HHS Seeks Input to Improve Intellectual and Developmental Disability Program Services

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If you or a family member has an intellectual or developmental disability or works with people who do, the Texas Health and Human Services system would like your help improving services.

HHS is conducting a survey to identify gaps in services among different state agencies and between programs within those agencies as a way to improve the care Texans with IDD receive. The Statewide Behavioral Health Coordinating Council will use the survey data as the foundation for developing an IDD strategic plan.

“There are 23 different agencies represented on the council and it’s critical to the people we serve that these agencies make sure the services follow the person, not the other way around,” said Sonja Gaines, HHS deputy executive commissioner, IDD and Behavioral Health Services. “By taking this survey, you’re helping council agencies and HHSC find ways to improve the care everyone receives.”

The survey is open until October 5 to all IDD stakeholders across Texas, including people who have an IDD, family and friends, advocacy organizations, providers, managed care organizations, local authorities, and state and local agencies that provide services for people with IDD.

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