Texas Child-Centered Care (T3C) System:

Overview of the *T3C System Blueprint*

DFPS Stakeholder Webinar

March 5th 8th & 13th 2024

Welcome & Agenda

- Thank you for joining today's webinar hosted by the DFPS T3C Project Management Office.

- Today we will be providing a high-level overview of the T3C System Blueprint document that was released by DFPS on February 29th.

Before We Get Started

- Today's Webinar is being recorded, and the recording along with a copy of the PowerPoint presentation will be posted on the DFPS T3C Webpage: https://www.dfps.texas.gov/Texas_Child_Centered_Care/.

- The TEAMS chat feature for this Webinar is not enabled, if you have questions about today's presentation or about the *T3C System Blueprint* or the T3C System in general, please e-mail them to dfpstexaschildcenteredcare@dfps.texas.gov. This mailbox is regularly monitored, and we will respond to your questions.

- At the conclusion of the March 13th Webinar, we will be posting Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the DFPS T3C System webpage.

- To access a copy of the current version of the *T3C System Blueprint* please visit: https://www.dfps.texas.gov/Texas_Child_Centered_Care/documents/t3c_blueprint.pdf

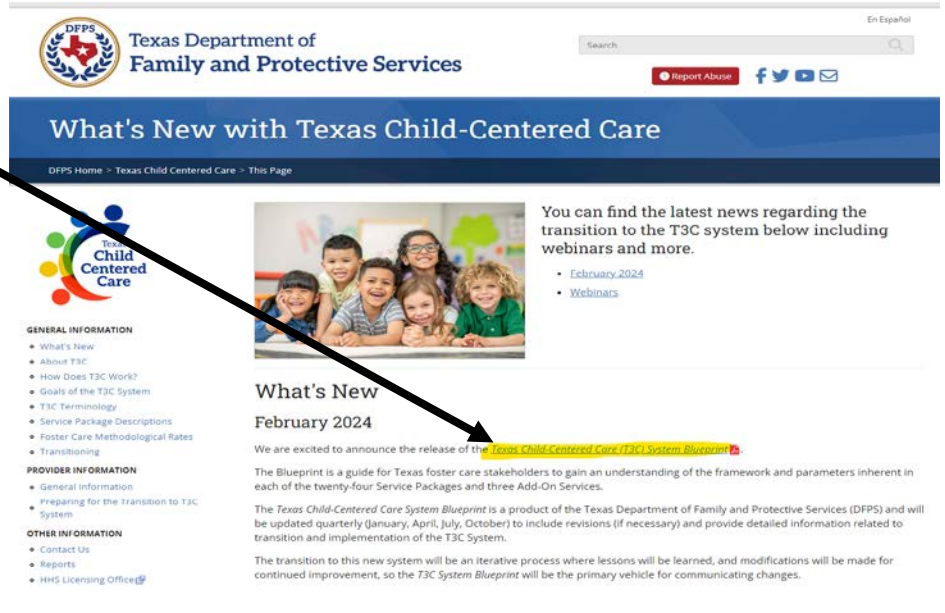
How to Access a Copy of the T3C System Blueprint

1) Visit www.dfps.texas.gov

2)Look for Texas Child Centered Care on top of Page

3) Under General Information Click on “What’s New”

4) Click on the link titled “Texas Child-Centered Care (T3C) System Blueprint”



Background Leading Up to the T3C System Blueprint

- **86th Texas Legislature (2019, Regular Session), General Appropriations Act (GAA), Special Provision (SP) 32**
  - Rate Methodology Evaluation; Third-Party Recommendations

- **87th Texas Legislature (2021, Regular Session), GAA, SP26**
  - Analyzed child-level and needs assessment data to identify the Service Packages & Add-On Services that are needed to form the foster care continuum
  - Defined Service Packages & Add-On Services
    - Informed by Minimum Standards, statute, court requirements, national research, provider/stakeholder focus/workgroups and a comprehensive provider survey
  - Developed Rate Methodology that aligned to clearly ***Defined*** Service Packages & Add-On Services
  - Developed a Daily Foster Care Rate for each of the Service Packages and Add-On Services
  - Child & Adolescent Needs and Strengths Assessment 3.0 & Universal Placement Process to Support T3C System

- **88th Texas Legislature (2023, Regular Session)**
  - Funding appropriated to support rates and implementation of the T3C (formerly known as Foster Care Rate Modernization) System

What’s In the T3C System Blueprint?

Letter from the DFPS Commissioner

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Outlines new opportunities and highlights major changes that T3C System represents.

Letter from the DFPS Commissioner

Dear Colleagues,

Over the past year, serving as the Commissioner for DFPS, I am constantly amazed by the complex interwoven system of child welfare in Texas. The care and safety of children is possible through a mix of individual efforts and collaboration of many partners. I have had the opportunity to see the care and compassion of caseworkers, foster parents, providers, judges, attorneys, CASA volunteers, and so many others. With true servant hearts, the time, dedication, and love that goes into your work with children and families is immeasurable and is an example of the best of our society.

It is for this reason, that I am so excited to be a part of the transformation of the foster care system in Texas, from one that is largely focused on behavior modification to a modernized child-centered system, known as Texas Child-Centered Care or T3C. The T3C System represents new opportunities and major changes, including:

- a universal assessment of child needs through an enhanced version of the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) Assessment, which once completed will be used to inform placement.
- a comprehensive array of foster care Service Packages, that are clearly defined, trauma-informed and research-based to ensure that children are receiving optimal care during their temporary stay in the system.
- establishment of a dedicated Continuous Quality Assurance and Improvement (CQAI) structure to help support evaluation and continued improvement of foster care services in our state; and
- a new foster care rate methodology that includes fully funded foster care rates.

Replacing the current, almost 40-year-old infrastructure is a huge undertaking. Transitioning to the T3C System will require all of us to communicate and work closely together to ensure that the needs of children and families remain at the forefront during this time of transition.

I look forward to implementing this new T3C System with each one of you, and most importantly, to a transformed foster care system.

Stephanie Muth
DFPS Commissioner
Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

Purpose of the Blueprint
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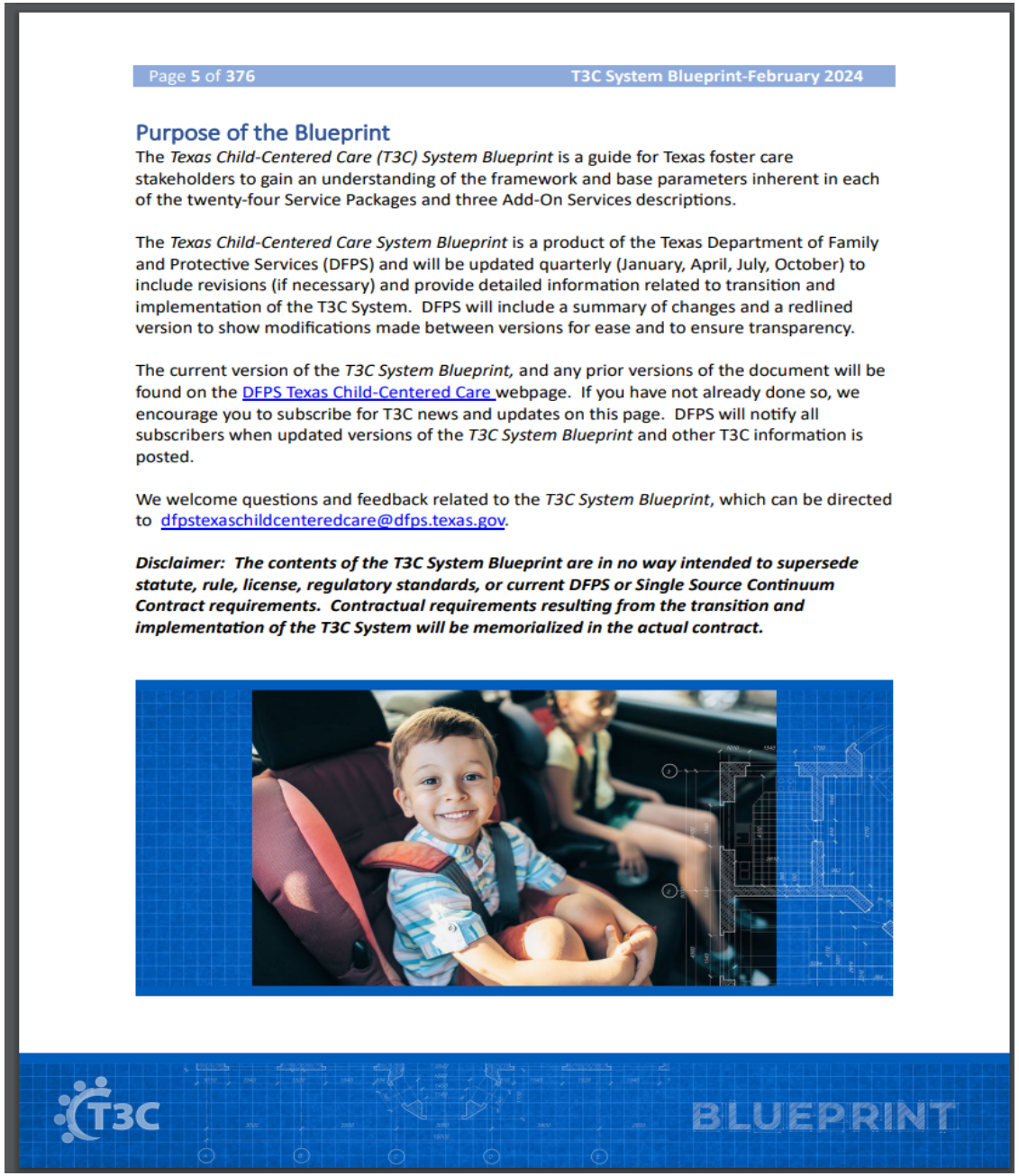
- Serves as a guide to gaining an understanding of the framework and base parameters in each Service Package and Add-On Service
- The T3C System Blueprint will be released quarterly (every January, April, July, & October) with a summary to indicate what has changed
- The current, and all prior versions will be posted on T3C webpage on DFPS website.
- Includes a link to send feedback and questions



Purpose of the Blueprint

The *Texas Child-Centered Care (T3C) System Blueprint* is a guide for Texas foster care stakeholders to gain an understanding of the framework and base parameters inherent in each of the twenty-four Service Packages and three Add-On Services descriptions.

The *Texas Child-Centered Care System Blueprint* is a product of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) and will be updated quarterly (January, April, July, October) to include revisions (if necessary) and provide detailed information related to transition and implementation of the T3C System. DFPS will include a summary of changes and a redlined version to show modifications made between versions for ease and to ensure transparency.

The current version of the *T3C System Blueprint*, and any prior versions of the document will be found on the DFPS Texas Child-Centered Care webpage. If you have not already done so, we encourage you to subscribe for T3C news and updates on this page. DFPS will notify all subscribers when updated versions of the *T3C System Blueprint* and other T3C information is posted.

