

Public Private Partnership Meeting

October 14, 2022

Welcome!

Introductions

PPP Co-Chairs - Jenifer Jarriel, Erica Banuelos, and Trisha Thomas

Single Source Continuum Contractor s (SSCCs) Updates

- Saint Francis
Community Services
- 2Ingage
- Our Community Our
Kids
- Belong



Saint Francis
MINISTRIES



Stage II

180 Days In:

Saint Francis Ministries case management model is in effect as 9-1-2022

Introduction of the following Child and Family assessments

- NCFAS (North Carolina Family Assessment Scale)
- Parenting Stress Index
- Ages and Stages
- Child and Family Profile
- Suicide Risk Assessment
- Parent Initial Screening Tool
- Ecomap

Family Engagement

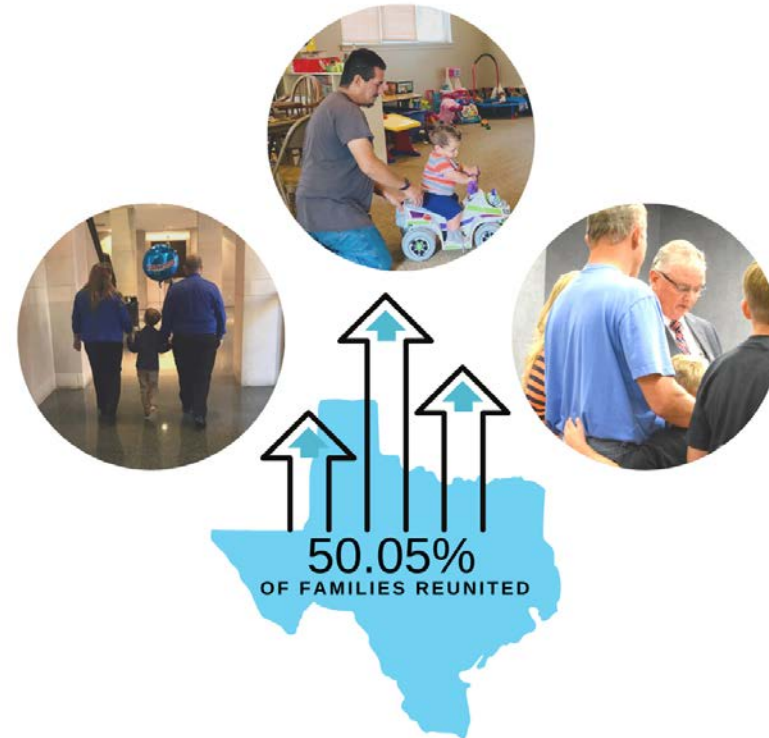
- Icebreaker Conversations
- Parent Support Workers
- Family Support Workers

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Hartley	Moore	Hutchinson	Roberts	Hemphill	
Oldham	Potter	Carson	Gray	Wheeler	
Deaf Smith	Randall	Armstrong	Donley	Collingsworth	
Parmer	Castro	Swisher	Briscoe	Hall	Childress
Bailey	Lamb	Hale	Floyd	Motley	
Cochran	Hockley	Lubbock	Crosby	Dickens	King
Yoakum	Terry	Lynn	Garza		

Newsworthy Updates

Good News!

- Since March 2022, average reunification rate is 50.5%
 - June 2022 high point of quarter at 54.3%
- Children placed in their home community:
 - June – 54.3%
 - July – 53.1%
 - Aug – 54.9%
- Siblings placed together: Average is 65.3% (June 68%, July 68.9%, Aug 68.4%)
- June 2022 – Aug 2022 no children under SSCC Supervision
- Connection Specialist have made almost 200 connections for youth.
- Overall, 53 fewer discharges comparing January – September 2021.



Partnership through Community

Community Engagement

Collaboration within communities to help meet the needs of children and families:

- Received \$153K furniture donation from Texas Tech University, serving over 300 local families and six community partners
- Participated in the Amarillo “State of the City” event hosted by Mayor Nelson to meet with new community partners in Potter-Randall counties
- First Baptist Church of Borger (Haven House) and First Baptist Church of Lubbock (Global Mission Center) opened their doors and hearts for supervised visitations
- Hosting internal staff Resource Fair with community partners
- Planning Trunk-or-Treat, Thanksgiving, and Christmas celebrations with community partners
- Planning National Adoption Day with local courts and community partners



Capacity Building

Pouring into our providers...

Saint Francis Qualified Residential Treatment Program:

- Continuing to hire leadership, counselors, and staff

Continued work within the SSCC Shared Capacity Plan:

- Foster Care Recruitment Blitz – Collaboration with
- Kinship Support – Signed contract with A Second Chance Inc. to really drive expansion of Kinship Support and Reunification Services

Continued work within Saint Francis Capacity Building:

- Kinship Support – Disbursed \$200K to support kinship families and provider support towards licensing kinship families
- Treatment Foster Care – Collaborating with TFI to bring the Professional Foster Parent Model to Region 1
- Placement Incentives – Incentivizing placement children over 10 years of age and sibling groups
- Network Development –All \$245K of this funding was disbursed out amongst providers in Region 1, which is very exciting – tells us we are growing and pouring into our provider network through quality trainings, accreditation, and implementing various evidence-based treatment models
- Retention and Recruitment – SFM disbursed all \$440K to our providers in Region 1 - to support staffing incentives for partner agencies, foster parent events, and building necessary resources (e.g., daycare and childcare, extracurricular and educational needs, and respite)
- Partnering with Region 1 residentials to grow capacity despite challenges





Saint Francis
Texas

Thank you for your time!

