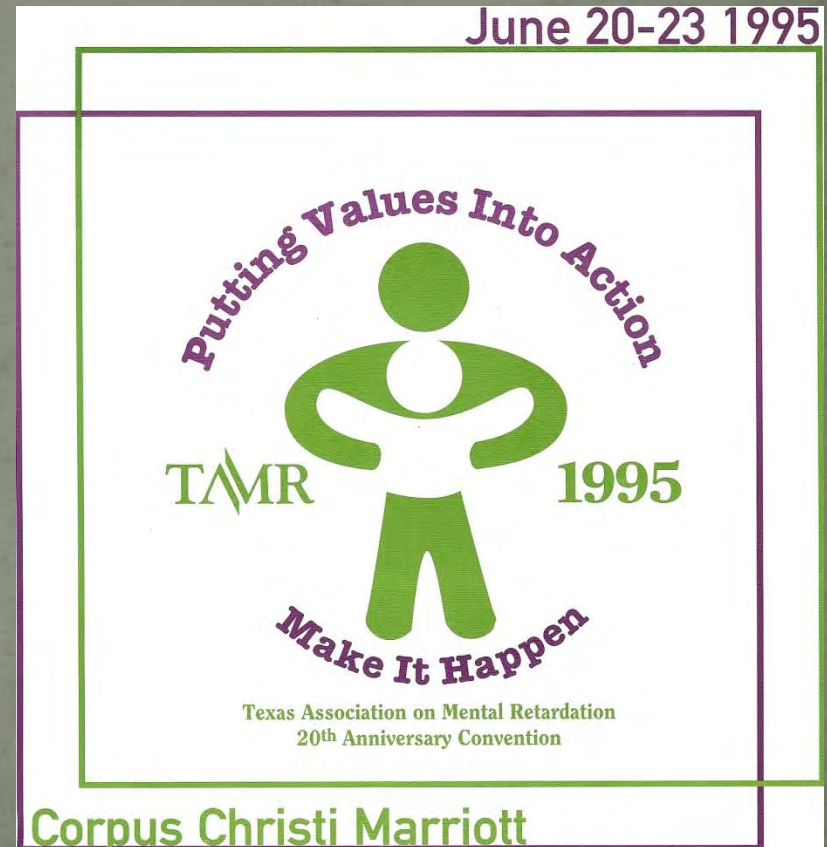
TAMR in 1995



The 20th TAMR President was Danette Castle, MR Director at Lubbock Regional MHMR.

Keynote on “Putting values into action” was made by Dr. Tom Powell of Winthrop University.

June 20-23 1995



Corpus Christi Marriott

TAMR in 1995

- The 1st poster session was held at the convention.
- Although a preconference session on the new AAMR Definition & Classification system was scheduled, it was canceled due to lack of paid attendance.
- TAMR membership was 493.

TAMR in 1995

Other invited presentations:

- Dr. Herbert Lovett, President of the Autism National Committee
- Shafik Abu-Tahir, a motivational speaker from Philadelphia, PA
- Ruth Sienkiewicz-Mercer, of Massachusetts Independent Living Resources
- Don Gilbert, the new Commissioner of TXMHMR
- Dr. Mike McKinney, the new Commissioner of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC).

TAMR in 1995

Innovative presentations included:

- Day programs for people with profound skill deficits
- Use of Buspirone in treating impulsive aggression
- Behavior analysis certification project
- First Psychology Division meeting
- Public school inclusion

TAMR in 1996

Carole Smith, Executive Director Private Providers Association of Texas, was the 21st President of TAMR.

The national AAMR held its 120th annual convention in San Antonio.

Instead of holding its own convention TAMR hosted three 2-day regional conferences on managed care, Medicaid Reform, and new Quality Assurance & Improvement System (QAIS).