We welcome questions and feedback related to the *T3C System Blueprint*, which can be directed to dfpstexaschildcenteredcare@dfps.texas.gov.

Disclaimer: The contents of the T3C System Blueprint are in no way intended to supersede statute, rule, license, regulatory standards, or current DFPS or Single Source Continuum Contract requirements. Contractual requirements resulting from the transition and implementation of the T3C System will be memorialized in the actual contract.

Introduction
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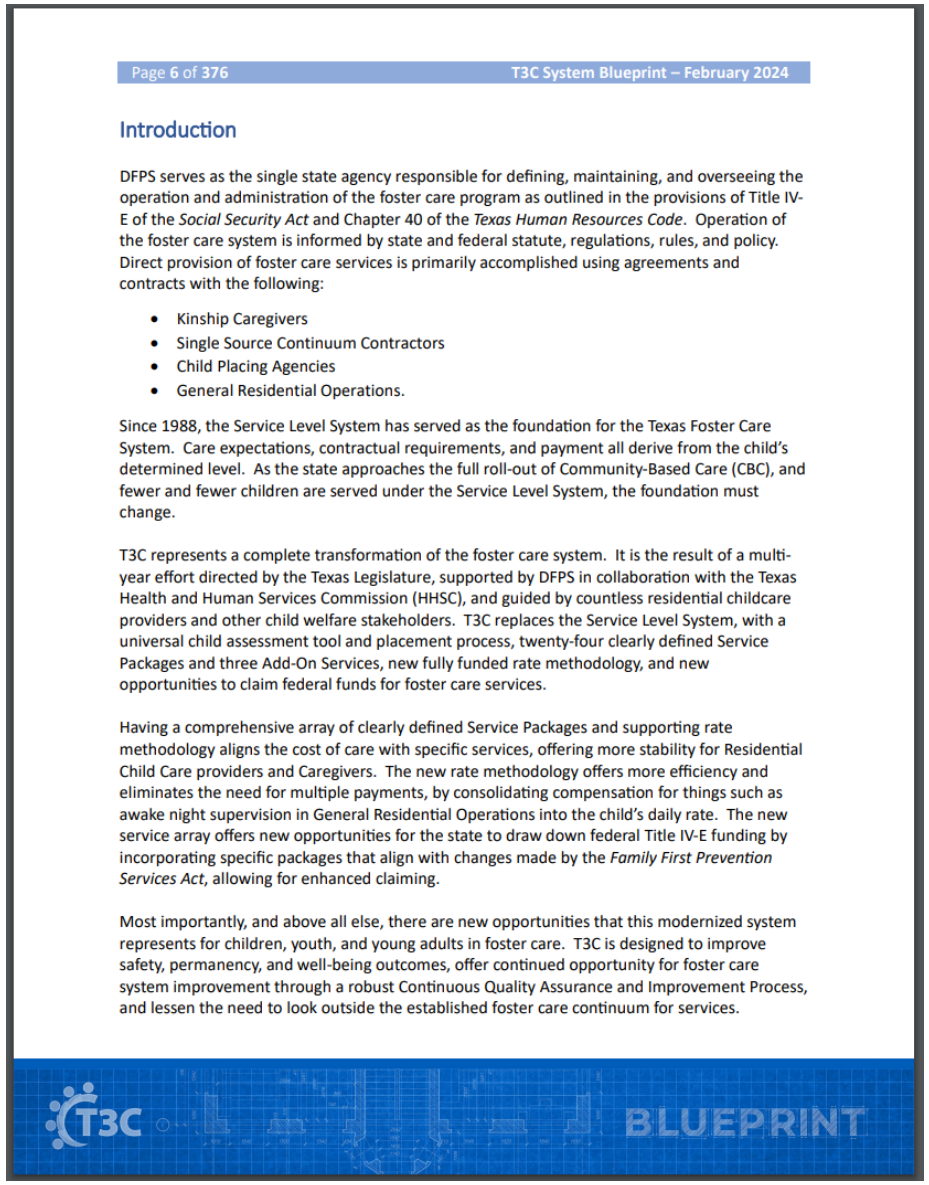
- Provides a high-level overview of intent and objectives of T3C System.



Introduction

DFPS serves as the single state agency responsible for defining, maintaining, and overseeing the operation and administration of the foster care program as outlined in the provisions of Title IV-E of the *Social Security Act* and Chapter 40 of the *Texas Human Resources Code*. Operation of the foster care system is informed by state and federal statute, regulations, rules, and policy. Direct provision of foster care services is primarily accomplished using agreements and contracts with the following:

- Kinship Caregivers
- Single Source Continuum Contractors
- Child Placing Agencies
- General Residential Operations.

Since 1988, the Service Level System has served as the foundation for the Texas Foster Care System. Care expectations, contractual requirements, and payment all derive from the child's determined level. As the state approaches the full roll-out of Community-Based Care (CBC), and fewer and fewer children are served under the Service Level System, the foundation must change.

T3C represents a complete transformation of the foster care system. It is the result of a multi-year effort directed by the Texas Legislature, supported by DFPS in collaboration with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), and guided by countless residential childcare providers and other child welfare stakeholders. T3C replaces the Service Level System, with a universal child assessment tool and placement process, twenty-four clearly defined Service Packages and three Add-On Services, new fully funded rate methodology, and new opportunities to claim federal funds for foster care services.

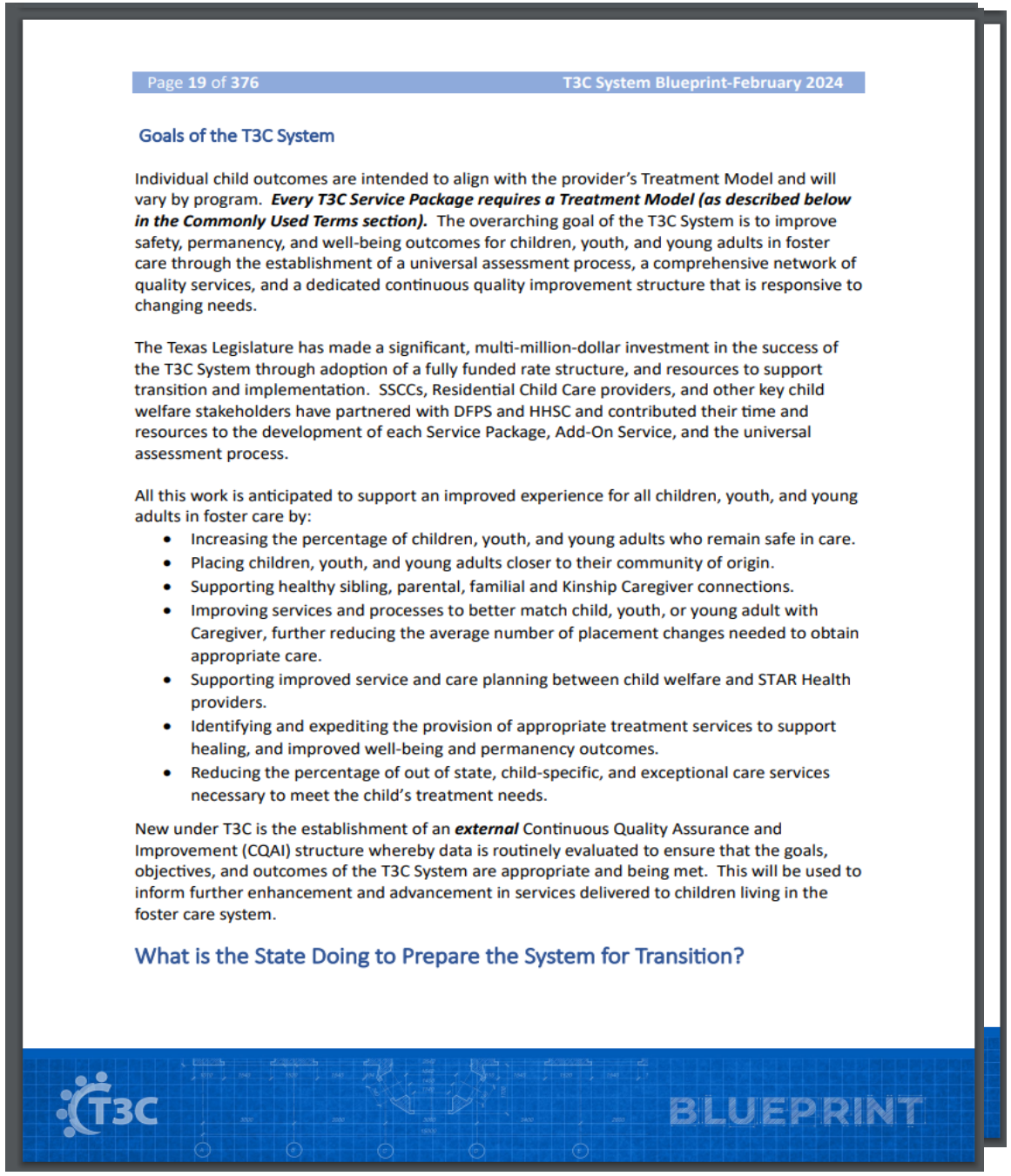
Having a comprehensive array of clearly defined Service Packages and supporting rate methodology aligns the cost of care with specific services, offering more stability for Residential Child Care providers and Caregivers. The new rate methodology offers more efficiency and eliminates the need for multiple payments, by consolidating compensation for things such as awake night supervision in General Residential Operations into the child's daily rate. The new service array offers new opportunities for the state to draw down federal Title IV-E funding by incorporating specific packages that align with changes made by the *Family First Prevention Services Act*, allowing for enhanced claiming.

Most importantly, and above all else, there are new opportunities that this modernized system represents for children, youth, and young adults in foster care. T3C is designed to improve safety, permanency, and well-being outcomes, offer continued opportunity for foster care system improvement through a robust Continuous Quality Assurance and Improvement Process, and lessen the need to look outside the established foster care continuum for services.

What is the T3C System and How Does It Work?

(Pages 7-19)

- (Page 7)Includes a graphic showing 9 Foster Family Home Service Packages & 3 Add-On Services, 9 General Residential Operation (GRO) Tier I Service Packages, & 6 General Residential Tier II Service Packages
- (Pages 8-15) Commonly Used Terms which defines important terminology and concepts that are important to interpreting the Service Package and Add-On Service Requirements. ***Important: Please review Commonly Used Terms section prior to reading through Service Packages to ensure an understanding of the terminology as it relates to T3C.***
- (Pages 15-16) Provides information on The CANS 3.0 Assessment, including the cadence for performing the assessment.
- (Pages 16-18) Describes the placement process under T3C, and information that will be considered by both DFPS and the SSCC to inform decisions, these pages include graphic charts outlining examples of processes
- (Page 19) Outlines the goals of the T3C System



Goals of the T3C System

Individual child outcomes are intended to align with the provider's Treatment Model and will vary by program. ***Every T3C Service Package requires a Treatment Model (as described below in the Commonly Used Terms section).*** The overarching goal of the T3C System is to improve safety, permanency, and well-being outcomes for children, youth, and young adults in foster care through the establishment of a universal assessment process, a comprehensive network of quality services, and a dedicated continuous quality improvement structure that is responsive to changing needs.

