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What is your team's **biggest strength** around telehealth programs?

The Texas team's greatest strength within our telehealth initiative is the strong network that was forged between the ten identified Physician / Professional Sites while completing work on a prior project.

The ten Physician/Professional Sites formed a collaborative *Act Early Texas!* Autism Commission, which was tasked with drafting an Autism State Plan to improve care and quality of services provided to children and their families impacted by autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

Describe your team's **biggest challenge** around telehealth.

The Texas team's most significant challenge has been securing collaborative Patient Sites, particularly within the rural pockets of east and mid-Texas and in the southern, Spanish-speaking "Rio Grande Valley" area of Texas.

Most existing Telehealth sites have no interest in ASD/IDD.

Describe **ONE current strategy** that your state is using around telehealth.

Through a HRSA funded equipment grant, the Texas team was able to secure equipment to provide:

Ten telemedicine Physician/Professional Sites with equipment including:

- Laptops
- Webcams
- Laptop accessories
- ZOOM teleconferencing software

AND

Twelve Patient Sites with equipment:

- Laptops
- Webcams
- Custom POV cameras
- Teleconferencing headsets
- Furniture
- Toys
- ADOS-2 Kits
- ZOOM teleconferencing software

We have partnered with the Legal Teams of each participating Physician/Professional Site/ University to secure Memorandums of Understanding for the use of equipment, and continue to address identification of Patient sites.

What's **one interesting thing** about your state?

The phrase "Six Flags Over Texas" refers to the six countries that ruled the Texas territory:

1. Spain (1519-1821)
2. France (1685-1690)
3. Mexico (1821-1836)
4. The Republic of Texas (1836-1845)
5. United States (1845-1861 & 1865-Present)
6. Confederate States of America (1861-1865)

The term "Six Flags" has been incorporated into theme parks, shopping malls, and other venues across Texas.

What does your team **hope to gain** from this meeting?

The Texas team hopes to gain ideas and insight into telehealth best practice as it relates to ASD from our time at this meeting.

We are also actively seeking tips and tools to create a sustainable model for a "big picture" ASD/IDD program across the state.