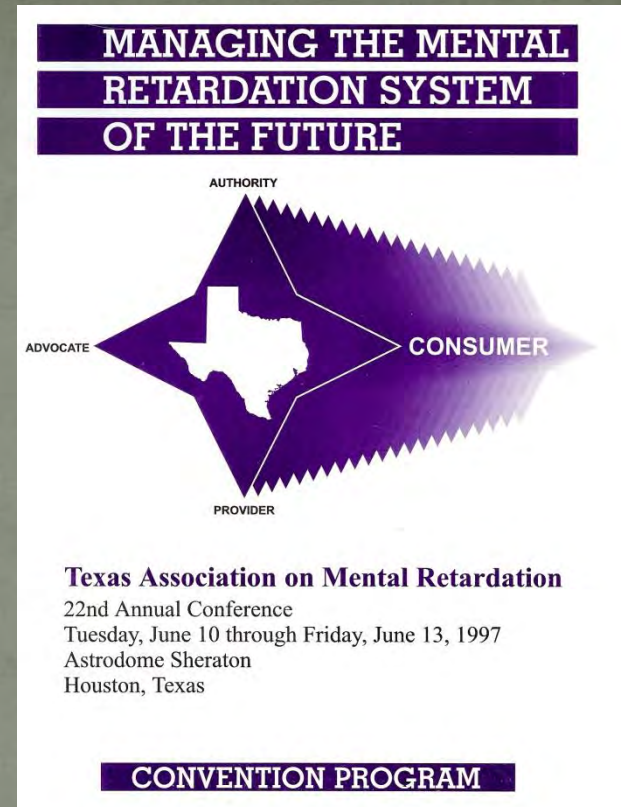
TAMR in 1996

The first TAMR Association Manager, Lynn Helmerl, left to take a position with a Health Education Center. A new contractor, Banks Miller & Associates, was selected, with Susan Baca serving as the new Association Manager.

Dr. Bill Walker, former President of the national AAMD, began serving as the Membership Chair for TAMR.

TAMR in 1997

David Southern, CEO
Southern Concepts, was the
22nd President of TAMR.



The Forum began publishing a variety of more detailed articles. For example, one was written on the new use of the ICAP for funding services.

TAMR in 1997

- AAMR now had a new membership category for direct service professionals costing only \$50 and one for consumers for only \$20.
- However, convention registration for members had increased to \$100 (\$150 for non-members).
- Pre-convention sessions:
 - Rate setting methodologies
 - Dr. Tom Pomeranz, of the VOCA Corporation, on “universal enhancement strategies” for supporting people with MR.

TAMR in 1997

Presentations included:

- Increasing choice-making by people with profound MR
- Best practices in serving people with HIV
- Ethical principles & decision-making
- Legislative review & panel on future of MR services

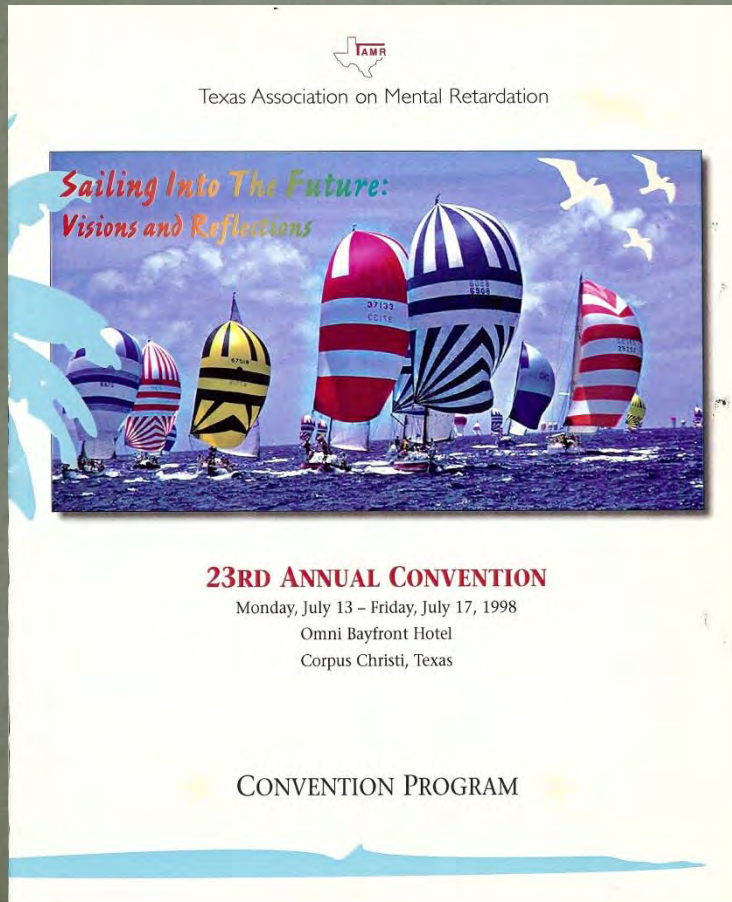
TAMR in 1998

Dr. Sharon Coutryer, of Dallas County MHMR, was the 23rd President of TAMR.



TAMR's contract for an association manager ended. Subcommittee appointed to recommend replacement.

TAMR has its first home page on the Internet.



TAMR in 1998

There were several guest speakers:

- Doreen Croser, AAMR Executive Director
- Jaylon Fincannon, formerly of TXMHMR
- Dr. Tom Pomeranz, of the VOCA Corporation
- Geri Jewell, the 1st actress with a disability to earn a regular TV role
- Barry Waller, the TDMHMR Director of Long Term Services & Supports.