The Texas Legislature has made a significant, multi-million-dollar investment in the success of the T3C System through adoption of a fully funded rate structure, and resources to support transition and implementation. SSCCs, Residential Child Care providers, and other key child welfare stakeholders have partnered with DFPS and HHSC and contributed their time and resources to the development of each Service Package, Add-On Service, and the universal assessment process.

All this work is anticipated to support an improved experience for all children, youth, and young adults in foster care by:

- Increasing the percentage of children, youth, and young adults who remain safe in care.
- Placing children, youth, and young adults closer to their community of origin.
- Supporting healthy sibling, parental, familial and Kinship Caregiver connections.
- Improving services and processes to better match child, youth, or young adult with Caregiver, further reducing the average number of placement changes needed to obtain appropriate care.
- Supporting improved service and care planning between child welfare and STAR Health providers.
- Identifying and expediting the provision of appropriate treatment services to support healing, and improved well-being and permanency outcomes.
- Reducing the percentage of out of state, child-specific, and exceptional care services necessary to meet the child's treatment needs.

New under T3C is the establishment of an ***external*** Continuous Quality Assurance and Improvement (CQAI) structure whereby data is routinely evaluated to ensure that the goals, objectives, and outcomes of the T3C System are appropriate and being met. This will be used to inform further enhancement and advancement in services delivered to children living in the foster care system.

What is the State Doing to Prepare the System for Transition?

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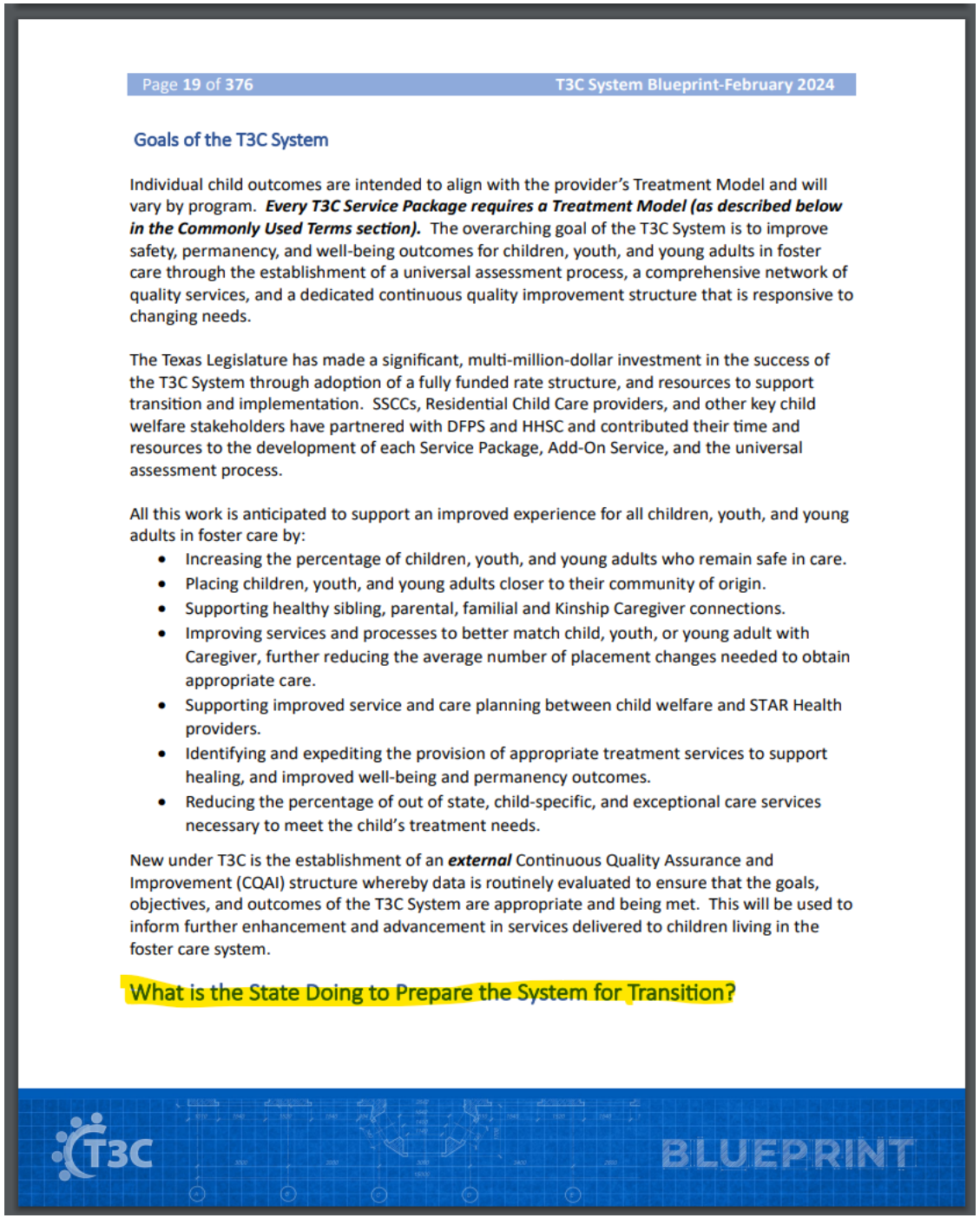
(Page 19-20)

- (Page 20) Provides the timeline for transition to the T3C System, which begins in January 2025 and is anticipated to end in August 2027 at which time all children, youth, and young adults will be served under the modernized T3C System.
- (Page 20) Includes information on the four different funding structures that will be used during the transition period.



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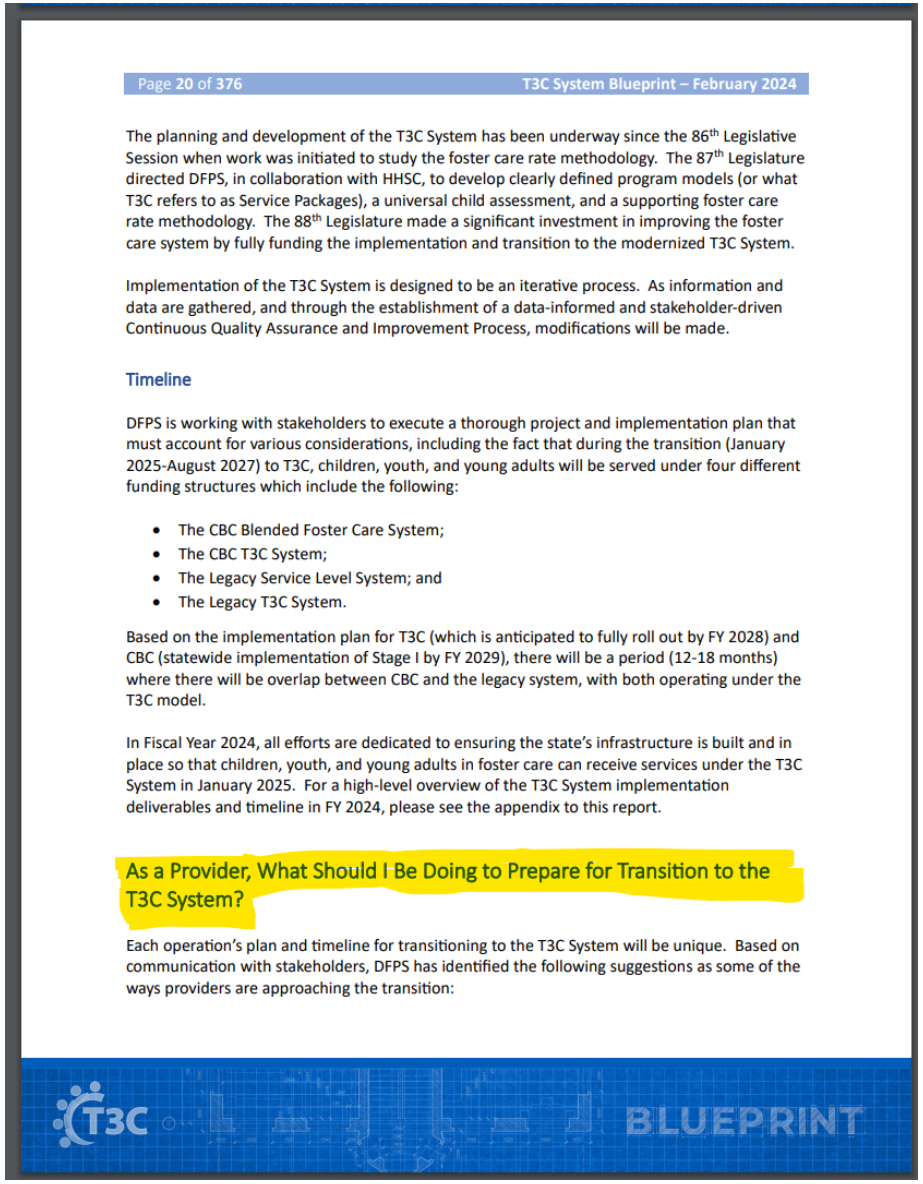
As a Provider, What Should I Be Doing to Prepare for Transition to the T3C System?

(Pages 20-21)

- (Page 21) Provides links to historical documents and reports on Foster Care Rate Modernization (now T3C).
- Encourages providers to conduct a gap analysis, based on what is included in the Service Package and Add-On Service charts to determine, what, if anything is needed by the operation to provide distinct services, and determine timing for transition.
- Provides links to DFPS T3C Project Office mailbox and webpage as resources for asking questions and learning more.



The planning and development of the T3C System has been underway since the 86th Legislative Session when work was initiated to study the foster care rate methodology. The 87th Legislature directed DFPS, in collaboration with HHSC, to develop clearly defined program models (or what T3C refers to as Service Packages), a universal child assessment, and a supporting foster care rate methodology. The 88th Legislature made a significant investment in improving the foster care system by fully funding the implementation and transition to the modernized T3C System.

Implementation of the T3C System is designed to be an iterative process. As information and data are gathered, and through the establishment of a data-informed and stakeholder-driven Continuous Quality Assurance and Improvement Process, modifications will be made.

Timeline

DFPS is working with stakeholders to execute a thorough project and implementation plan that must account for various considerations, including the fact that during the transition (January 2025-August 2027) to T3C, children, youth, and young adults will be served under four different funding structures which include the following:

- The CBC Blended Foster Care System;
- The CBC T3C System;
- The Legacy Service Level System; and
- The Legacy T3C System.

