

Texas Council for Learning Disabilities

A Division of the South Central Region

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Mission Statement

The Council for Learning Disabilities (CLD), an international organization composed of professionals who represent diverse disciplines, is committed to enhancing the education and quality of life for individuals with learning disabilities across their life span. CLD accomplishes this by promoting and disseminating evidence—based research and practices related to the education of individuals with learning disabilities. In addition, CLD fosters (a) collaboration among professionals; (b) development of leaders in the field; and (c) advocacy for policies that support individuals with learning disabilities at local, state, and national levels.



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President's Greeting

Dear TCLD Members,



The TCLD Board Members are excited about the new academic year as we continue to improve communication with our Texas Chapter Members. This summer a survey was sent out to gather information about what our members feel about the membership benefits. The survey results are posted on page 5 of the newsletter. We strongly encourage members to submit accolades

in the areas of teaching, research, and community outreach for either yourself or a fellow member. There is a link on the website to make the submission process easier and the accolades will be posted in the Newsletter and on the Texas CLD website. The board is continuing to focus on membership and seek your assistance in the recruitment efforts. Aside from the quality publications such as *Learning Disability Quarterly*, *Intervention in School and Clinic*, and the *LD Forum*, both the parent website (<https://www.council-for-learning-disabilities.org/>) and the Texas CLD website (<http://texasclد.strikingly.com/>) contain information related to policies impacting teaching, learning, and research in the area of learning disabilities. The Texas CLD website has added links for additional resources in the areas of Research and Practice. We will continue to expand the website based on the survey results.

The 39th annual CLD Conference will be held in Baltimore, MD on October 19-20th and we have another wonderful J. Lee Weiderholt Distinguished Lecturer scheduled: Dr. Tom Scruggs, University Professor Emeritus, George Mason University. The Texas CLD Annual Meeting will be held on Friday during the lunch break.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your president this year and am honored to have such wonderful board members alongside me. Please help me extend a note of gratitude to the

President's Greeting (cont.)

2017–2018 Board: Beth Jones - Past President, Mariya Davis – Vice President, Jennifer Farmer – Secretary, and Lesli Raymond – Treasurer.

Your membership is valued and appreciated and we strive to make this chapter one that upholds the core values and mission in a positive and constructive manner. I look forward to meeting all in Baltimore this October!

All the best,
Kristi L. Santi, Ph.D.
President of the Texas Chapter, Council for Learning Disabilities

Texas Student CLD Chapter News/Announcements

- **Membership:** As of May 2017, we have one complementary, 57 professional, 3 retired, and 33 student members for a total of 94 TCLD Chapter members. We would like to increase this to 100 members during this academic year.
- **Social Media:** We continue to make improvements to all our social media accounts. The Texas CLD website has been slightly redesigned based on the members feedback. This is an ongoing process so please check in monthly for updates and helpful information.
- **Members in the News:** The website has a new section for members to submit accolades regarding research, teaching, and community outreach. We would like to highlight our Texas Chapters accomplishments on a monthly basis as well as in the Newsletters. Please consider submitting on either your behalf or a fellow members behalf.

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Messages from the Board Members



Mariya Davis: Vice President

Thank you all for your continued support of the Texas CLD chapter. I am honored to serve this year as your Vice President. What a wonderful organization dedicated to serving those who need it most! The Texas CLD Board is strongly committed to enhancing the education and quality of life for individuals with learning disabilities and meeting the needs of Texas special education practitioners. As the board and I continue to work on expanding the TCLD chapter and providing more opportunities for support and research, I challenge you to recruit one member to the TCLD organization. Please visit our improved website and follow us on social media.

As the TCLD board member, I want to be available for you and help you with any pressing issues. I also want to make sure that you feel welcomed, informed, and supported in your current position. I look forward to meeting you or hearing from you soon.

Have a beautiful rest of your semester!,
Mariya Davis, Ph.D.