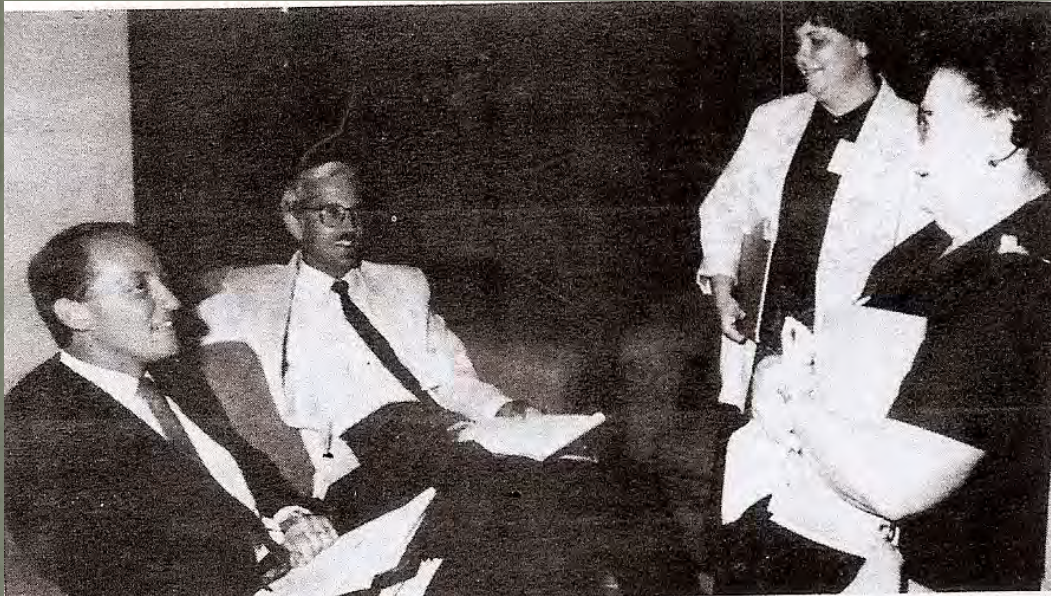
TAMR in 1998

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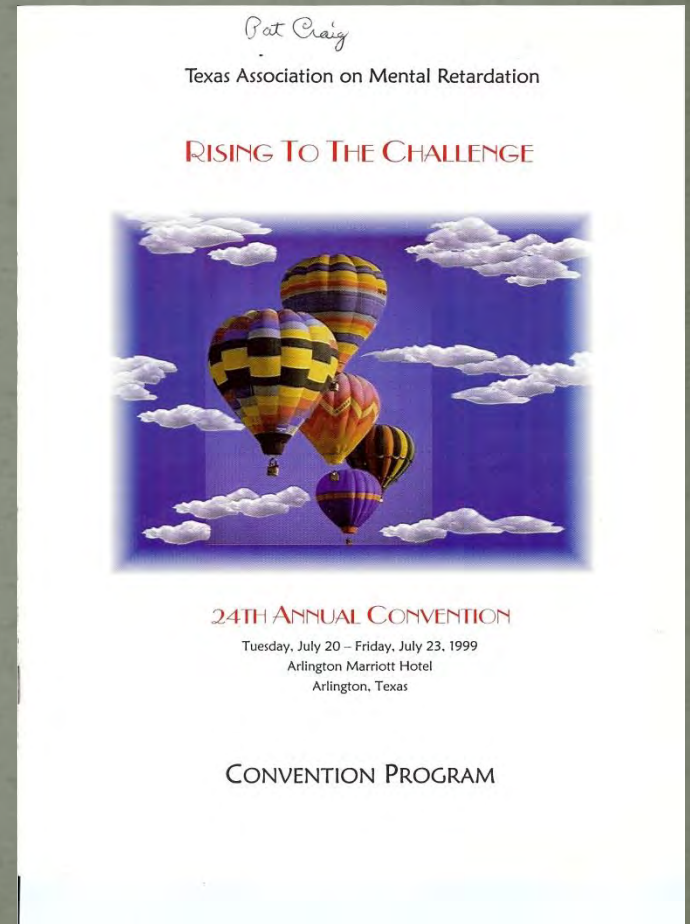
- Managed care pilots (HB2377 - MRLA)
- Changes in the number of MHMR authorities (HB 1734)
- Texas Self-Determination project
- The Arc's Master Pooled Trust program
- The Psychology Division recommended that TAMR support specialty licensure for Psychologists working with developmental disability populations.
- Membership was down to just over 150.

TAMR in 1999

Mel Hughes (middle), of Tarrant County MHMR Services, was the 24th TAMR President.



Keynote by Dr. Al Condeluci, the Executive Director of United Cerebral Palsy of Pittsburgh - “Building community from the inside out.”