Based on the implementation plan for T3C (which is anticipated to fully roll out by FY 2028) and CBC (statewide implementation of Stage I by FY 2029), there will be a period (12-18 months) where there will be overlap between CBC and the legacy system, with both operating under the T3C model.

In Fiscal Year 2024, all efforts are dedicated to ensuring the state's infrastructure is built and in place so that children, youth, and young adults in foster care can receive services under the T3C System in January 2025. For a high-level overview of the T3C System implementation deliverables and timeline in FY 2024, please see the appendix to this report.

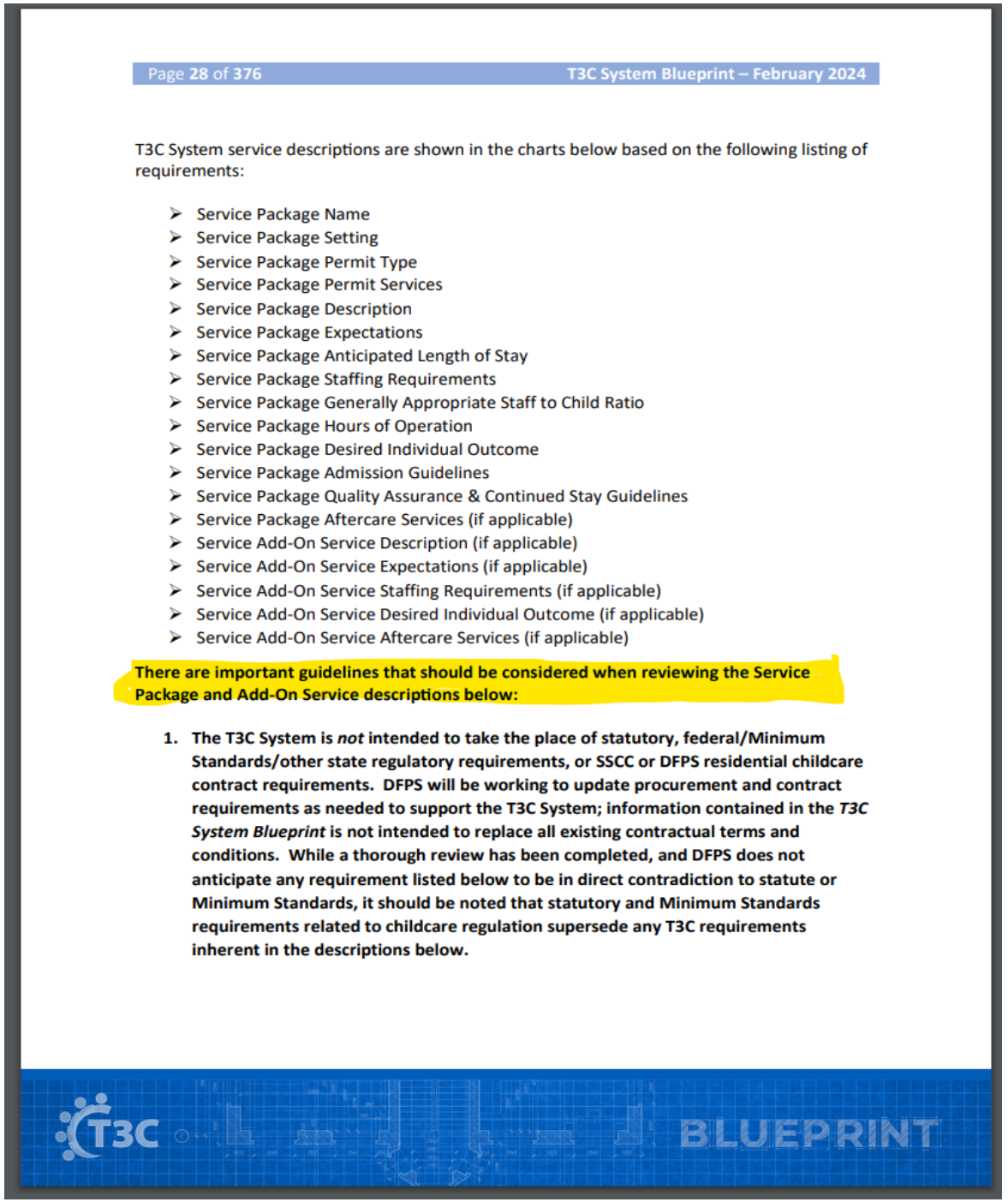
As a Provider, What Should I Be Doing to Prepare for Transition to the T3C System?

Each operation's plan and timeline for transitioning to the T3C System will be unique. Based on communication with stakeholders, DFPS has identified the following suggestions as some of the ways providers are approaching the transition:

Operating Under the T3C System

(Pages 21-30)

- (Pages 21-25) Includes information and charts providing the 24 methodological T3C System foster care rates for each Service Package and 3 methodological Add-On Service rates. Provides information on flexibility of the Single Source Continuum Contractors (SSCCs) to pay using a customized rate schedule, and the continuation of the Exceptional Foster Care Rate.
- (Pages 25-27) Describes how providers will have to become Credentialed to provide one or more of the Service Packages and/or Add-On Services under T3C.
- (Page 27) Provides a high-level summary of what is being developed to support Contract Set-Up and Monitoring under T3C.
- (Pages 27-30) Outlines the structure that is used to describe the requirements/parameters for offering each Service Package and Add-On Service. This section also includes a numerical listing of important guidelines that should be considered by providers when assessing the Service Package and Add-On Services. ***Providers are encouraged to read these 10 important guidelines thoroughly before reviewing individual Service Packages and/or Add-On Services.***



T3C System service descriptions are shown in the charts below based on the following listing of requirements:

- Service Package Name
- Service Package Setting
- Service Package Permit Type
- Service Package Permit Services
- Service Package Description
- Service Package Expectations
- Service Package Anticipated Length of Stay
- Service Package Staffing Requirements
- Service Package Generally Appropriate Staff to Child Ratio
- Service Package Hours of Operation
- Service Package Desired Individual Outcome
- Service Package Admission Guidelines
- Service Package Quality Assurance & Continued Stay Guidelines
- Service Package Aftercare Services (if applicable)
- Service Add-On Service Description (if applicable)
- Service Add-On Service Expectations (if applicable)
- Service Add-On Service Staffing Requirements (if applicable)
- Service Add-On Service Desired Individual Outcome (if applicable)
- Service Add-On Service Aftercare Services (if applicable)

There are important guidelines that should be considered when reviewing the Service Package and Add-On Service descriptions below:

1. **The T3C System is *not* intended to take the place of statutory, federal/Minimum Standards/other state regulatory requirements, or SSCC or DFPS residential childcare contract requirements. DFPS will be working to update procurement and contract requirements as needed to support the T3C System; information contained in the *T3C System Blueprint* is not intended to replace all existing contractual terms and conditions. While a thorough review has been completed, and DFPS does not anticipate any requirement listed below to be in direct contradiction to statute or Minimum Standards, it should be noted that statutory and Minimum Standards requirements related to childcare regulation supersede any T3C requirements inherent in the descriptions below.**

Child Placing Agency /Foster Family Home T3C Service Packages

Here are some helpful hints for reviewing the T3C Child Placing Agency/Foster Family Home Service Packages:

- Do not assume that because a T3C Service Package is similarly named to something offered in the system today that the requirements are the same– the T3C System and the Service Level System do not crosswalk to one another.
- DFPS will Credential the individual Child Placing Agency for the Service Package(s) and/or Add-On Service(s), the CPA will be responsible for Credentialing individual Foster Family Homes to provide the Service Package(s) and/or Add-On Service(s).
- Many of the parameters/requirements outlined in the Service Packages tie back to minimum standards, statute, or other requirements– so while there are items that are unique to the T3C System, many are already being provided by residential childcare providers today.
- Various requirements listed are the same across Service Packages, however there are differences based on the customized needs of the population, so it is important to review each individually.
- An individual child, youth, or young adult is only eligible to receive one Service Package at a time. The child, youth, or young adult, the SSCC or DFPS caseworker, and members of the child, youth, or young adult's permanency planning team, in collaboration with the Child Placing Agency will identify the optimal Service Package at the time of placement.

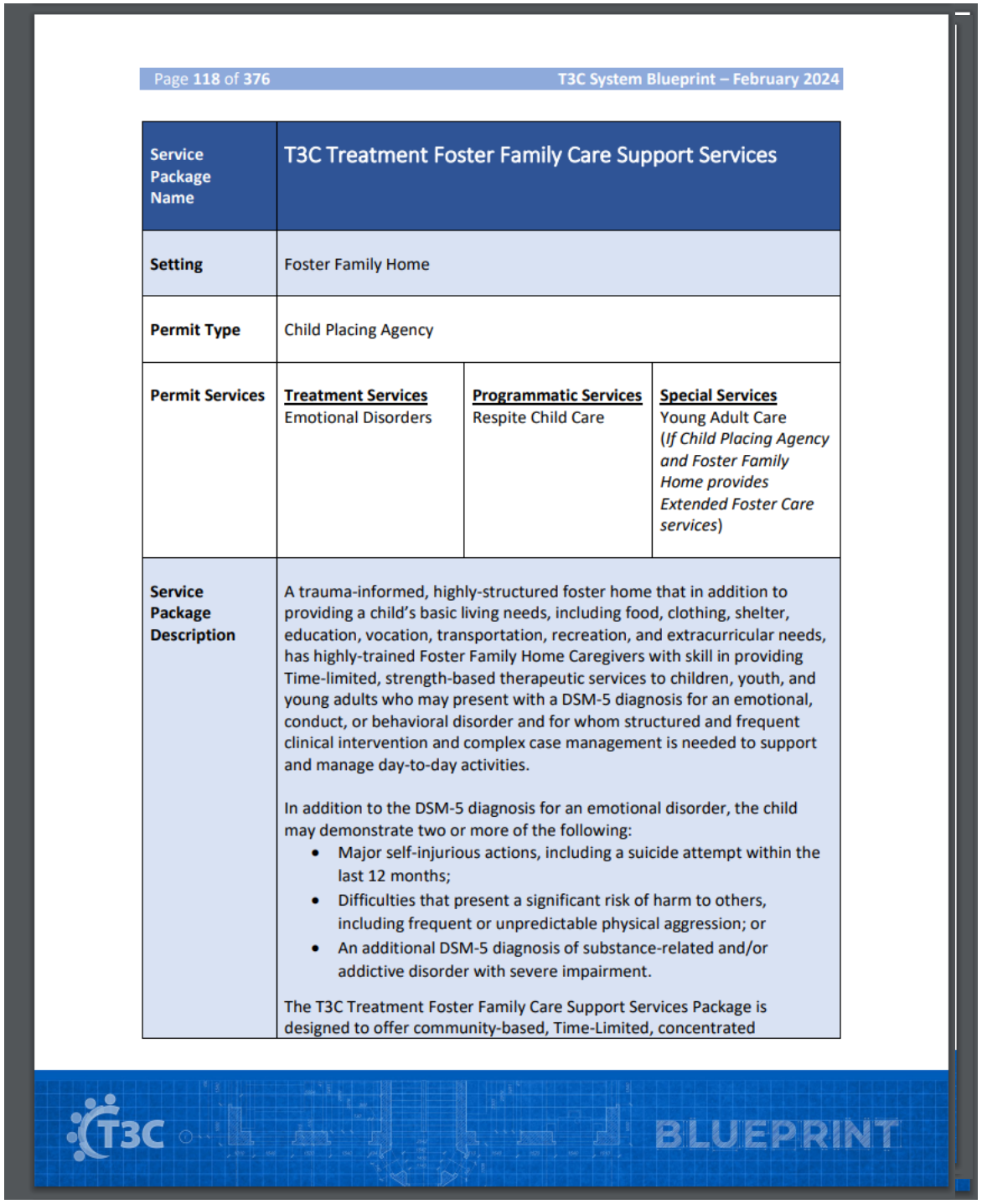
Child Placing Agency /Foster Family Home T3C Service Packages (Continued)