Rachel Williams-Ehue, Regional Vice President

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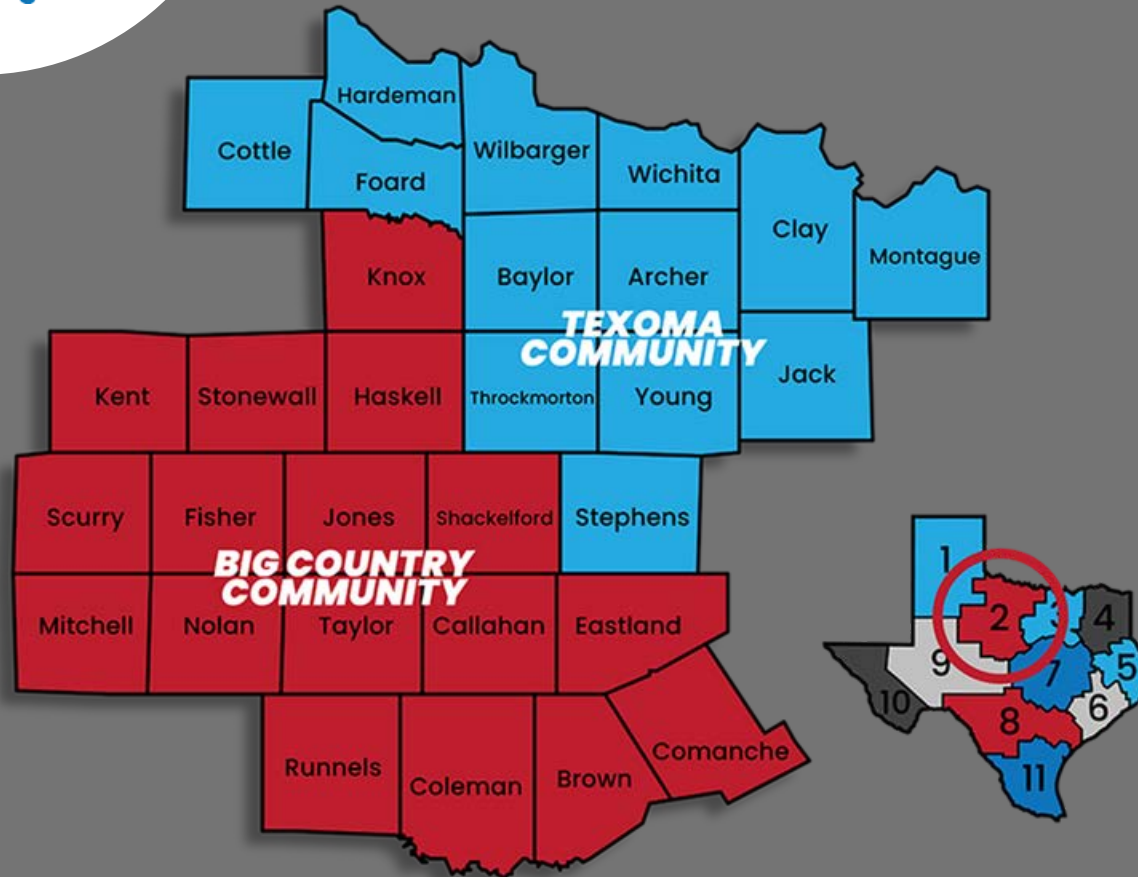
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REGION 2 COUNTIES



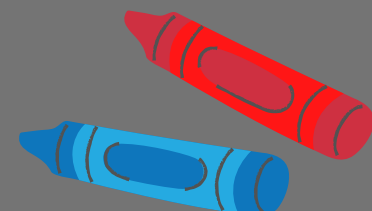
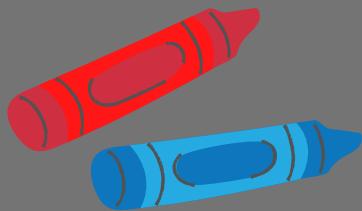


COMMUNITY EVENTS IN THE BIG COUNTRY DURING AUGUST

8/13: 2INGage, Abilene ISD Homeless Student Ministry and Remax partnered to hold the Big Country's first annual large scale school supply giveaway and resource fair at the Convention Center in Abilene.

The Taylor County Child Welfare Board and Remax also donated a total of 12 door prizes to include bicycles, scooters and a hoverboard for the event. 2INGage and Abilene ISD are excited to partner again next year and ensure this is an annual event for the Big Country.

Total children served: 875
Total school districts represented: 19





COMMUNITY EVENTS IN THE BIG COUNTRY DURING SEPTEMBER

9/9 - 9/17: 2INgage, Pathways, Arrow, TFI and Methodist Children's Home all shared a booth space for the West Texas Fair and Rodeo in a joint effort to recruit more foster parents. There was a great turnout each of the 9 days and many people were interested in fostering and learning more child welfare in their home communities.

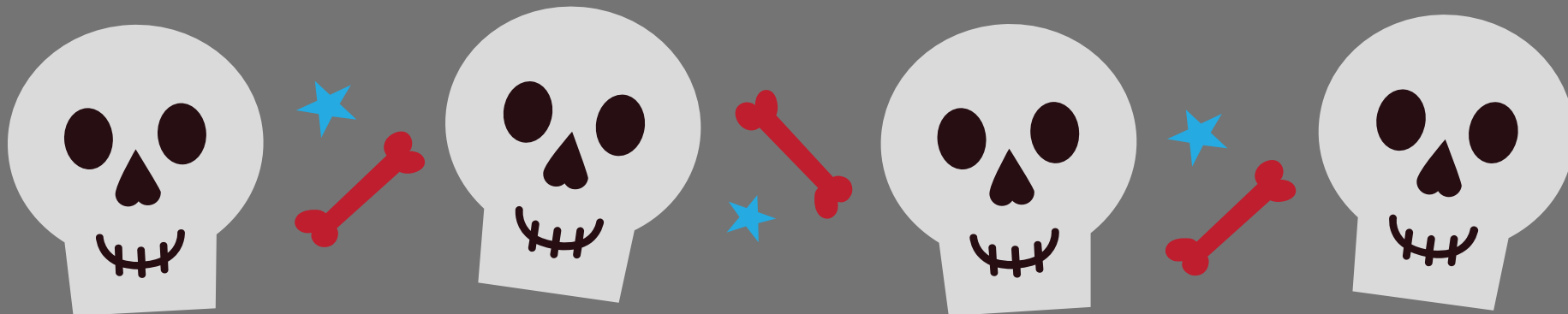
9/20: 2INgage partnered with Arrow Child & Family Ministries and the International Rescue Committee to provide a training in Abilene that was open to everyone in the community and will focused on the basics of human trafficking, who the victims are and empowering individuals to join the fight against human trafficking.



