



**T**his Legislative Data Book has been compiled as a descriptive statistical resource of the services provided by the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (PRS) to the people of the State of Texas. Information covered in this book covers the most frequently asked questions about child and adult protective services and licensing. Our hope is that it will be beneficial in answering some of the questions as well as being an ongoing resource document.

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# The mission of PRS is to protect the physical safety and emotional well-being of the most vulnerable citizens of Texas.

*In pursuit of this charge, this organization is committed to:*

- ★ reducing the risk and alleviating the effects of abuse, neglect, and/or exploitation of children, the elderly, and the disabled,
- ★ developing an agency culture which values quality client outcomes, innovation, and risk taking,
- ★ providing an environment which supports all members of the organization,
- ★ promoting full partnership with all stakeholders, including all levels of government, community organizations and interests, service providers, clients and families, and their advocates,
- ★ providing services which respect the diversity of Texas citizens reflected in differing values, cultures, beliefs, economic status, and geographic location,
- ★ encouraging efforts to prevent the need for services to those affected by abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and
- ★ supporting change of societal attitudes and tolerance of abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

## Objectives

- ★ Ensure that children suspected to be at risk of abuse and/or neglect receive prompt and effective investigative services.
- ★ Deliver quality in-home/family preservation services to all children found, by investigation, to need them.
- ★ Ensure that all children who are found to need substitute care are provided effective services until returned to their homes or another permanent placement.
- ★ Provide timely and quality investigations and protective services to adults in the community who are elderly and who are victims of maltreatment.
- ★ Ensure that all allegations of abuse and/or neglect in Texas Mental Health Mental Retardation (TxMHMR) residential and outreach programs are promptly and effectively investigated.
- ★ Regulate all child care facilities as required by law, to reduce the risk of serious injury, abuse, and communicable disease to children in these facilities.

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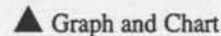


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