Jennifer Farmer: Secretary

As your returning secretary, I am excited about the opportunity to work with a new talented group of individuals on the Board. Our new president has new ideas to improve our internal coordination, planning, and visibility. We have plans to make TCLD an organization that will strive to attract new members and one that will make the current members proud to be a part of. You can witness such changes by following us on social media and/or answering the call to serve. Welcome and happy learning!



Lesli Raymond: Treasurer

Thank you for your membership in TCLD! We hope you will use TCLD as forum for exchanging ideas about how to best support students with learning disabilities. It is an honor to serve as your new treasurer and I look forward to helping make this organization the best it can be.

Messages from the Board Members (cont.)



Beth Jones: Past President

Greetings! I want to thank everyone for the opportunity of serving as your President last year. We made great strides in our push towards providing resources to our members and constituents, as well as improving our connectedness on social media. I am confident that the current President, Kristi Santi, will not only continue these efforts but make them bloom! Thank you for all you do to further the LD field, and please share your work with us so we pass it along to all members.

See you in Baltimore!
Beth A. Jones, Ph.D.

TCLD Award Winner



Congratulations Jennifer Ozuna from Forney ISD!

Jennifer Ozuna has been committed to educating students for the past 14 years. She currently teaches special education in a K-6 resource classroom. Jennifer has been awarded campus teacher of the year (2012 and 2017), teacher of the month (January, 2014), and serves as campus ambassador, training other teachers.

'Birthplace of the Star Spangled Banner!'



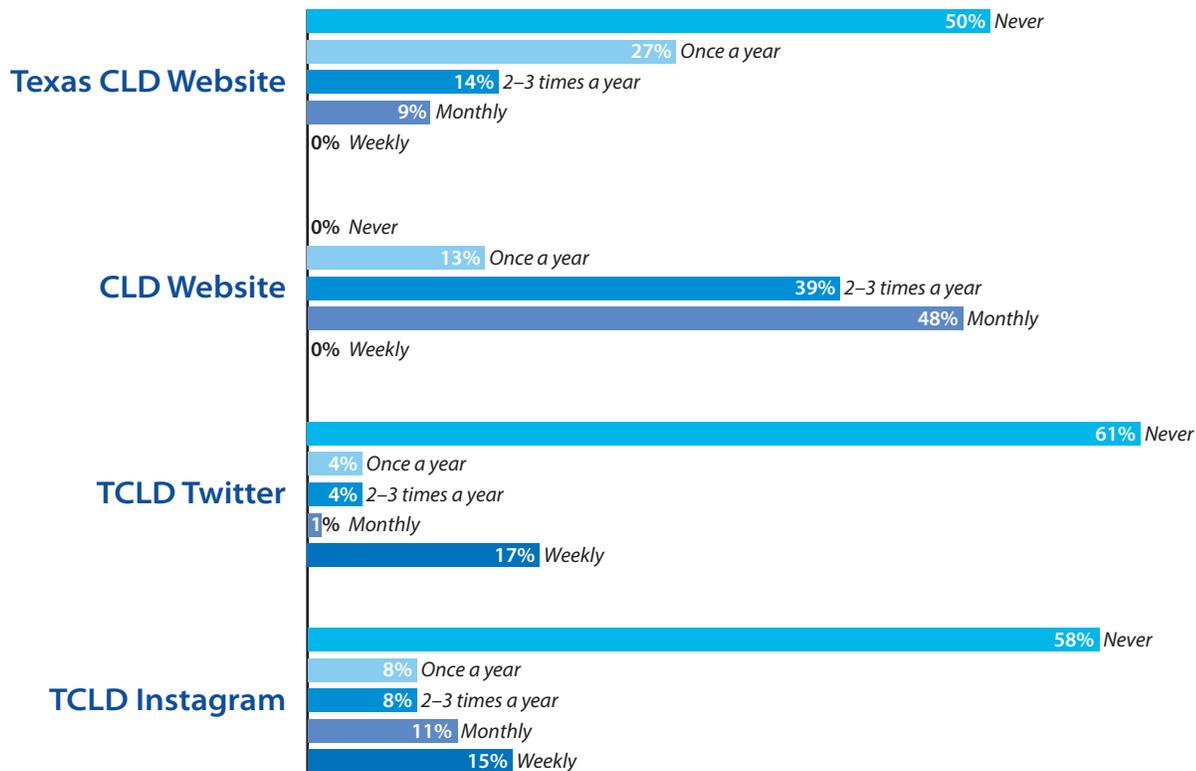
We look forward to seeing YOU at the 39th International Conference on Learning Disabilities in Baltimore, MD, October 19–20, 2017!