COMMUNITY EVENTS IN THE BIG COUNTRY DURING OCTOBER

10/1: 2INgage and DFPS partnered to set up a booth at RipFest in Eastland in an effort to bring awareness to the community and recruit foster parents. Hundreds of local residents attended the area's largest event of the year.

Throughout the month of October, 2INgage will also be participating in various trunk-or-treats throughout the Big Country community.





SOLUTION BASED CASEWORK

www.solutionbasedcasework.com

By implementing the model, Reunification Outcomes have significantly increased. From June 2021 to May 2022, there were a total of 327 children that were able to be reunified with their biological family. In 5 months, 2INGage trained 82 additional staff on the model to ensure workers are using a system of milestones to achieve common goals and focus on the family in order to support the safety and well-being of their children.



**EVERY KID IS ONE
CARING ADULT
AWAY FROM BEING
A SUCCESS STORY.**

-JOSH SHIPP

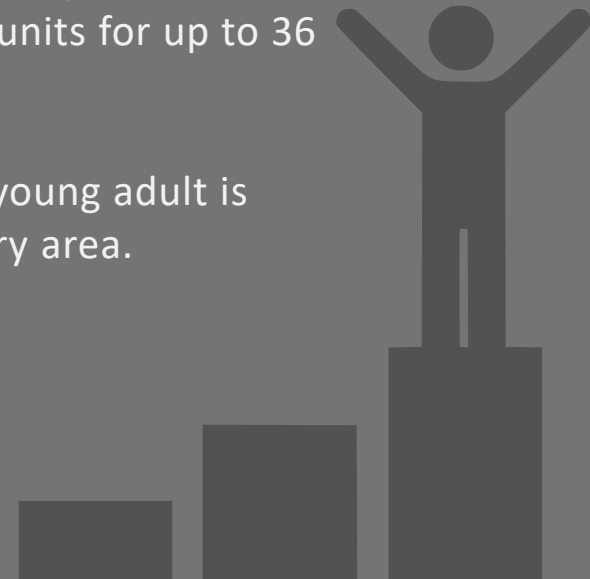


PREPARATION FOR ADULT LIVING

Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) Voucher program

FYI is a new partnership between 2INGage, DFPS, Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas, BCFS, and the Abilene Housing Authority. Through this partnership, can receive housing vouchers within the Big Country area. They can live in these units for up to 36 months.

The age range for eligibility is 18-24 years old. Any former foster young adult is eligible, even if they were not removed from the Big Country area.





REBRANDING FOSTER CARE

2INGage became a pilot site for TXPOP implementation in 2022. TXPOP refocuses practice, strengthens the workforce, and transforms how systems treat families within foster care.

8/8 & 8/9: The TXPOP Child Welfare Academy was hosted in Abilene and open to all members of the community.

To further promote family engagement and support the TXPOP model, 2INGage continues to host monthly listening sessions in Abilene and began monthly sessions in Brownwood in August 2022.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



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UPDATE: OUR COMMUNITY OUR KIDS (OCOK)

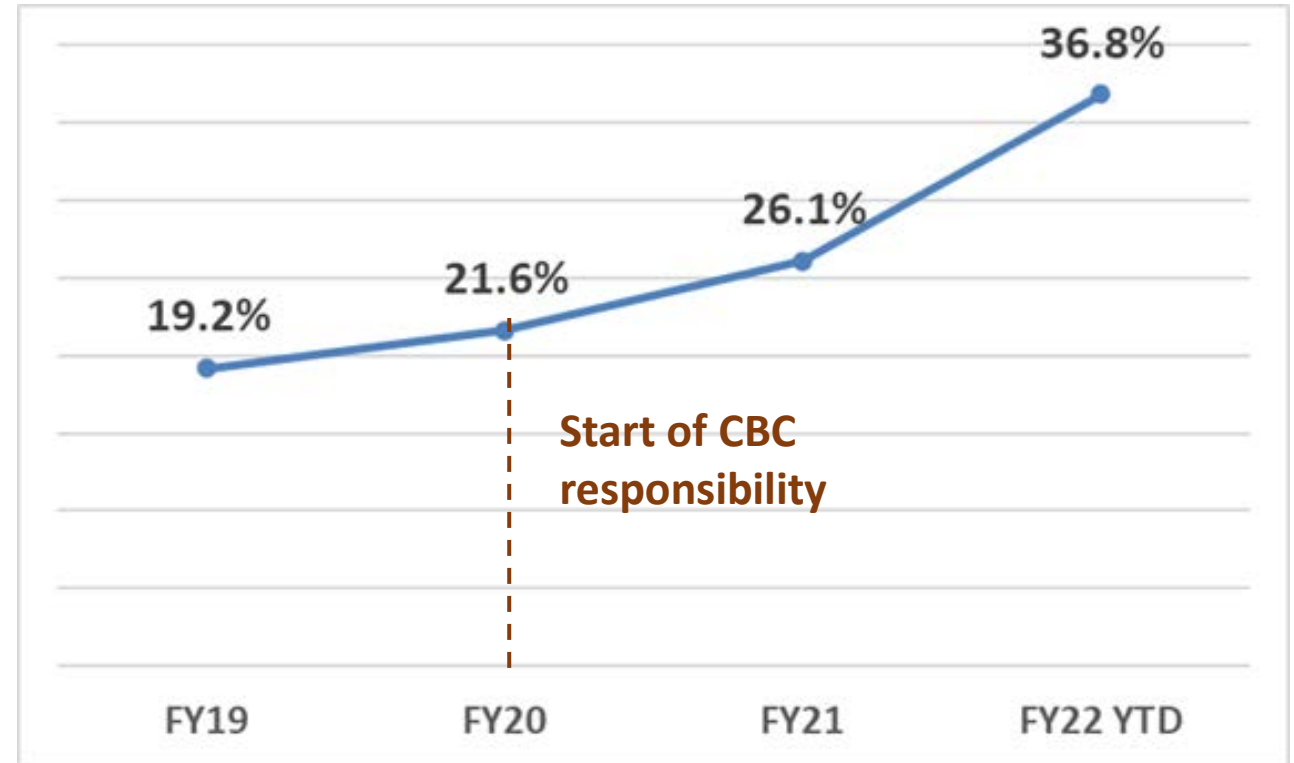
Region 3b: Public Private Partnership meeting – October 2022