TAMR in 1999

In a President's Message in the Forum President Hughes raised again an issue from as early as 1977. Does TAMR gain anything from being part of the Region V structure? He noted that the TAMR Board believes that Texas is large enough to be represented as its own region. He also questioned a potential name change of the national Association to American Association on Intellectual Disabilities (AAID).

TAMR in 1999

Other presentations included:

- Healthy sexuality
- Capacity assessment certification training
- Corporate marketing for supported employment
- Introducing new staff to person directed approaches
- Best Buddies
- Bill Gaventa, from the University Affiliated Program of New Jersey, spoke on developing community.

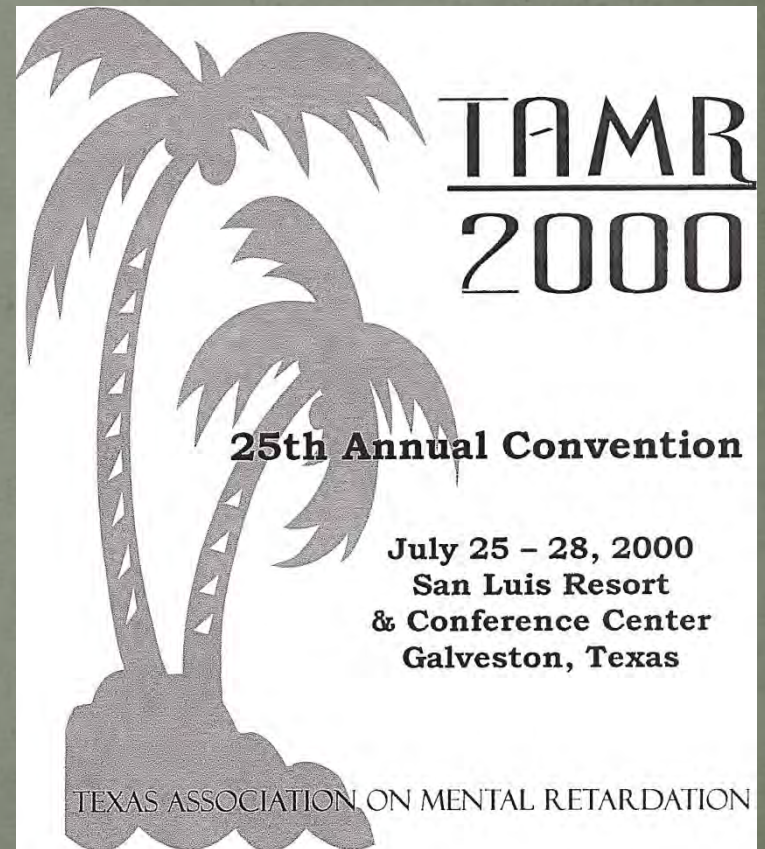
A new Association Manager, Linda Sidelnik, was selected.

TAMR in 2000



Barbara Hokom, of Martin Luther Homes of Texas, was the 25th President of TAMR.

The keynote address was given by Dr. Al Condeluci, the Executive Director of United Cerebral Palsy of Pittsburgh.



TAMR in 2000

A special pre-convention workshop, “Consent, Guardianship & Competency Training,” was offered.

Presenters included:

- Joan O’Sullivan, JD, of the University of Maryland School of Law
- Leslie Walker-Hirsch, an internationally recognized consultant on social & sexual development and
- 3 presenters from Texas: Dr. Ellis (Pat) Craig, Cynthia Medlin & Dr. Ollie Seay.

TAMR in 2000

Other presentations included:

- Self-injury treatment
- Spiritual needs
- Culturally relevant service delivery
- Prader-Willi Syndrome

The 1st Student Chapter of TAMR was established at the University of Texas at Austin.

TAMR in 2001

Dr. Richard Garnett, a Counselor in private practice, was the 26th TAMR President.

Texas Association on Mental Retardation
& Region V AAMR

"Viva la Community"



2001 Annual Convention
July 31 - August 3, 2001
Adam's Mark Hotel
San Antonio, Texas

CONVENTION PROGRAM



Dr. Garnett was actively involved, as the TAMR representative, in a Community Services Leadership Coalition to support TDMHMR's request for additional funding from the Legislature.

TAMR in 2001

- Preconvention workshop on aging issues
- Keynote by Anne Turnbull, Director of the Beach Center on Families & Disability at the University of Kansas.

Other presentations included:

- Biofeedback
- Reduction of restraints in institutions
- Transition to the community
- Self-advocate perspectives

TAMR in 2002

Jeanne Page, of Daybreak Community Services, was the 27th TAMR President.



A TAMR Legislative Committee was formed.

There was considerable discussion & debate about National's recommendation that the Association be re-named the American Association on Intellectual Disabilities (AAID).

There were 266 TAMR members during this period.

