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COMMUNITY DESIGN CENTERS (CDCS) ON THE UPSURGE: INVESTIGATING PERCEPTIONS AMONGST CDC LEADERS AND ADMINISTRATORS IN TEXAS

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In-depth interviews with community design center (CDC) leaders in Texas revealed numerous reasons for the spread of CDC practices across the nation. Their combined insights illustrate an increased economic, environmental, and social need for the services CDCs offer in Texas, along with the blending of disciplinary boundaries amongst landscape architecture, planning, and architecture, under the unifying identity of urban design. Their perceptions suggest not only an open appreciation for multi-disciplinary practices, but an increase in humanitarian awareness through service-learning and community-engaged design in both practice and formal education.