Each Service Package includes:

- **Service Package Name-** The "type" of T3C Service Package the Provider will become Credentialed to serve.
- **Setting-** The location type where the Service Package is being provided.
- **Permit Type-** The assumed HHSC-Child Care Regulatory Permit needed to become Credentialed and to offer this Service Package.
- **Permit Services-** The assumed HHSC-Child Care Regulatory Permit Services that would be needed to become Credentialed and to offer this Service Package.
- **Service Package Description-**Provides information on the intended child, youth, or young adult population receiving the Service Package and the expectations around the services and care provided.
- **Service Package Expectations-** Listing of the types of services, care coordination, and other requirements specific to the distinct Service Package.
- **Anticipated Length of Stay-**Outlines requirements for determining child's customized Length of Stay.
- **Staffing Requirements-**Lists staff requirements and identified personnel and infrastructure that is needed to support the Service Package.
- **Generally Appropriate Staff to Child Ratio Based on Service Package-**Provides guidelines which were used in determining the daily rate—**unless required by HHSC-CCR, these are *not* intended to serve as mandated ratios.**
- **Hours of Operation**- Admissions and placement hours required if Credentialed to Provide a distinct Service Package.
- **Desired Individual Outcome**-Provides requirements around measuring child outcomes associated with the Service Package.
- **Admission Guidelines-**Lists what must be considered by admissions staff when assessing the child, youth, or young adult for the Service Package.
- **Quality Assurance and Continued Stay Guidelines-** Describes requirements associated with assessing child's progress while receiving Service Package, and necessary approvals for continued services.
- **Aftercare Services(if applicable)** -Requirements associated with the provision of Aftercare Services as required for most Service Packages.

Child Placing Agency/Foster Family Home
T3C Service Packages
(Pages 31-129)

- (Pages 31-39) ***T3C Basic Foster Family Home Support Services***-Service Package Requirements to become Credentialed
- (Pages 40-50) ***Substance Use Support Services***-Service Package Requirements to become Credentialed
- (Pages 51-59) ***Short-Term Assessment Support Services***-Service Package Requirements to become Credentialed
- (Pages 60-70) ***Mental & Behavioral Health Support Services***-Service Package Requirements to become Credentialed
- (Pages 71-82) ***Sexual Aggression/Sex Offender Support Services***-Service Package Requirements to become Credentialed
- (Pages 83-94) ***Complex Medical Needs or Medically Fragile Support Services***-Service Package Requirements to become Credentialed
- (Pages 95-105) ***Human Trafficking Victim/Survivor Support Services***-Service Package Requirements to become Credentialed
- (Pages 106-117) ***Intellectual or Developmental Disability (IDD)/Autism Spectrum Disorder Support Services***-Service Package Requirements to become Credentialed
- (Pages 118-129) ***T3C Treatment Foster Family Care Support Services***-Service Package Requirements to become Credentialed



Service Package Name	T3C Treatment Foster Family Care Support Services		
Setting	Foster Family Home		
Permit Type	Child Placing Agency		
Permit Services	**Treatment Services** Emotional Disorders	**Programmatic Services** Respite Child Care	**Special Services** Young Adult Care (*If Child Placing Agency and Foster Family Home provides Extended Foster Care services*)
Service Package Description	A trauma-informed, highly-structured foster home that in addition to providing a child's basic living needs, including food, clothing, shelter, education, vocation, transportation, recreation, and extracurricular needs, has highly-trained Foster Family Home Caregivers with skill in providing Time-limited, strength-based therapeutic services to children, youth, and young adults who may present with a DSM-5 diagnosis for an emotional, conduct, or behavioral disorder and for whom structured and frequent clinical intervention and complex case management is needed to support and manage day-to-day activities. In addition to the DSM-5 diagnosis for an emotional disorder, the child may demonstrate two or more of the following: • Major self-injurious actions, including a suicide attempt within the last 12 months; • Difficulties that present a significant risk of harm to others, including frequent or unpredictable physical aggression; or • An additional DSM-5 diagnosis of substance-related and/or addictive disorder with severe impairment. The T3C Treatment Foster Family Care Support Services Package is designed to offer community-based, Time-Limited, concentrated		

Child Placing Agency /Foster Family Home
T3C Add-On Services

Here are some helpful hints for reviewing the T3C Child Placing Agency/Foster Family Home Add-On Services:

- T3C Add-On Services are intended to augment what is already outlined in the Foster Family Home Service Packages.
- To be eligible to become Credentialed to provide an Add-On Service, the Child Placing Agency and Foster Family Home must be Credentialed to provide one or more of the T3C Service Packages.
- Child Placing Agencies must become Credentialed to provide Add-On Services, and CPAs then must Credential the Foster Family Home for Add-On Services.
- Add-On Services apply to Service Packages offered in Child Placing Agencies only, Add-On Services do not apply to GRO Tier I or GRO Tier II settings.
- An individual child, youth, or young adult may qualify for ***one or more*** Add-On Services to be offered simultaneously.
- Due to the nature of the placement, children, youth, and young adults receiving the Short-Term Assessment Support Service Package are not eligible for Add-On Services.

Child Placing Agency /Foster Family Home T3C Add-On Services (Continued)

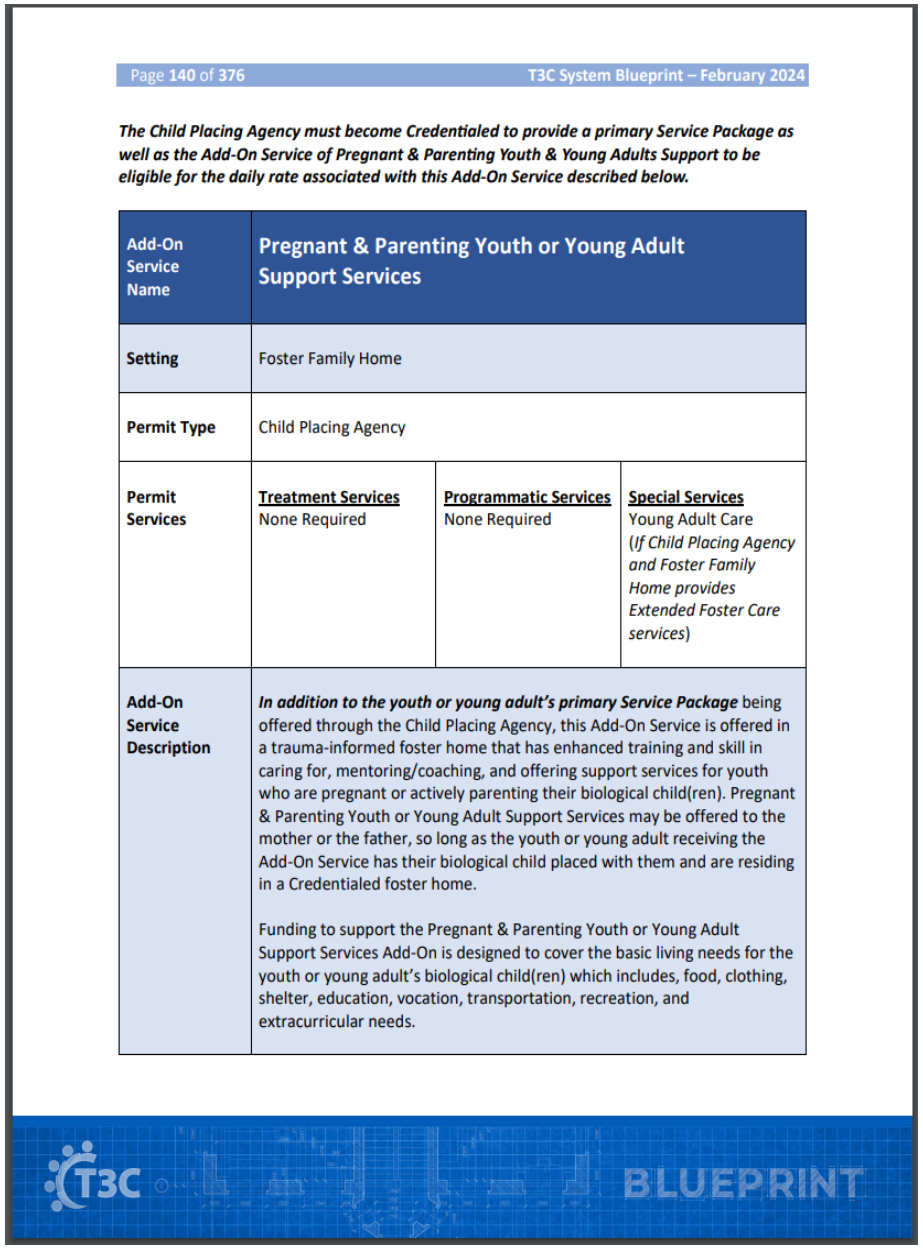
Each Add-On Service includes:

- **Add-On Service Name-** The "type" of T3C Add-On Service the Provider will become Credentialed to serve.
- **Setting-** The location type where the Add-On Service is being provided.
- **Permit Type-** The assumed HHSC-Child Care Regulatory Permit needed to become Credentialed and to offer this Add-On Service.
- **Permit Services-** The assumed HHSC-Child Care Regulatory Permit Services that would be needed to become Credentialed and to offer this Add-On Service.
- **Add-On Service Description-**Provides information on the intended youth, or young adult population receiving the Add-On Service and the expectations around the services and care provided.
- **Add-On Service Expectations-** Listing of the types of services, care coordination, and other requirements specific to the distinct Add-On Service.
- **Staffing Requirements-**Lists staff requirements and identified personnel and infrastructure that is needed to support the Add-On Service.
- **Generally Appropriate Staff to Youth or Young Adult Ratio Based on Add-On Service-**Provides guidelines which were used in determining the daily rate—**unless required by HHSC-CCR, these are *not* intended to serve as mandated ratios.**
- **Desired Individual Outcome**-Provides requirements around measuring youth or young adult outcomes associated with the Add-On Service.
- **Aftercare Services-**Requirements associated with the provision of Aftercare Services as required for the Add-On Service.