TAMR in 2003

Louise Lynch, the MR Director for Austin Travis County MHMR Center, was the 28th TAMR President.



There was very poor attendance (<100) & a resulting financial loss at this convention, due to downturns in the economy & cuts in travel budgets.

TAMR in 2004

As a result, the Board voted to make a number of changes in the conventions. One was to begin a 3-city rotation of Galveston, San Antonio & Corpus Christi, all of which many members like to visit. The change was very successful, resulting in a healthy profit at the next convention.

TAMR in 2004

Dr. Charlotte Kimmel, of Mexia State School, was the 29th TAMR President.



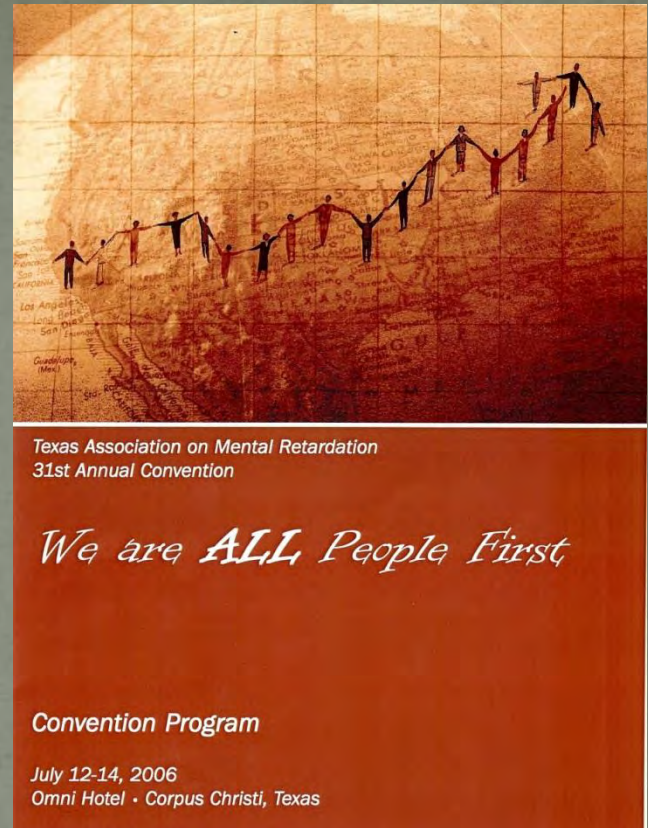
TAMR in 2005



Alan Garms, of St. Giles
Living Centers in Houston,
was the 30th TAMR President.

TAMR in 2006

Cynthia King, with the Vita-Living Foundation in Houston, was the 31st President.



Keynote by Bill Gaventa, of the Elizabeth Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities in New Jersey - "People 1st, Gifts 2nd & Communities 3rd".

TAMR in 2006

A drama group of self-advocates from MHMR of Tarrant County also participated in the opening.

Other presentations included:

- End of life issues
- Sex offender treatment
- A history of MR services in Texas
- Legislative advocacy

AAIDD-TX in 2007

Robert Welsh (left), of MHMR of Tarrant County, was the 32nd President of TAMR.

Next to Bob is Jeanne Page, 27th President



*Knowledge, Support & Empowerment ...
The Dawning of a New Day*

American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Texas Chapter
32nd Annual Convention

Convention Brochure

July 25-27, 2007 • The San Luis Resort • Galveston, Texas

AAIDD-TX in 2007

- TAMR became AAIDD-TX, or the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities – Texas Chapter.
- Keynote by Carole Keeton Strayhorn, a former Austin Mayor & long-time political figure. Her remarks included memories of interactions with a cousin with intellectual disabilities

AAIDD-TX in 2007

In addition to a continuing series of ethics preconvention workshops, there was one on autism.

Other presentations Included:

- Mealtime risk management
- Aging issues
- A presentation by the self-advocate representative on the AAIDD-TX Board

The final session included presentations by Hank Bersani, President of AAIDD & several Texas state leaders on “State of the state of IDD.”

AAIDD-TX in 2008

Kim Littlejohn, of Austin Travis County MHMR Center, was the 33rd AAIDD-TX President.

Keynote was “The status of choice in Texas,” by DADS Commissioner Addie Horn.