Goal: Increase Safe Kinship Placements

Some key elements that have led to Kinship Growth in Region 3b

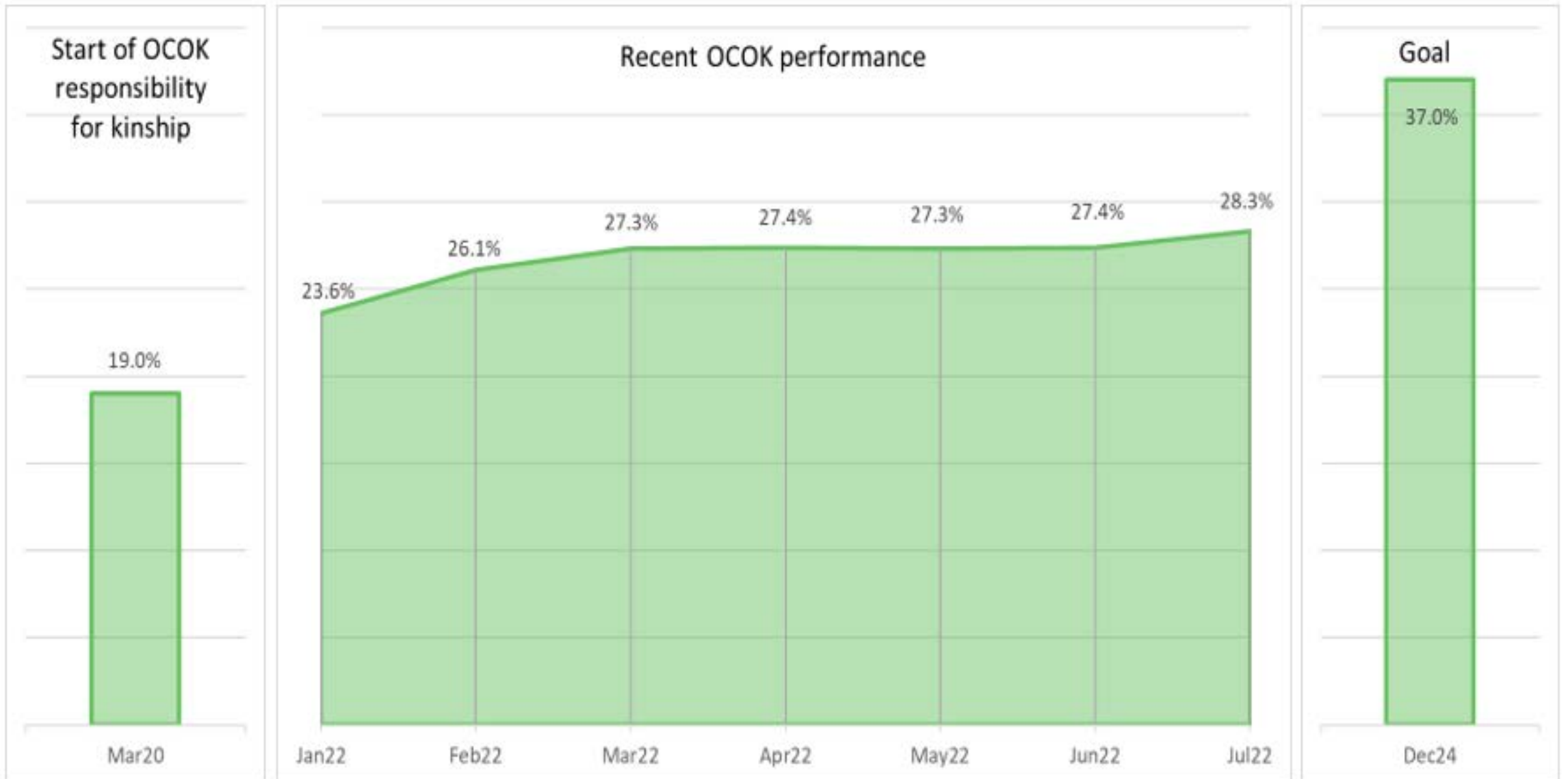
- ✓ Organizational focus on increasing kinship (it's not just one department).
- ✓ Multifaceted, strategic approach using national experts and a plan.
- ✓ Strategic alignment with other community resources.
- ✓ Recognition of need for culture change.
- ✓ Focus on implementation and eliminating barriers.
- ✓ Creation of a Learning Community with other SSCCs.

Percentage of new removals in kinship care on day 60



Beyond the contract outcome - overall kinship care capacity growth

Children in kinship care on the last day of the month, as a percentage of all children in care



Goal: Launch Texas Families First Pilot

Evidence-Based Family Preservation Services

Functional Family Therapy

- OCOK is partnering with TFI for implementation across Regions 2 and 3b
- Youth 11-18 yrs— violence, drug abuse/use, conduct disorder, family conflict-risk factors

High Fidelity Wraparound accompanied by Motivational Interviewing

- Implementation in Tarrant, Johnson, Hood, Somervell, Erath, Palo Pinto counties
- Children 0-10 yrs—behavioral or emotional problems



our community our kids

a division of ACH Child and Family Services

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Oct. 14, 2022



Who We Are

A division of SJRC Texas



Provider for Community-
Based Care for the South
Central &
Hill Country
Region, covering 27 Texas
counties



Mission

To offer healing & hope to children & families affected by abuse, abandonment or neglect

Vision

Abused and neglected children will be empowered to grow up to be happy, productive and caring adults



Where is the South Central & Hill Country Region?

