

**TEXAS ADULTS WITH AUTISM AND  
INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES**



**T.A.A.I.D**

# News Release/Request for Coverage

**T.A.A.I.D. PRESENTS TOWN HALL MEETING:  
"Promoting Independence and Community Options"**

**San Antonio, March 12, 2009** – Individuals with disabled family members that will require long term care are encouraged to attend a town meeting on March 21, 2009, from 2 to 5 p.m. The meeting, entitled *Promoting Independence and Community Options*, will be held at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 6914 Wurzbach Road, San Antonio, TX 78240.

Attendees of the meeting will learn about services and supports in a variety of settings to assist their family member in living independently in the community. These may be offered in the person's home through certified providers or individuals, or in licensed settings. The level of support services is based on individual needs.

Texas Adults with Autism and Intellectual Disabilities (T.A.A.I.D.) will host the meeting. Community Now! will present a documentary by Joshua Tate entitled *Forgotten Lives* about people that have lived in state facilities. Speakers will include Brian Lopez and Susan Lodge from the AACOG Bexar Mental Retardation Authority, Julie Beard from the Texas Department of State Health Services, Colleen Phillips from Adult Protective Services of Bexar County, and Helen Baker from Disability Services of the Southwest.

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