American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
AAIDD Texas Chapter

33rd Annual Convention

Convention Program




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Texas Chapter

July 16 – 18, 2008
Crowne Plaza Riverwalk
San Antonio, Texas

AAIDD-TX in 2008

Other presentations included:

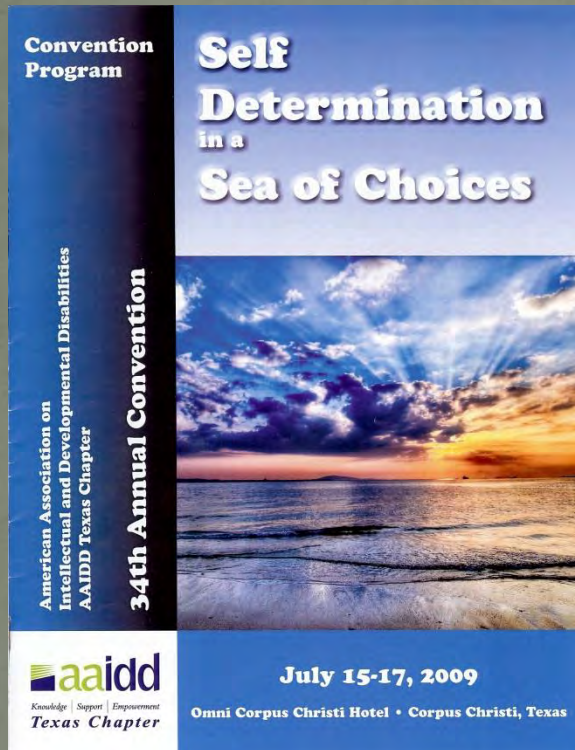
- Effective day programming
- Business management with data
- Values & ethics for Service Coordinators & Case Managers
- Partnership between a university special education program & a community center

AAIDD-TX in 2008

Two new features were added to the Forum: An AAIDD National Update & an ongoing series called Point-Counterpoint. In the latter, the pros & cons of controversial subjects are outlined. The 1st was “Should people with intellectual & developmental disabilities vote?”

AAIDD-TX in 2009

W. Terry Crocker, of Tropical Texas Behavioral Health, was the 34th AAIDD-TX President.



Keynote was “Prospects for developmental disabilities services in an age of uncertainty” by Dr. David Braddock, Executive Director of the Coleman Institute for Cognitive Disabilities at the University of Colorado.

AAIDD-TX in 2009

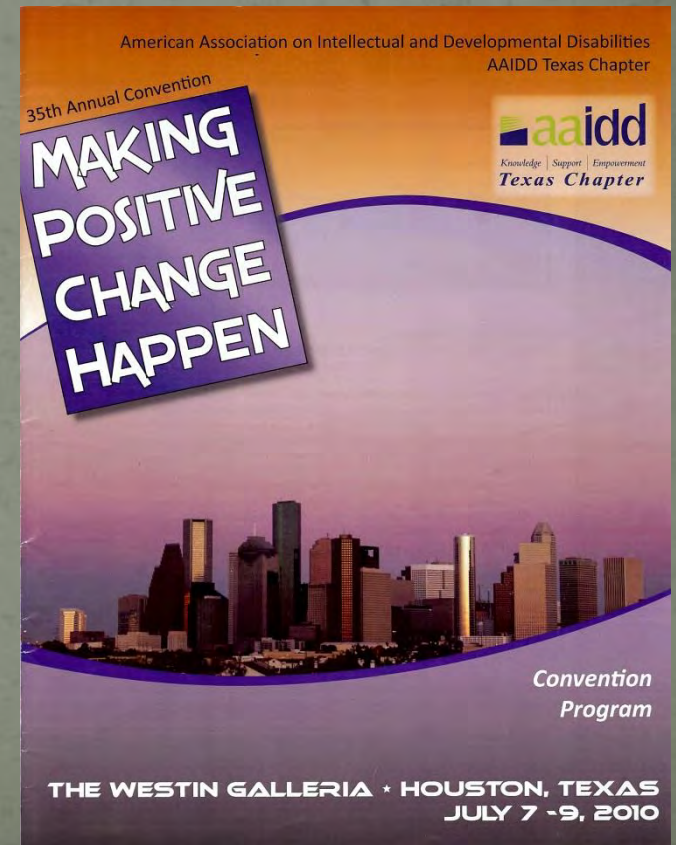
- There were 4 pre-convention workshops:
 - Aging
 - Teaching appropriate behavior without close supervision
 - Two ethics workshops.
- Other presentations included:
 - Treatment of Dementia
 - Effects of neurotoxicants
 - Overview of the upcoming AAIDD T&C Manual
 - Preference determination
 - Supporting self-advocates

AAIDD-TX in 2010



The 35th AAIDD-TX President was Maria Quintero, of MHMRA of Harris County.

Keynote was by Dr. Mike Wehmeyer, of the University of Kansas & AAIDD President, entitled “AAIDD in the 21st Century, Imagining a Bright Future.”



AAIDD-TX in 2010

- In addition to the ongoing pre-conference ethics series, there was a workshop by staff of the Texas Young Autism Project.
- Other presentations included:
 - DARS autism projects
 - Cultural competence
 - Behavioral & medical considerations for aging populations
 - Risk assessment
 - Staff retention

AAIDD-TX in 2011



Dr. Ellis M. (Pat) Craig, a Consultant Psychologist, was the 36th AAIDD-TX President (actually his 2nd term).