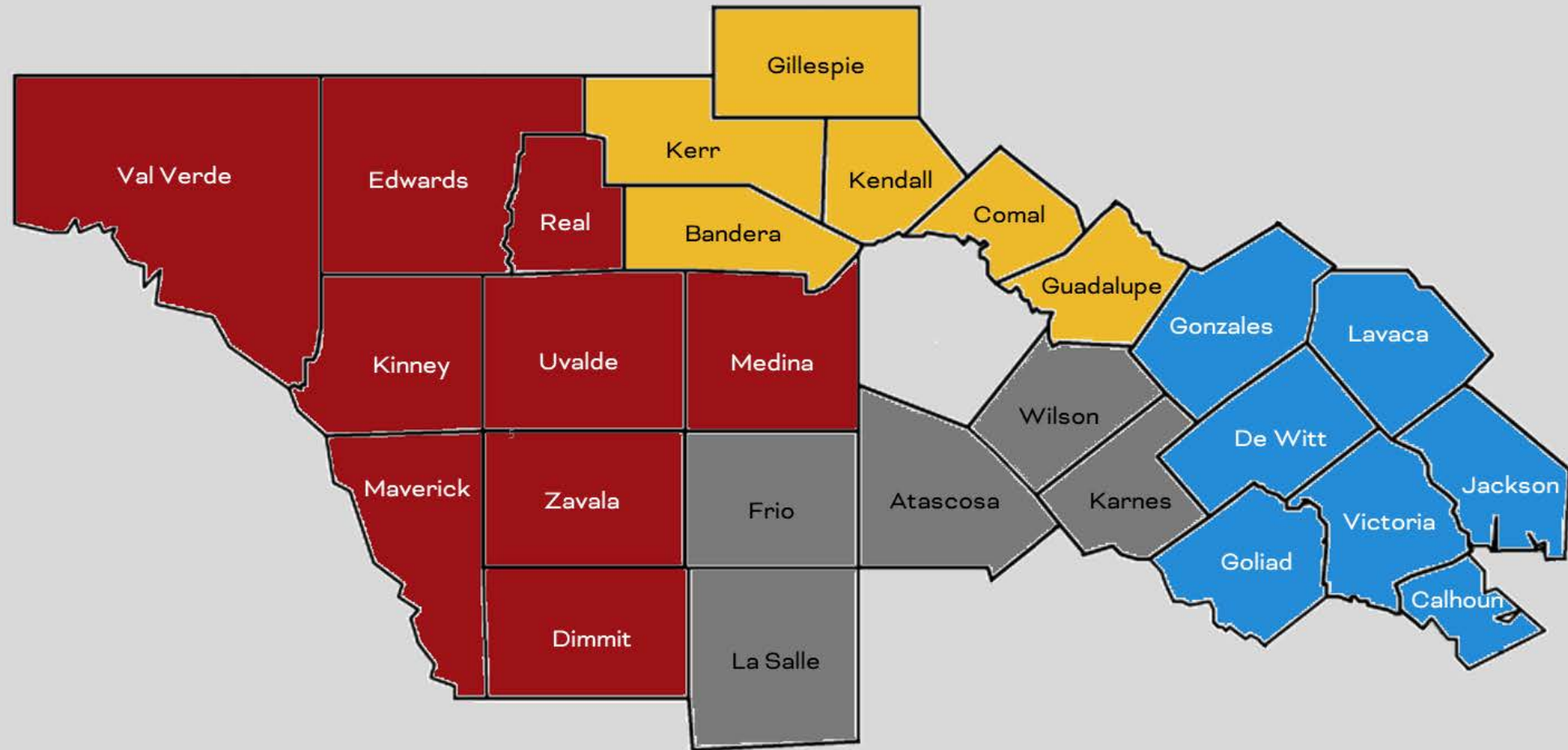


North

East

South

West



Implementation Update

CBC progresses in stages, moving responsibility for foster care placement, case management and services from the state to Belong.

Start Up
April 2021

Stage I
Oct 27,
2021
Placement

Stage II
Oct 1, 2022
Case Mgmt.



Placement Progress

Since launching services, we have completed **1,242** placements.

Nearly **70%** of South Central & Hill Country Region children are placed in a foster home or residential operation within

Region 8 (including Bexar Co.).

Of youth currently in Belong network, **77%** of paid placement days are spent in a **family setting.**

