

House Committee on County Affairs

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The mission of the Department of Family and Protective Services is to protect children, the elderly, and people with disabilities from abuse, neglect, and exploitation by involving clients, families, and communities.

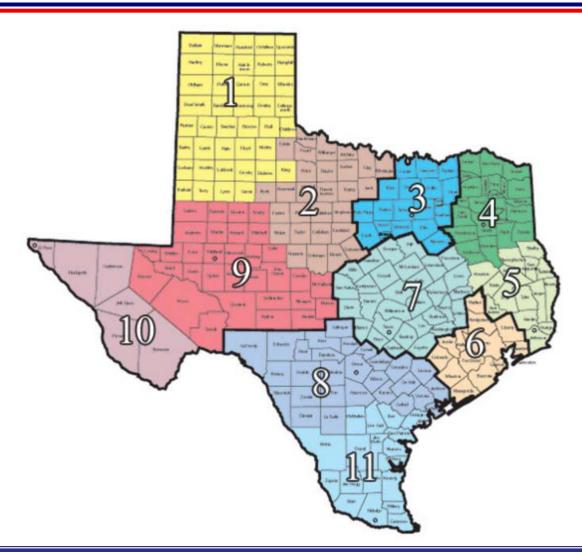




- Local Resources
- Community Partnerships
- Foster Care and Foster Care Redesign
- Workforce Stabilization









Region 08 Expenditures

Expenditure Category	Expenditure Amount
Day Care Payments	\$7,881,307
CPS Direct Delivery	50,315,405
CPS Program Support	1,636,584
Foster Care Payments (YTD)	56,557,771
Bexar County	2,456,491



Community Partnerships

- Child abuse and neglect is a public health issue that must be addressed at the community level. Community partnerships are critical to accomplishing DFPS's Mission.
 - Foster Parents
 - Foster Care Providers
 - Clinicians and Service Providers
 - Hospitals
 - CASA
 - Child Advocacy Centers
 - Local Mental Health Authorities
 - Superior HealthPlan
 - TJJD and Other State Agencies
 - Judiciary
 - Law Enforcement
 - Child Protection Advocates and Stakeholders



Region 8 Child Placement

Living Arrangement	Total Children	Total Placed Within Region	Total Placed Outside of Region
DFPS Foster Homes	169	131	38
Private CPA and Independent Homes	1,392	1,211	181
GRO: Child Care Services Only	227	199	28
Residential Treatment	270	140	130
Emergency Shelter Services	239	194	45
Other Foster Care	121	83	38
Kinship	1,779	1,582	197
Adoptive Home	80	38	42
Independent Living	1	1	0
Other Subcare	82	45	37
All Total Placements	4,360	3,624	736





- Kinship Care is care provided to a child in DFPS conservatorship by relatives or fictive kin who live outside of the child's home. More than 40% of the children and youth in DFPS conservatorship reside in Kinship placements.
 - A Relative Caregiver is defined as a person who is related to the child by blood or adoption or marriage.
 - A Fictive Kin Caregiver is an individual who has a longstanding and significant relationship with a child or with the child's family.





- When a child can't live safely at home and no appropriate non-custodial parent, relative, or close family friend is willing to care for them, the court can give conservatorship to CPS.
- Foster care settings include:
 - Foster family homes
 - Foster group homes
 - Residential group care facilities
 - Facilities overseen by another state agency



Foster Care - Challenges

- The foster care population has shifted. A greater percentage of children in care are requiring a higher level of services. The services may include:
 - Behavioral Health Services
 - Primary Medical Needs
 - o Intellectual or Development Disabilities
 - Other special needs such as autism, bipolar disorder, diabetes and serious behavioral issues.
 - Many children with high needs entering foster care are placed outside of their communities.



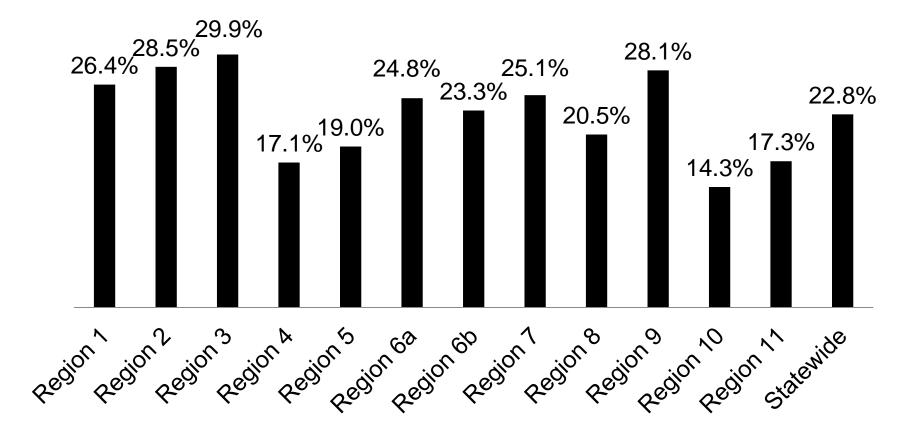
Foster Care - Transformation

- Foster Care Redesign
- Child and Adolescent Needs and Strength (CANS) Assessment Tool
- Single Child's Plan of Service
- Performance-based Demonstration



Workforce Stabilization - CPS Turnover

CPS Turnover Data for 3rd Qtr FY 16





Region 8 Staff Tenure

Tenure	099	1-1.99	2-2.99	3-4.99	5+	Total	Average Staff Tenure
CVS	66	43	71	56	69	305	3.8
FBSS	24	20	30	18	29	121	3.9
INV	76	44	33	49	42	244	3.0
CVS Supervisor	0	0	1	2	39	42	10.1
FBSS Supervisor	0	0	0	0	20	20	13.7
INV Supervisor	0	0	0	4	38	42	10.2
						774	Total Regional Staff
						537	Total Staff With Less Than 5 Years Experience
						237	Total Staff With 5+ Years Experience



Average State Tenure

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Tenure	099	1-1.99	2-2.99	3-4.99	5+	Total	Tenure
cvs	537	237	368	278	506	1926	3.8
FBSS	225	143	145	115	250	878	4.0
INV	745	307	330	267	346	1995	3.0
CVS Supervisor	0	0	6	22	251	279	11.0
FBSS Supervisor	0	0	2	7	113	122	11.7
INV Supervisor	5	1	6	26	281	319	10.8
						5519	Total Regional Staff
						3772	Total Staff With Less Than 5 Years Experience
						1747	Total Staff With 5+ Years Experience



Workforce Stabilization - Solutions

- Reasons Caseworkers leave and what DFPS is doing about it:
 - Concerns about Working Conditions: Safety and Stress Levels
 - Office of Worker Safety
 - Caseworker Support Centers
 - Impact Modernization
 - Better Pay and Benefits
 - Overtime Balance Pay Down
 - Locality Pay
 - Performance Based Merits
 - Issues with Supervisors or People Supervised
 - Redesigned Training Model
 - Performance Evaluations
 - Cultural Shift





- Over the last 3 1/2 years we have made a number of changes to ensure the safety of our children, but challenges still exist.
- These challenges include meeting the higher needs of our children and addressing the stability of our workforce.
- As we continue CPS Transformation, we expect better outcomes for our children.