Keynote by Gordon Hartman, the founder of Morgan's Wonderland - a fun park for people with special needs named for his daughter.

A dance team of self-advocates also performed.

AAIDD-TX in 2011

Presentations included:

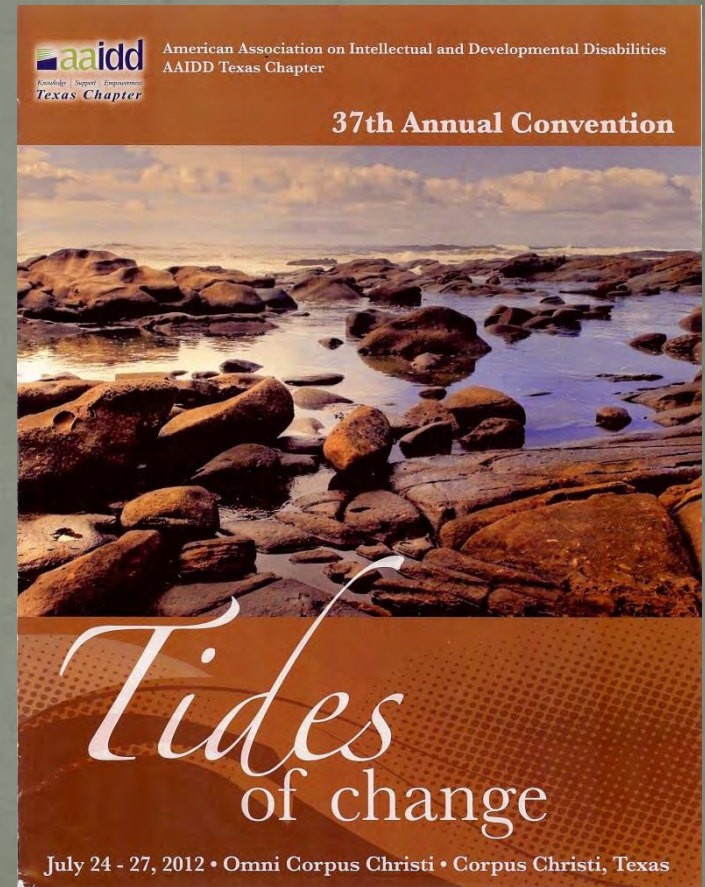
- Forensic evaluation
- Online learning
- Previously undiagnosed Asperger's
- Preventing autistic "meltdowns"
- Nursing services

AAIDD-TX in 2012

Shelly Heck, of Daybreak Community Services, was the 37th AAIDD-TX President.



Keynote by Jeff Garrison-Tate, of the Center on Disability & Development at Texas A&M.