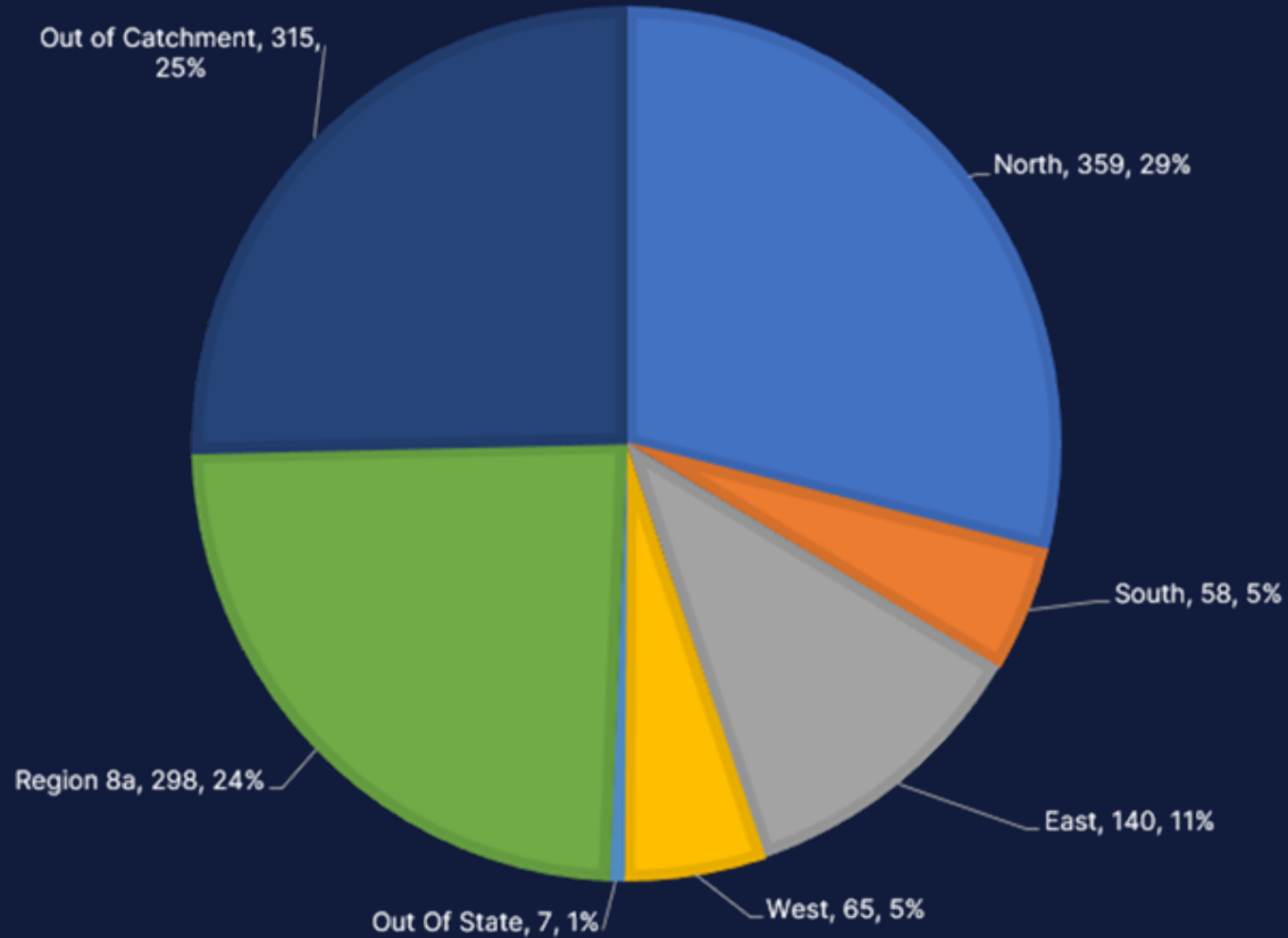


100% of our youth have remained safe while in care





Placement of Youth in Belong Network by Location





Capacity Building Efforts

- Contracted with more than **138** providers and **183** programs in network.
- Our Capacity **Building** efforts are focusing on the **right** capacity:
 - Continued collaboration with South Texas Alliance for Orphans to target faith community for recruitment of teen foster homes.
 - Partnership with Chosen and SJRC Texas to provide in-home support to families, as well as develop Kinship Treatment Foster Care program.
 - Targeted recruitment campaign through joint collaborative with the Texas Alliance for Child and Family Services is ongoing. Over **160** leads were generated since May 2022 to recruit foster families.
 - Provider Support and Consultation to ensure providers have the necessary tools to be successful with our youth.
- Touchstone Alliance is partnering with SJRC Texas to provide appropriate behavioral, mental and physical support services for high-acuity youth in the form of a Stabilization and Assessment Center utilizing the Neurosequential Model.
 - This program is comprised of ~20 beds at our Bulverde location focusing on:
 - Integrative Team-Driven Decisions
 - Reducing Psychiatric Hospital Readmissions
 - Increasing Subsequent Placement Disruptions
 - Safe and Structured Environment
 - Carefully Managed Transitions

SSCC Supervision

The Belong House is utilized as SSCC Supervision for emergency use only.

It has been
over 79 days

since a youth has been at the Belong House.



From Stage I Go Live Date of October 27, 2021 there have only been 6 total instances of youth in SSCC Supervision – each at separate times and none more than 5 consecutive days.

Stage II Launch- October 1, 2022



- Accelerated timeline
- Readiness Process
- Transitioned 88 new staff- including some promotions



- Unit Support Roles
 - Case Care
 - Permanency Specialists
 - Adoption Specialists
 - Kinship Specialists
 - Child Safety Specialists
 - Family Engagement Specialists
 - Clinical Coordinator
 - ICPC/Day Care
 - Family Navigator
 - Mobile Care Aids



Stage II Workgroups



- Administrative
- Case Transition
- CMO, Compliance, Performance
- Communications
- Financial Resource Network
- IT Transition
- Joint Operations Manual
- Personnel Transition
- Training Transition
- Culture of Change throughout





Staff Transition Breakdown

- Total of 88 DFPS staff transitioned to Belong
- All transitioning staff salaries were matched or raised, and there are **no waiting periods** to start insurance or 401K contributions
- 83 out of 146 affected staff transitioning to Belong (56.85%)
- Additional 5 non-affected staff are:
 - 1 Program Administrator
 - 1 Program Director
 - 1 Supervisor
 - 2 FGDM Specialists

We are now 253 team members strong!

Position Category	Count
Supervisory Staff	6
CVS Workers	58
Kinship	4
LPS	3
Support Staff	12
Program Director	0

Stage II Office Sites/Shared Space

North Sub-Region

- Locations secured:
 - Comal Co. Child Advocacy Center-New Braunfels
 - Hill Country CASA-Kerrville
 - Cibolo YMCA
 - Boerne Chamber of Commerce
 - SJRC Texas Family Resource Center-New Braunfels

West Sub-Region

- Location secured:
 - Val Verde Community Center-Del Rio

East Sub-Region

- Location secured:
 - Foster Parents of Victoria
- In process:
 - Family Service Association-Crystal City
 - Medina County Courthouse space-Hondo
 - City of Eagle Pass Resource Center
 - Bluebonnet Children's Advocacy Center-Uvalde



Welcome New Leadership- All Joining Us From DFPS



VP of Permanency
Shannon Walker



VP of Placement &
Support Services
Robyn Muennink



Permanency
Director - Specialty
Cherrelle Herber



Permanency Director -
S/W
Stephanie Kirkpatrick



Permanency Director -
N/E
Christy Doerr

What Words Describe the Process?



A hand holding a red marker points to the word "collaboration" in a word cloud. The word cloud contains various terms related to the process, including:

- background
- teamwork
- curriculum
- mentors
- guidance
- file share
- tracking
- proactive planning
- training support
- critical thinking
- mentor support
- collaboration
- encouragement
- time
- support
- processes
- organization
- skills
- tracking sheets
- communication
- training calendars
- project management
- challenge the process
- troubleshooting
- technical assistance
- innovative
- cbts

Quote

“And suddenly you know:
It's time to start
something new and trust
the magic of beginnings.”

Questions/Comments



Questions? Comments?



Thank You!

