

It's time to **UNLOCK THE DOORS** to equality, opportunity and productivity for ALL TEXANS!



The 80th Texas Legislature has unprecedented opportunities to open the doors to independence for thousands of people with disabilities in our great state. In the course of this session, legislators will consider a variety of important bills that represent the keys to the community for Texans with disabilities.



NO WAITING LISTS

- **Fund Medicaid waiver programs to eliminate waiting lists and accommodate anticipated population growth to support people with disabilities in their communities**—not in institutions.



COMMUNITY SERVICES

- **Reallocate resources from residential institutions** such as nursing homes, Intermediate Care facilities for the Mentally Retarded (ICF/MR) and state schools to **community programs, services and supports.**

For more information about these or other issues of importance to Texans with disabilities:

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LIVABLE WAGES & BENEFITS

- **Appropriate sufficient funds to improve salaries and benefits for qualified personal attendants** to meet the growing need for community-based services.
- **Assure that the primary focus of state employment and rehabilitation agencies is assisting Texans with disabilities in achieving self-determined employment in integrated community settings.**



ACCESSIBLE, AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- **Create more “real” affordable, accessible and integrated housing** to meet the needs of low-income Texans with disabilities.