The Texas CLD Annual Meeting will be held on Friday October 20th during the lunch hour. All Texas Members who attend the conference will receive a special thank you gift at the registration table.

TCLD Survey Results

At the end of the Spring semester, a Texas CLD Member Survey was distributed via the Texas CLD email account (texasclchapter@gmail.com). A total of 94 emails were sent with a few emails bouncing back due to incorrect email addresses. Twenty-six members completed the survey and their responses follow. All percentages are rounded and may not add up to 100%.

How often have you visited the following social media accounts?



How often have you contributed to the Texas CLD social media accounts listed above?

Response by Percent						
Site	Never	Conferences only	Summers	Once an academic year	Once a year	Monthly
Texas CLD Website	73	7	3	7	7	3
TCLD Twitter	86	10	0	5	0	0
TCLD Instagram	100	0	0	0	0	0

TCLD Survey Results (cont.)

I read the newsletter from Texas CLD...

76% *Every time they are sent*

6% *If I see something interesting*

0% *Never*

What information would you like to see included in the Newsletters/Website to make them more relevant to your current position?

	Newsletter	Website
Activities	✓	✓
Assessment	✓	✓
Legal guidance, policy changes/issues	✓	✓
Online training	✓	✓
Research – updates/partnerships/EBIs	✓	✓
Conferences in Texas – SPED specific	✓	✓
Current events	✓	✓
Member/Student Highlights	✓	✓
Highlight of Effective Schools in Texas and Nationally	✓	
Dyslexia	✓	✓
Administration		✓
Syllabus/Course resource folder		✓

How can the organization better support your professional goals?

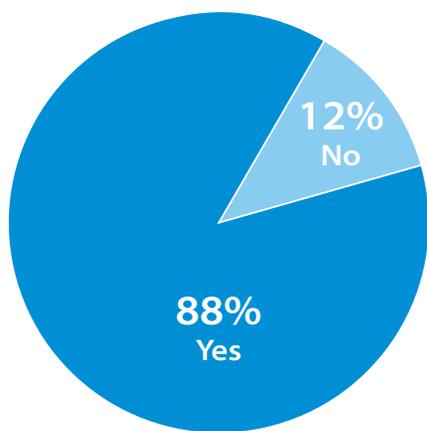
- Repository for cutting edge research/programs in LD
- Conduct meetings/conferences
- Opportunities to publish
- Connect to National office
- Provide avenue for professional engagement for my students
- Keep me in the loop of regional happenings.

TCLD Survey Results (cont.)

What changes would make you feel more welcomed and part of the organization?

- I have always felt pretty welcomed. I would encourage the organization to continue to encourage members to become actively involved in leadership and committee work.
- Encourage social media interactions, solicit feedback, and provide opportunities for involvement.
- More information regarding Texas CLD