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Unsolicited Bid Steps

Trisha Thomas, Community-Based Care Statewide Director (OCBCT)

Capacity Building

DFPS and SSCCs

Children Without Placement Update

Erica Banuelos, CPS Associate Commissioner (DFPS)

Transition to PPP and CARP Shared Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

PPP Co-Chairs and CARP Co-Chairs

Shared Agenda for CARP and PPP

Jenifer Jarriel and Scott Lundy

Lawsuit Updates

Corliss Lawson, DFPS Deputy Commissioner

DFPS Updates

- Treatment Foster Care Update
- Qualified Residential Treatment Placement Updates
- Supplemental Rate Increase

Jillian Bonacquisti, DFPS Director of Placement Services
Hector Ortiz, DFPS Director of Conservatorship

Prevention and Early Intervention Updates

- PEI 101

- FFPSA Overview

- House Bill 3041 Updates

Sasha Rasco, Associate Commissioner for Prevention and Community Well-Being (DFPS)



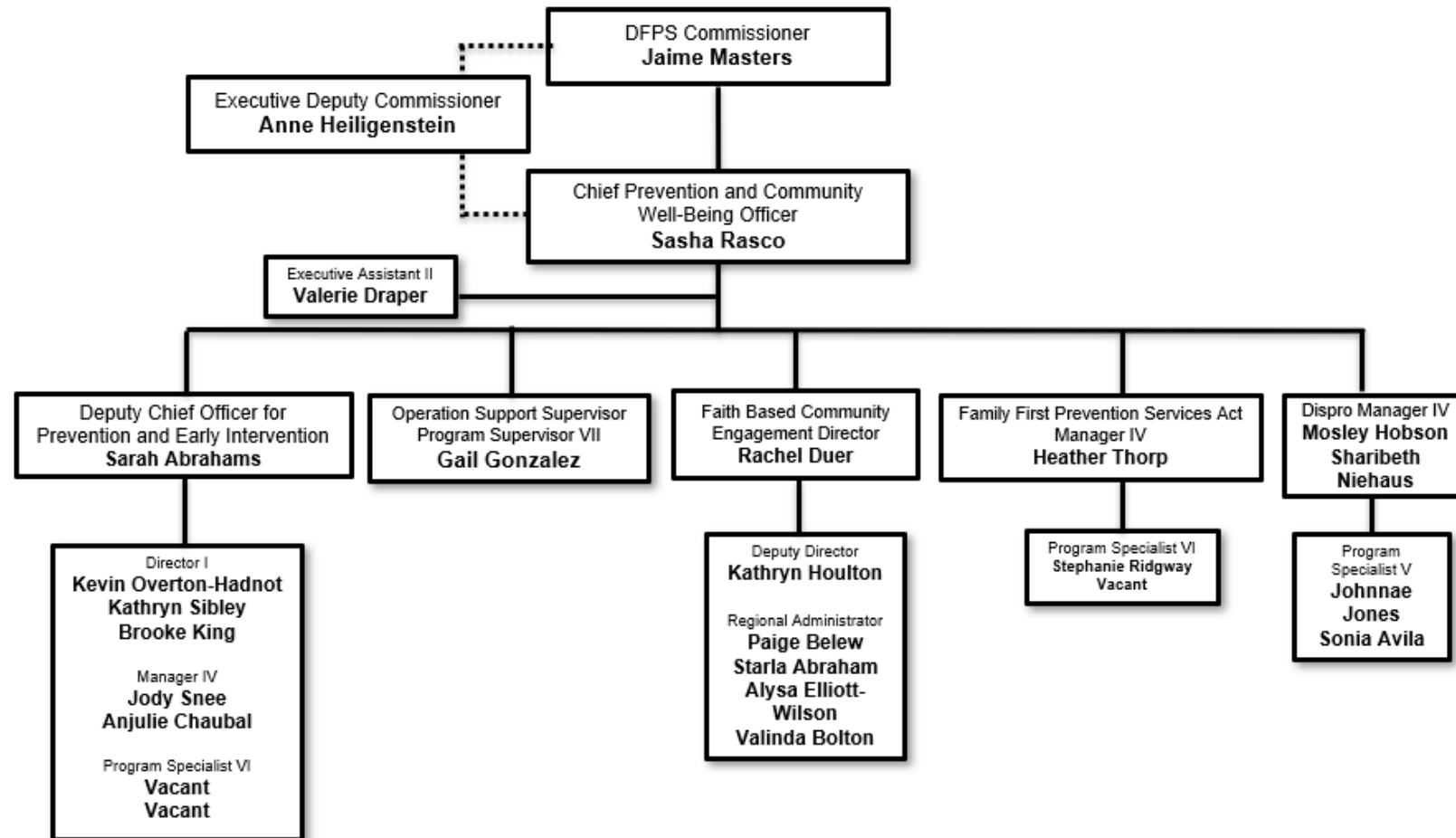
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The State of Prevention in Texas



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PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY WELL-BEING Organizational Chart
Sasha Rasco, Chief Prevention and Community Well-Being Direct Reports





The View from Upstream

Promoting opportunities for partnerships with families that capitalize on the strengths of parents and children together to build healthy families and resilient communities upstream from crisis.



Prevention and Early Intervention

Using a public health framework to promote positive outcomes for children, youth and families by providing upstream services and supports before crisis and more intensive interventions.



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Office of Child Safety



199 children died due to abuse and neglect in Texas;

In most of these cases (177) there was no CPI investigation or ongoing services stage open at that time, so there was no regular monitoring of the family occurring that could have protected the child; and

The most common causes of fatalities involving neglect were drowning, unsafe sleep, and vehicle-related fatalities

Prevention in Texas



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Everyone has
a role to play
in prevention



PEI's Five-Year Strategic Plan



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With a rapidly increasing child population, it is crucial that Texas employs effective upstream prevention efforts.



American Rescue Plan Act



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Texas Community Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) ARPA:

- Supplemental CBCAP grant funding through **FY 2025**
- Funding targeted to primary and secondary prevention efforts and **alleviating the stress of the pandemic.**
- PEI is largely using for **expansion of existing PEI programming and innovative service delivery.**



American Rescue Plan Act



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Texas Maternal Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) ARPA

- **Mobile application** for potential families to connect with LIAs, register for services, and complete surveys online
- **Mothers and Babies training** available statewide to home visiting staff as an intervention for the prevention of post partum depression
- Majority of funding distributed to Texas home Visiting grantees for **allowable HRSA uses** (a right) with priority for incentive pay for staff

Incentive Pay for front line staff up to \$5,000 Per FTE

Home Visitor Training

Technology for Enrolled Families

Emergency Supplies for Enrolled Families

Diaper Bank Coordination

Prepaid Grocery Cards up to \$500 Per Enrolled Family

American Rescue Plan Act Impact



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"Many staff mentioned they felt appreciated and valued by their organization because of the incentive pay."

