

Community-Based Care



Family and Protective Services Council

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AGENDA

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What is Community-Based Care (CBC)?

- A new way of providing foster care and case management services
- It's a community-based approach to meeting the individual and unique needs of children, youth, and families
- Within a geographic service area, a single contractor (officially a Single Source Continuum Contractor or **SSCC**) is responsible for finding foster homes or other living arrangements for children in state care and providing them a full continuum of services
- *Changes the way the agency procures, contracts, pays for services*

Background



Background

- Current child welfare system structure does not encourage establishment of services, including residential placements, where they are needed.
- Very few providers offer the full continuum of services to support children and families.
- As a result, some children must move to locations (outside of their home communities) and too often must change placements as a result of a change in service needs.



Senate Bill 11

- Expands Foster Care Redesign to Community-Based Care (CBC)
- Adds kinship care, case management and reunification services
- Shifts DFPS' role to quality oversight of conservatorship services
- Allows DFPS to begin identifying 8 new catchment areas, with implementation subject to appropriation

Case Management

The provision of case management services to a child for whom the department has been appointed TMC or PMC or to the child's family, a young adult in extended foster care, a relative or kinship caregiver, or a child who has been placed in the catchment area through ICPC, and includes, but is not limited to:

- Caseworker visits with the child, family and caregivers;
- Convening and conducting permanency planning meetings;
- Development & revision of child and family plans of service, including a permanency plan & goals for a child or young adult in care;
- Coordination & monitoring of services required by the child & the child's family;
- Assumption of court-related duties regarding the child; and
- Any other function or service that the department determines necessary to allow a SSCC to assume responsibility for case management.

Court-Related Duties

- Providing any required notifications or consultations;
- Preparing court reports;
- Attending hearings, trials, and mediations;
- Complying with applicable court orders;
- Working with attorneys to prepare for trials and staff cases as needed;
- Working with all legal parties on the case;
- Ensuring the child is progressing toward the goal of permanency within state and federally mandated guidelines.

Implementation

- Plan required by Texas Family Code §264.153
- Rolling out catchment area by catchment area
- Sets forth quality indicators
- Staged rollout in each catchment area

Foundation

Quality Indicators:

- Above all, children and youth are safe from abuse and neglect.
- Children and youth are placed in their home communities.
- Children and youth are appropriately served in the least restrictive environment.
- Children and youth have stability in their placements.
- Connections to family and others important to the child are maintained.
- Children and youth are placed with their siblings.
- Services respect the child's culture.
- Children and youth are provided opportunities, experiences, and activities similar to those enjoyed by their peers who are not in foster care.
- Youth are fully prepared for successful adulthood.
- Youth have opportunities to participate in decisions that affect their lives.
- *Children and youth are reunified with their biological parents when possible.*
- *Children and youth are placed with relative or kinship caregivers if reunification is not possible.*

Staged Implementation

- **Stage I** will include the provision of paid foster care placement services
- **Stage II** will include the provision of substitute care placement & case management services
- **Stage III** will include:
 - The provision of services outlined in Stage I and II; and
 - Holding the SSCC financially accountable through the use of incentives and remedies for the timely achievement of permanency for served children beginning 18 months after case management services have transferred.

Implementation Updates

Region 3B:

- September 1, 2018, SSCC contract renewed with **Our Community Our Kids** through end of FY 2020
- Contract includes:
 - Continuation of services provided under Stage I
 - Requirements of Stage II and III
- DFPS and ACH are currently working on plans for transition that is seamless to children, youth and families in 3b
- Once all plans are finalized and approved, DFPS and ACH will share plans with children, families, staff, members of the judiciary, and other stakeholders.

Implementation Updates

Region 2:

- RFA released on October 18, 2017
- Contract awarded to **2INgage** in June 2018
- Stage I roll-out in December 2018 (after 6-month start-up period)
- Stage II roll-out is based on SSCC and DFPS readiness

Implementation Updates

Region 8a (Bexar County):

- RFA released on December 5, 2017
- Contract awarded to **Family Tapestry** in August 2018
- Stage I roll-out in February 2019 (after 6-month start-up period)
- Stage II roll-out is based on SSCC and DFPS readiness

Implementation Updates

New Catchment Areas:

- Announced 2 new catchment areas in August 2018
- Region 1
- Region 8b (all counties excluding Bexar)
- Anticipate releasing a RFA for Region 1 in Fall 2018 and for 8b in Spring 2019

Advantages to Children, Youth and Families

- Additional resources for children, youth and families due to the flexibility of the model
- Community engagement resulting in increased support and better outcomes for children and youth
- More efficient communication and better coordination among providers serving families and children
- More substantive communication between DFPS and providers
- Services brought to the child and family

Region 3b SSCC - Outcomes

Children/Youth Placed in Paid Foster Care:

- Children and youth are safe in foster care
- Children and youth are spending less time in congregate care and more time in foster homes
- Children and youth in foster homes are being placed closer to home
- Foster home placements are more stable
- Increased foster care capacity, including therapeutic care
- Increased community engagement and partnerships

QUESTIONS



More information can be access on the [Community-Based Care](#) website.

Additional questions may be submitted to the mailbox at:

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