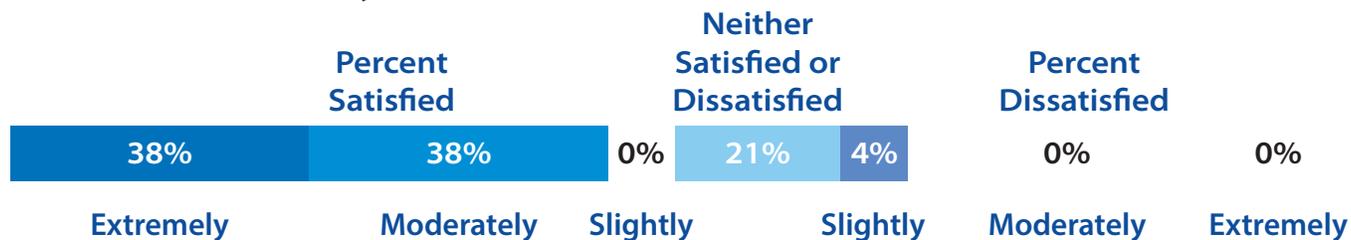
Have you recommended CLD/TCLD to your colleagues/friends?



If no, what would increase the likelihood of your endorsement?

If it would help teachers.

Overall, how satisfied are you with TCLD?



Explain the reason for the overall satisfaction rating.

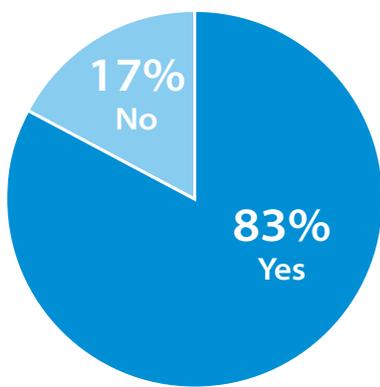
- Always engaged at international level; not familiar with state level work
- Still room for growth and improvement
- More emails/newsletters/communication
- New to TCLD
- Strong leadership.
- Great connections.
- A good service to Texas educators
- Appreciate all the hard work the organization does to give us such good information; I hope to contribute more in the future/ no time to engage

TCLD Survey Results (cont.)

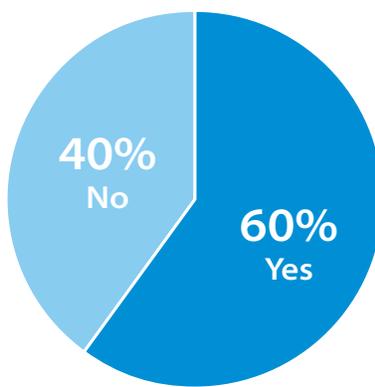
- Not relevant to my career at this point
- Does a good job of relating CLD to state members.
- Communication, elections process is not transparent.
- Haven't really gotten anything for my 135.
- Confusing information presented.

Did you attend...

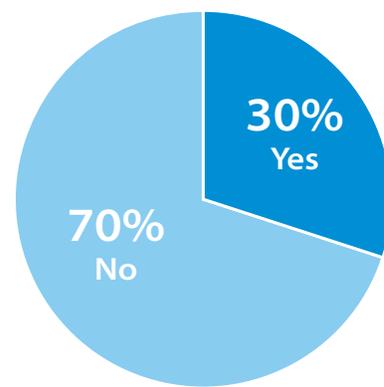
2016 CLD Conference



TCLD Reception



TCLD Annual Meeting



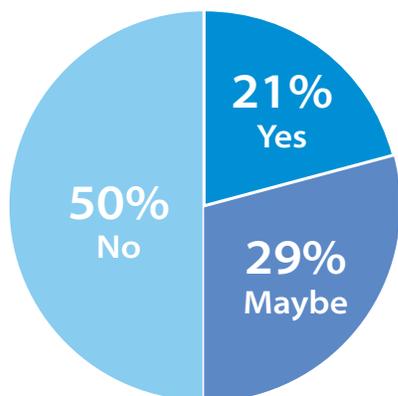
TCLD Annual Meeting information

21%
YES

29%
SOMEWHAT

50%
NO

Would you be willing to hold a position within the state organization?



How many years have you been a member of CLD and/or Texas CLD?

13%
0-1 year

17%
2-3 years

8%
4-5 years

63%
5+ years