Child Placing Agency/Foster Family Home T3C Add-On Services

(Pages 130-145)

- (Pages 130-135) ***Transition Support Services for Youth & Young***-Add-On Service Requirements to become Credentialed
- (Pages 136-139) ***Kinship Caregiver Support Services***-Add-On Service Requirements to become Credentialed
- (Pages 140-145) ***Pregnant & Parenting Youth or Young Adult Support Services***-Add-On Service Requirements to become Credentialed



The Child Placing Agency must become Credentialed to provide a primary Service Package as well as the Add-On Service of Pregnant & Parenting Youth & Young Adults Support to be eligible for the daily rate associated with this Add-On Service described below.

Add-On Service Name	**Pregnant & Parenting Youth or Young Adult Support Services**		
Setting	Foster Family Home		
Permit Type	Child Placing Agency		
Permit Services	**Treatment Services** None Required	**Programmatic Services** None Required	**Special Services** Young Adult Care (*If Child Placing Agency and Foster Family Home provides Extended Foster Care services*)
Add-On Service Description	***In addition to the youth or young adult's primary Service Package*** being offered through the Child Placing Agency, this Add-On Service is offered in a trauma-informed foster home that has enhanced training and skill in caring for, mentoring/coaching, and offering support services for youth who are pregnant or actively parenting their biological child(ren). Pregnant & Parenting Youth or Young Adult Support Services may be offered to the mother or the father, so long as the youth or young adult receiving the Add-On Service has their biological child placed with them and are residing in a Credentialed foster home. Funding to support the Pregnant & Parenting Youth or Young Adult Support Services Add-On is designed to cover the basic living needs for the youth or young adult's biological child(ren) which includes, food, clothing, shelter, education, vocation, transportation, recreation, and extracurricular needs.		

General Residential Operations-Tier I T3C Treatment/Transition Service Packages

Here are some helpful hints for reviewing the T3C General Residential Operations-Tier I T3C Treatment/Transition Service Packages:

- Do not assume that because a T3C Service Package is similarly named to something offered in the system today that the requirements are the same– the T3C System and the Service Level System do not crosswalk to one another.

- Many of the parameters/requirements outlined in the Service Packages tie back to minimum standards, statute, or other requirements– so while there are items that are unique to the T3C System, many are already being provided by residential childcare providers today.

- Various requirements listed are the same across Service Packages, however there are differences based on the customized needs of the population, so it is important to review each individually.

- An individual child, youth, or young adult is only eligible to receive one Service Package at a time. The child, youth, or young adult, the SSCC or DFPS caseworker, and members of the child, youth, or young adult's permanency planning team, in collaboration with the General Residential Operation will identify the optimal Service Package at the time of placement.

General Residential Operation Tier I T3C Treatment/Transition Service Packages (Continued)

Each Service Package includes:

- **Service Package Name-** The "type" of T3C Service Package the Provider will become Credentialed to serve.
- **Setting-** The location type where the Service Package is being provided.
- **Permit Type-** The assumed HHSC-Child Care Regulatory Permit needed to become Credentialed and to offer this Service Package.
- **Permit Services-** The assumed HHSC-Child Care Regulatory Permit Services that would be needed to become Credentialed and to offer this Service Package.
- **Service Package Description-**Provides information on the intended child, youth, or young adult population receiving the Service Package and the expectations around the services and care provided.
- **Service Package Expectations-** Listing of the types of services, care coordination, and other requirements specific to the distinct Service Package.
- **Anticipated Length of Stay-**Outlines requirements for determining child's customized Length of Stay.
- **Staffing Requirements-**Lists staff requirements and identified personnel and infrastructure that is needed to support the Service Package.
- **Generally Appropriate Staff to Child Ratio Based on Service Package-**Provides guidelines which were used in determining the daily rate—**unless required by HHSC-CCR, these are *not* intended to serve as mandated ratios.**
- **Hours of Operation**- Admissions and placement hours required if Credentialed to Provide a distinct Service Package.
- **Desired Individual Outcome**-Provides requirements around measuring child outcomes associated with the Service Package.
- **Admission Guidelines-**Lists what must be considered by admissions staff when assessing the child, youth, or young adult for the Service Package.
- **Quality Assurance and Continued Stay Guidelines-** Describes requirements associated with assessing child's progress while receiving Service Package, and necessary approvals for continued services.
- **Aftercare Services(if applicable)** -Requirements associated with the provision of Aftercare Services as required for most Service Packages.

General Residential Operation- Tier I
T3C Treatment/Transition Service Packages
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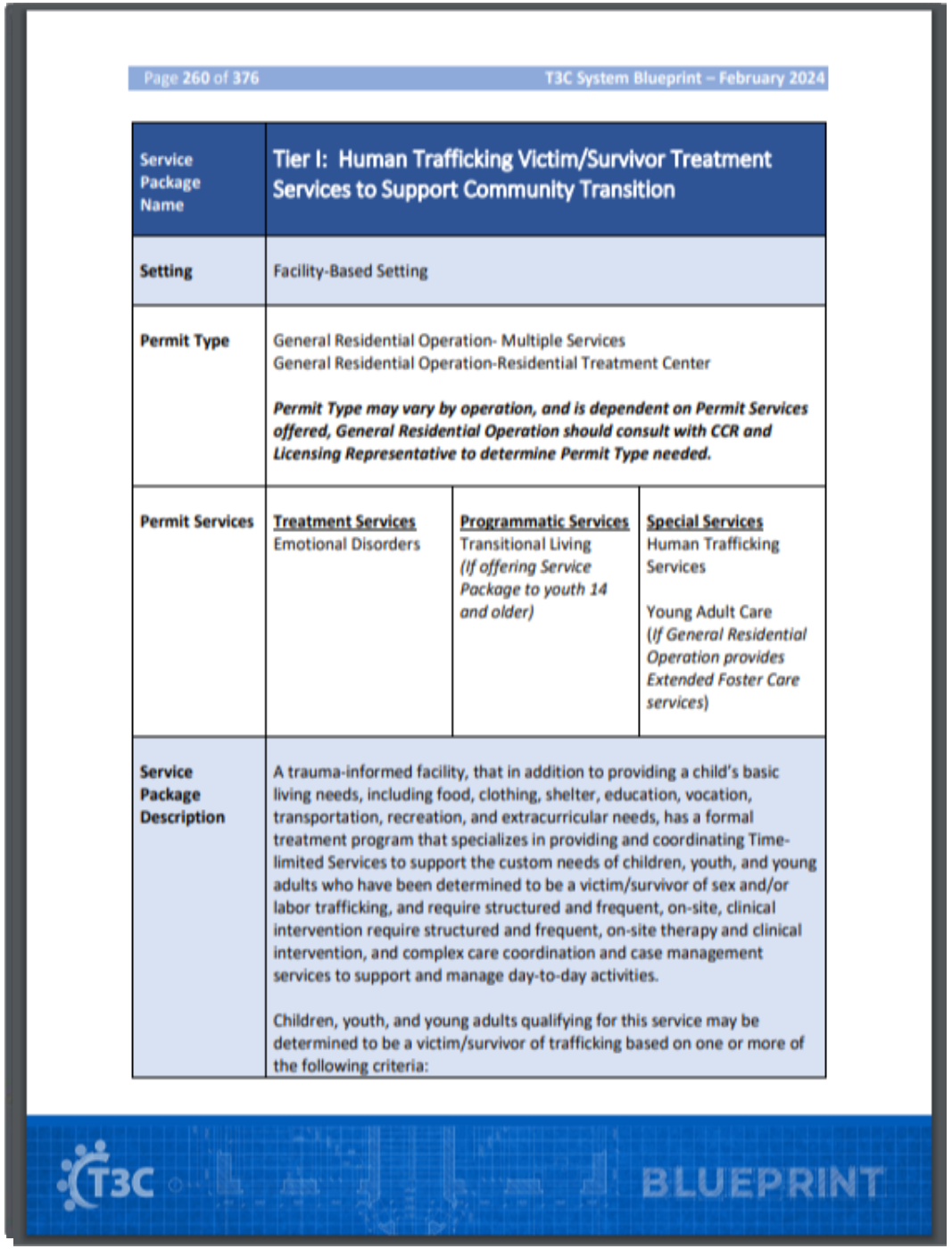
- (Pages 146-157) ***Tier I: Basic Child Care Operation***- Service Package Requirements to become Credentialed
- (Pages 158-173) ***Tier I: Services to Support Community Transition for Youth & Young Adults who are Pregnant or Parenting***-Service Package Requirements to become Credentialed
- (Pages 174-188) ***Tier I: Sexual Aggression/Sex Offender Treatment Services to Support Community Transition***- Service Package Requirements to become Credentialed
- (Pages 189-202) ***Tier I: Substance Use Treatment Services to Support Community Transition***- Service Package Requirements to become Credentialed
- (Pages 203-215) ***Tier I: Emergency Emotional Support & Assessment Center Services***- Service Package Requirements to become Credentialed
- (Pages 216-229) ***Tier I: Complex Medical Needs Treatment Services to Support Community Transition***- Service Package Requirements to become Credentialed
- (Pages 230-243) ***Tier I: Mental & Behavioral Health Treatment Services to Support Community Transition***- Service Package Requirements to become Credentialed
- (Pages 244-259) ***Tier I: Intellectual or Developmental Disability (IDD)/Autism Spectrum Disorder Treatment Services to Support Community Transition***- Service Package Requirements to become Credentialed
- (Pages 260-274) ***Tier I: Human Trafficking Victim/Survivor Treatment Services to Support Community Transition***- Service Package Requirements to become Credentialed



Service Package Name	Tier I: Human Trafficking Victim/Survivor Treatment Services to Support Community Transition		
Setting	Facility-Based Setting		
Permit Type	General Residential Operation- Multiple Services General Residential Operation-Residential Treatment Center ***Permit Type may vary by operation, and is dependent on Permit Services offered, General Residential Operation should consult with CCR and Licensing Representative to determine Permit Type needed.***		
Permit Services	**Treatment Services** Emotional Disorders	**Programmatic Services** Transitional Living *(If offering Service Package to youth 14 and older)*	**Special Services** Human Trafficking Services Young Adult Care *(If General Residential Operation provides Extended Foster Care services)*
Service Package Description	A trauma-informed facility, that in addition to providing a child's basic living needs, including food, clothing, shelter, education, vocation, transportation, recreation, and extracurricular needs, has a formal treatment program that specializes in providing and coordinating Time-limited Services to support the custom needs of children, youth, and young adults who have been determined to be a victim/survivor of sex and/or labor trafficking, and require structured and frequent, on-site, clinical intervention require structured and frequent, on-site therapy and clinical intervention, and complex care coordination and case management services to support and manage day-to-day activities. Children, youth, and young adults qualifying for this service may be determined to be a victim/survivor of trafficking based on one or more of the following criteria:		

General Residential Operations-Tier II T3C Stabilization Support Service Packages

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- Many of the parameters/requirements outlined in the Service Packages tie back to minimum standards, statute, or other requirements– so while there are items that are unique to the T3C System, many are already being provided by residential childcare providers today.