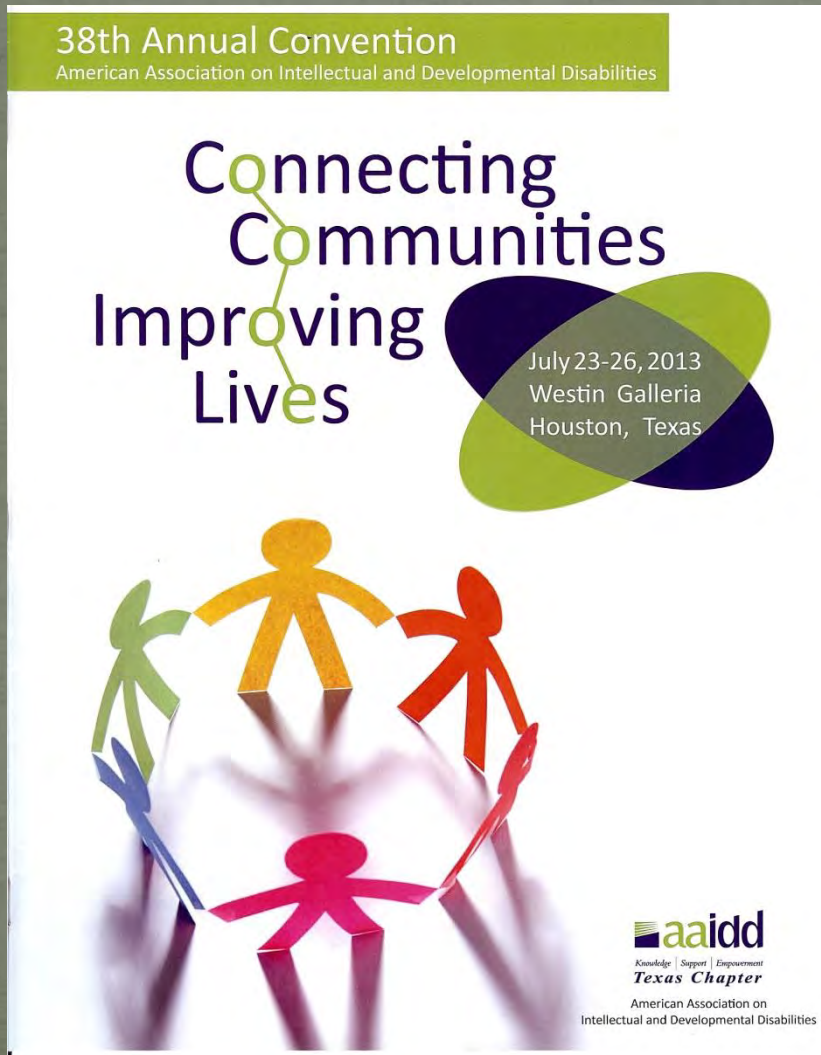


AAIDD-TX in 2012

Presentations included:

- Women with Asperger's
- Antipsychotics
- Medicaid managed care
- HCS/TxHmL billing guidelines & fiscal monitoring
- Crisis care

AAIDD-TX in 2013



Dion White, of the Center for Life Resources, was the 38th President of AAIDD-TX.



Keynote “Older people with ID”, by Dr. Matt Janicki of the University of Illinois at Chicago.

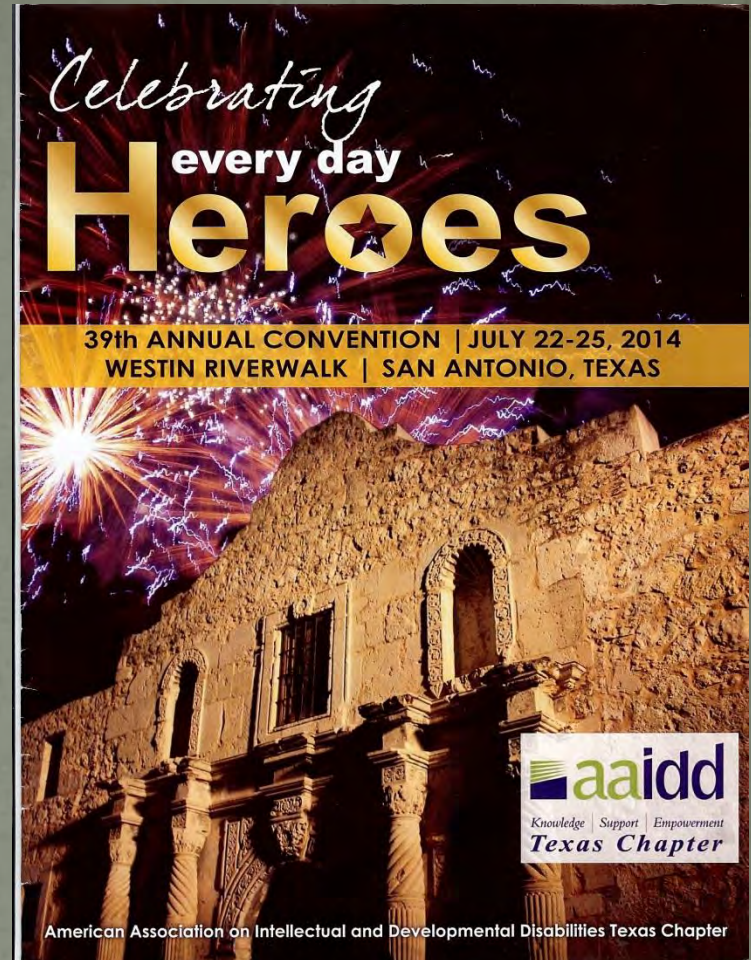
AAIDD-TX in 2013

Presentations included:

- Identification of ASD in different cultural groups
- Advocating in the ARD process
- DSM-5 changes in ID & ASD
- RN delegation
- History of ID in ancient civilizations
- Teaching self-management skills for problem behaviors

AAIDD-TX in 2014

Jermaine East, of the MHMRA of Brazos Valley, was the 39th AAIDD-TX President.



Keynote by Dr. Carl Tapia, of the Baylor College of Medicine on children with complex medical needs.

AAIDD-TX in 2014

Other presentations included:

- Workshops on ethics & multicultural issues
- Navigating the ICF program
- Sibling groups & family support in ASD
- Optimal methods in staff training
- Fetal alcohol spectrum disorder
- Challenging behavior & day habilitation services
- A cowboy life – a self-advocate's experience



AAIDD-TX in 2015

Margo Childs, of the MHMRA of Harris County is the 40th AAIDD-TX president.