- Various requirements listed are the same across Service Packages, however there are differences based on the customized needs of the population, so it is important to review each individually.

- An individual child, youth, or young adult is only eligible to receive one Service Package at a time. The child, youth, or young adult, the SSCC or DFPS caseworker, and members of the child, youth, or young adult's permanency planning team, in collaboration with the General Residential Operation will identify the optimal Service Package at the time of placement.

General Residential Operation Tier II T3C Stabilization Support Service Packages (Continued)

Each Service Package includes:

- **Service Package Name-** The "type" of T3C Service Package the Provider will become Credentialed to serve.
- **Setting-** The location type where the Service Package is being provided.
- **Permit Type-** The assumed HHSC-Child Care Regulatory Permit needed to become Credentialed and to offer this Service Package.
- **Permit Services-** The assumed HHSC-Child Care Regulatory Permit Services that would be needed to become Credentialed and to offer this Service Package.
- **Service Package Description-**Provides information on the intended child, youth, or young adult population receiving the Service Package and the expectations around the services and care provided.
- **Service Package Expectations-** Listing of the types of services, care coordination, and other requirements specific to the distinct Service Package.
- **Anticipated Length of Stay-**Outlines requirements for determining child's customized Length of Stay.
- **Staffing Requirements-**Lists staff requirements and identified personnel and infrastructure that is needed to support the Service Package.
- **Generally Appropriate Staff to Child Ratio Based on Service Package-**Provides guidelines which were used in determining the daily rate—**unless required by HHSC-CCR, these are *not* intended to serve as mandated ratios.**
- **Hours of Operation**- Admissions and placement hours required if Credentialed to Provide a distinct Service Package.
- **Desired Individual Outcome**-Provides requirements around measuring child outcomes associated with the Service Package.
- **Admission Guidelines-**Lists what must be considered by admissions staff when assessing the child, youth, or young adult for the Service Package.
- **Quality Assurance and Continued Stay Guidelines-** Describes requirements associated with assessing child's progress while receiving Service Package, and necessary approvals for continued services.
- **Aftercare Services** -Requirements associated with the provision of Aftercare Services as required for most Service Packages.

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T3C Stabilization Support Service Packages
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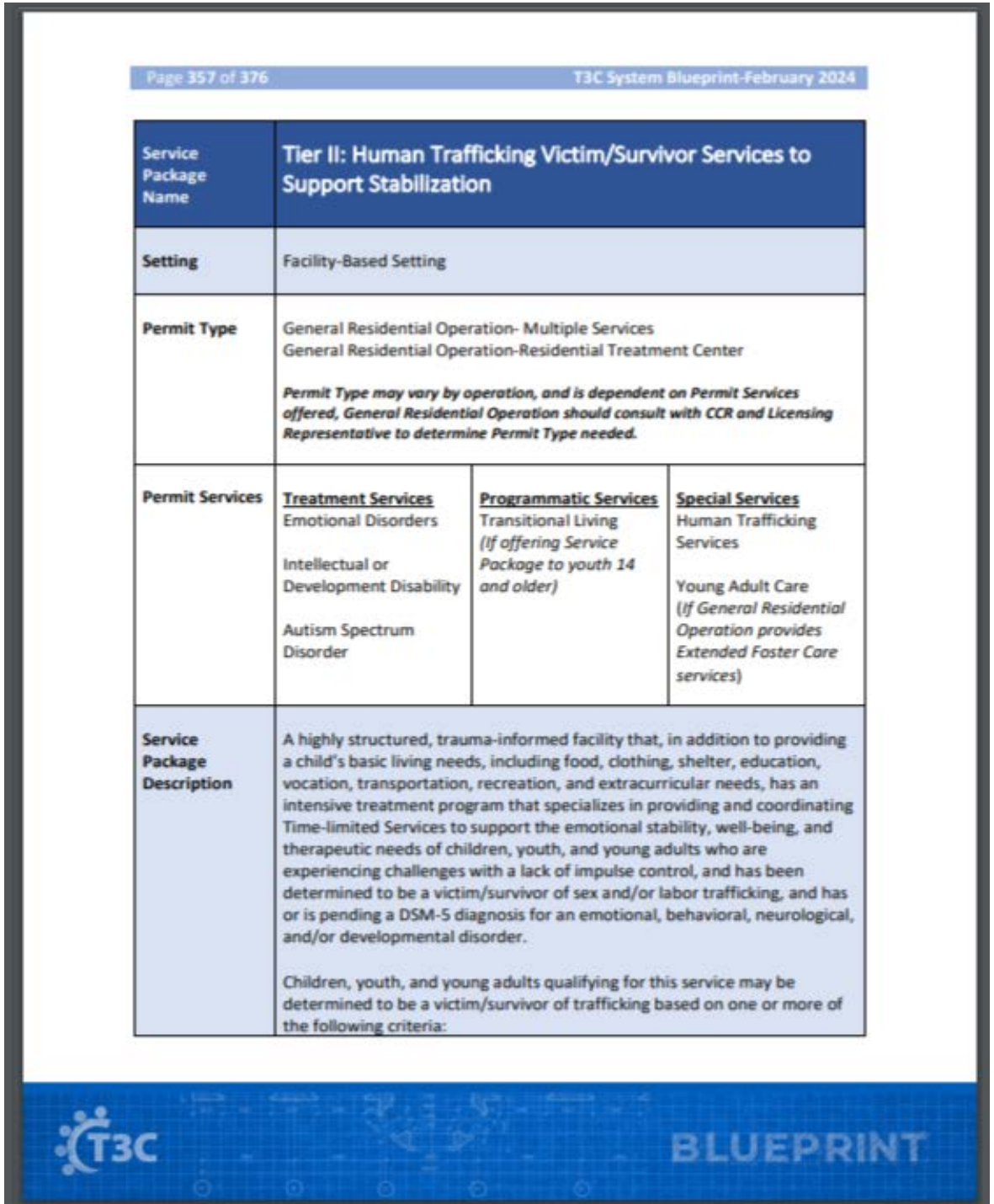
- (Pages 275-291) ***Tier II: Sexual Aggression/Sex Offender Services to Support Stabilization***- Service Package Requirements to become Credentialed
- (Pages 292-307) ***Tier II: Substance Use Services to Support Stabilization***- Service Package Requirements to become Credentialed
- (Pages 308-323) ***Tier II: Aggression/Defiant Disorder Services to Support Stabilization***- Service Package Requirements to become Credentialed
- (Pages 324-339) ***Tier II: Complex Mental Health Services to Support Stabilization***- Service Package Requirements to become Credentialed
- (Pages 340-356) ***Tier II: Complex Medical Services to Support Stabilization***- Service Package Requirements to become Credentialed
- (Pages 357-373) ***Tier II: Human Trafficking Victim/Survivor Services to Support Stabilization***- Service Package Requirements to become Credentialed



Service Package Name	Tier II: Human Trafficking Victim/Survivor Services to Support Stabilization		
Setting	Facility-Based Setting		
Permit Type	General Residential Operation- Multiple Services General Residential Operation-Residential Treatment Center ***Permit Type may vary by operation, and is dependent on Permit Services offered, General Residential Operation should consult with CCR and Licensing Representative to determine Permit Type needed.***		
Permit Services	**Treatment Services** Emotional Disorders Intellectual or Development Disability Autism Spectrum Disorder	**Programmatic Services** Transitional Living *(If offering Service Package to youth 14 and older)*	**Special Services** Human Trafficking Services Young Adult Care *(If General Residential Operation provides Extended Foster Care services)*
Service Package Description	A highly structured, trauma-informed facility that, in addition to providing a child's basic living needs, including food, clothing, shelter, education, vocation, transportation, recreation, and extracurricular needs, has an intensive treatment program that specializes in providing and coordinating Time-limited Services to support the emotional stability, well-being, and therapeutic needs of children, youth, and young adults who are experiencing challenges with a lack of impulse control, and has been determined to be a victim/survivor of sex and/or labor trafficking, and has or is pending a DSM-5 diagnosis for an emotional, behavioral, neurological, and/or developmental disorder. Children, youth, and young adults qualifying for this service may be determined to be a victim/survivor of trafficking based on one or more of the following criteria:		

Conclusion
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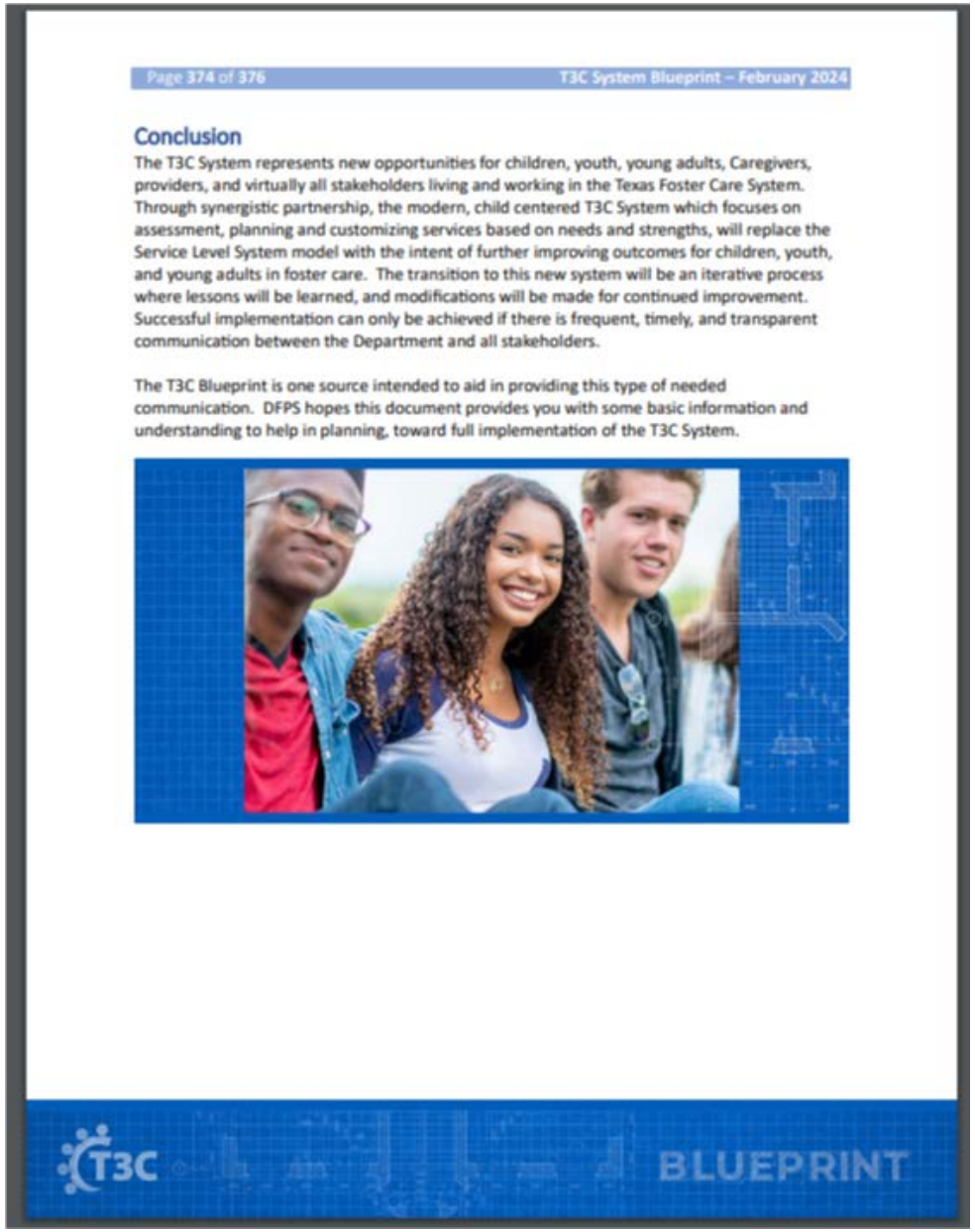
- Summarizes opportunities available under the T3C System, transition will be an iterative process, and success will only be achieved if there is frequent, timely, and transparent communication.



Conclusion

The T3C System represents new opportunities for children, youth, young adults, Caregivers, providers, and virtually all stakeholders living and working in the Texas Foster Care System. Through synergistic partnership, the modern, child centered T3C System which focuses on assessment, planning and customizing services based on needs and strengths, will replace the Service Level System model with the intent of further improving outcomes for children, youth, and young adults in foster care. The transition to this new system will be an iterative process where lessons will be learned, and modifications will be made for continued improvement. Successful implementation can only be achieved if there is frequent, timely, and transparent communication between the Department and all stakeholders.

The T3C Blueprint is one source intended to aid in providing this type of needed communication. DFPS hopes this document provides you with some basic information and understanding to help in planning, toward full implementation of the T3C System.

Appendix: T3C System Implementation and Deliverable Timeline
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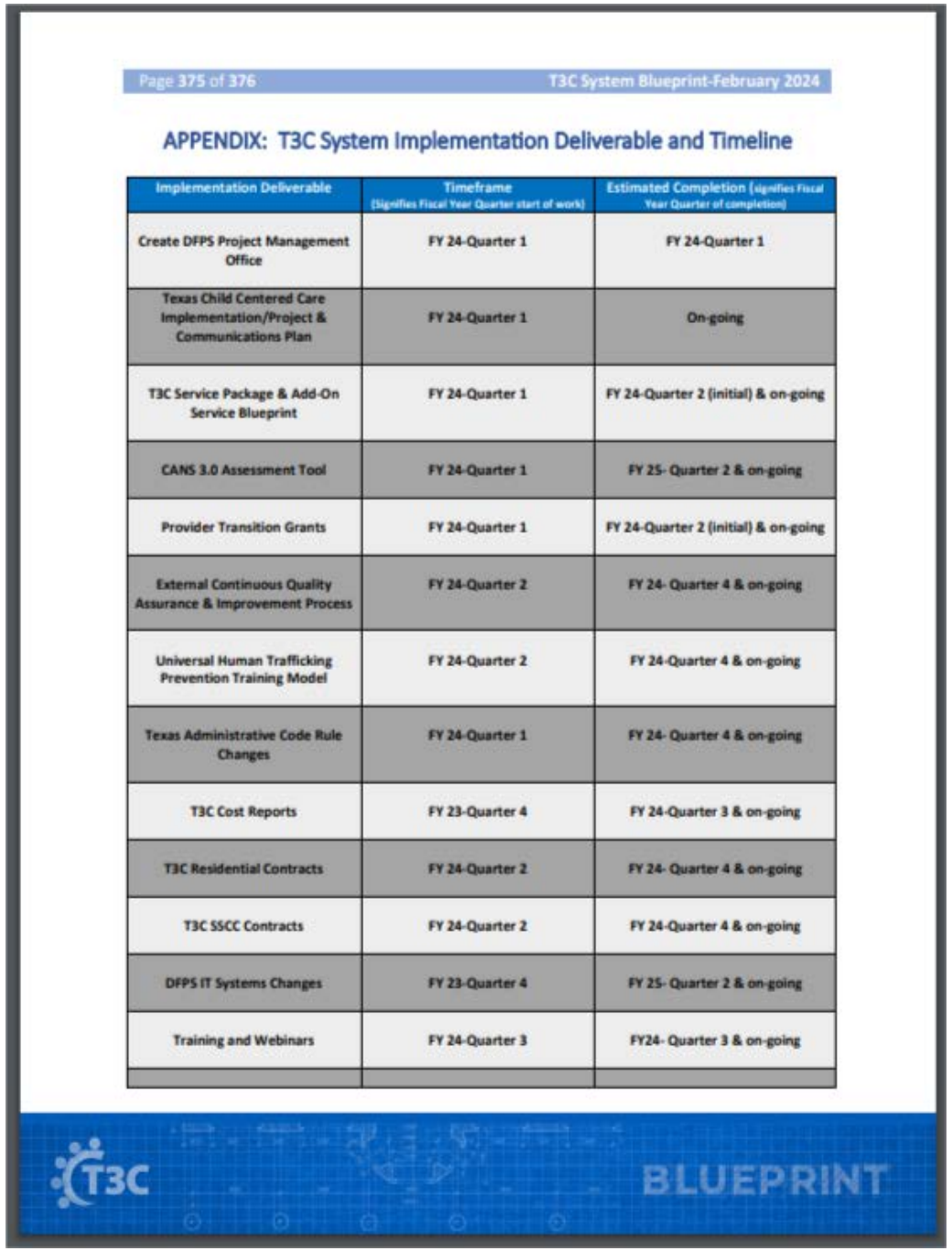
- Provides a listing of the Implementation Deliverables, Timeframe, and Estimated Completion by Fiscal Year and Quarter



APPENDIX: T3C System Implementation Deliverable and Timeline

Implementation Deliverable	Timeframe (Signifies Fiscal Year Quarter start of work)	Estimated Completion (signifies Fiscal Year Quarter of completion)
Create DFPS Project Management Office	FY 24-Quarter 1	FY 24-Quarter 1
Texas Child Centered Care Implementation/Project & Communications Plan	FY 24-Quarter 1	On-going
T3C Service Package & Add-On Service Blueprint	FY 24-Quarter 1	FY 24-Quarter 2 (initial) & on-going
CANS 3.0 Assessment Tool	FY 24-Quarter 1	FY 25- Quarter 2 & on-going
Provider Transition Grants	FY 24-Quarter 1	FY 24-Quarter 2 (initial) & on-going
External Continuous Quality Assurance & Improvement Process	FY 24-Quarter 2	FY 24- Quarter 4 & on-going
Universal Human Trafficking Prevention Training Model	FY 24-Quarter 2	FY 24-Quarter 4 & on-going
Texas Administrative Code Rule Changes	FY 24-Quarter 1	FY 24- Quarter 4 & on-going
T3C Cost Reports	FY 23-Quarter 4	FY 24-Quarter 3 & on-going
T3C Residential Contracts	FY 24-Quarter 2	FY 24- Quarter 4 & on-going
T3C SSCC Contracts	FY 24-Quarter 2	FY 24-Quarter 4 & on-going
DFPS IT Systems Changes	FY 23-Quarter 4	FY 25- Quarter 2 & on-going
Training and Webinars	FY 24-Quarter 3	FY24- Quarter 3 & on-going

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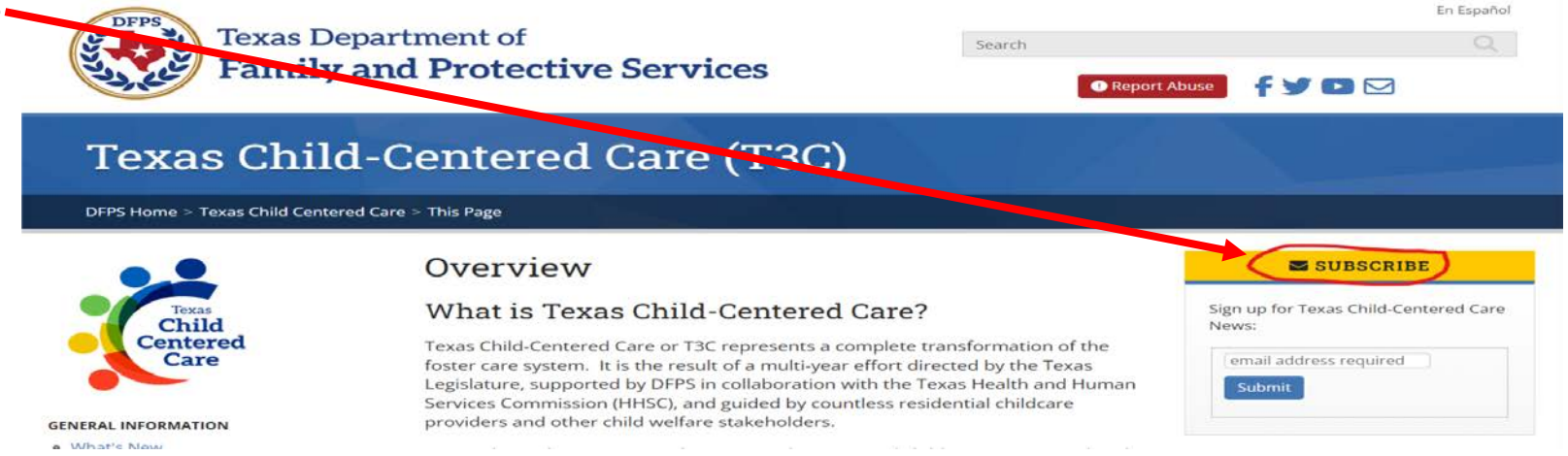
- On behalf of the T3C Project Management Office, thank you so much for attending today's webinar.
- We would love to hear from you! Please email us with any questions, comments, or feedback about the T3C System Blueprint or this webinar to dfpstexaschildcenteredcare@dfps.texas.gov.
- As a reminder we will be posting a copy of the PowerPoint and a recording of the webinar on the DFPS T3C webpage, which can be accessed by following https://www.dfps.texas.gov/Texas_Child_Centered_Care/
- If you have not already done so, please make sure to subscribe for news and updates on T3C on the DFPS webpage by registering your email address