"Clients continue to express great appreciation for the assistance. Many have commented about how the gift card eased their burdens as they struggle to deal with rising prices."

"Diapers and wipes were particularly helpful as families sometimes struggled to find items in stock and may not have been able to search multiple stores for items due to financial hardship and/or lack of transportation."

"Due to the monthly incentive pay, a HIPPI home visitor has decided to use her funds for college courses."

"The \$250 grocery card was especially helpful to a mother of six children."

"Through sharing the information regarding the prepaid grocery gift cards, we were able to reconnect with two families that had not had a visit in the last two months "

Innovations



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“ The support we received was welcomed and came at a time when we, as parents, needed to hear that we were not terrible at what we are doing.”

~ PEI Program Participant

Community Risk Maps



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Maltreatment Risk

Data presented in these maps are the estimated risk of maltreatment in communities across Texas. Data are not presented for communities with small child populations as these estimates are not reliable.

Learn more about a community's maltreatment risk by selecting it on the map and clicking "search" or by typing in the ZIP Code or county in the search bar

[Webinars](#)

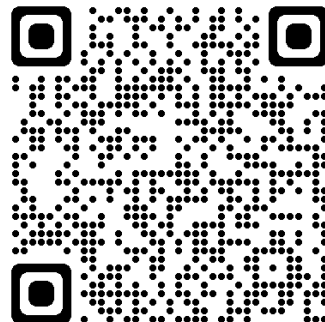
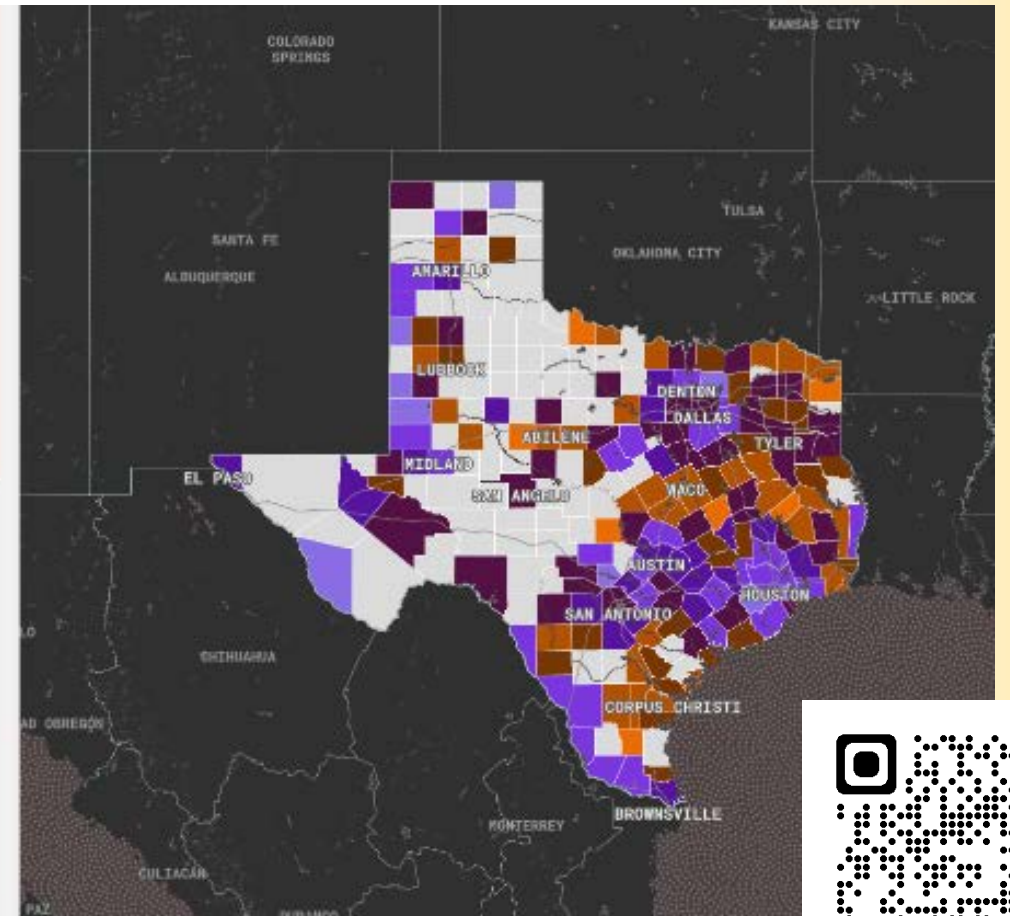
[Variable Definitions](#)

[Data Sources](#)

To request the predicted maltreatment risk score map layers for your modeling software, email us at txsafefamilies@utsystem.edu.

Age group: Geography:

Search by ZIP Code or county:



Innovation Grants



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Grantee Name	PEI Grant	County	Elevating parent and youth voice and leadership	Promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion	Meeting families' basic needs	Providing crisis support to families	Innovation
Any Baby Can	TNFP	Travis				X	Mental health and support services for first-time mothers and their families
Boys and Girls Club of Central Texas	CYD	Bell	X	X			Youth programming and interorganizational DEI activities
City of Laredo	TNFP	Webb	X		X	X	Parent Crisis Support Project providing women and parents behavioral health support
El Paso Center For Children	FAYS	El Paso	X	X	X	X	Latinx traditional support model, the Promotora, to support family well-being and safety.
Family Service Center of Galveston County	FAYS	Galveston	X	X			Pilot of an organizational model to advance equity and diversity; parent and youth advisory groups.
Montgomery County Youth Services	FAYS	Montgomery			X	X	New approach to assist FAYS participants through coaching and navigation of community assistance
Motivation, Education and Training, Inc	HOPES	Montgomery	X	X	X	X	Partnership for Thriving Families project, including direct support for basic needs and a mobile <i>Wellness Wagon</i> .
Tarrant County	CYD	Tarrant	X	X	X	X	Help Me Thrive framework to connect families with children ages 6-17 with needed services; parent and
United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County	HOPES	Bexar	X	X		X	Parent advisory committee, increased crisis supports, and training on cultural responsiveness.
Women in Need of Generous Support	TNFP	Dallas			X		Programming to increase economic security and basic needs support for first-time mothers

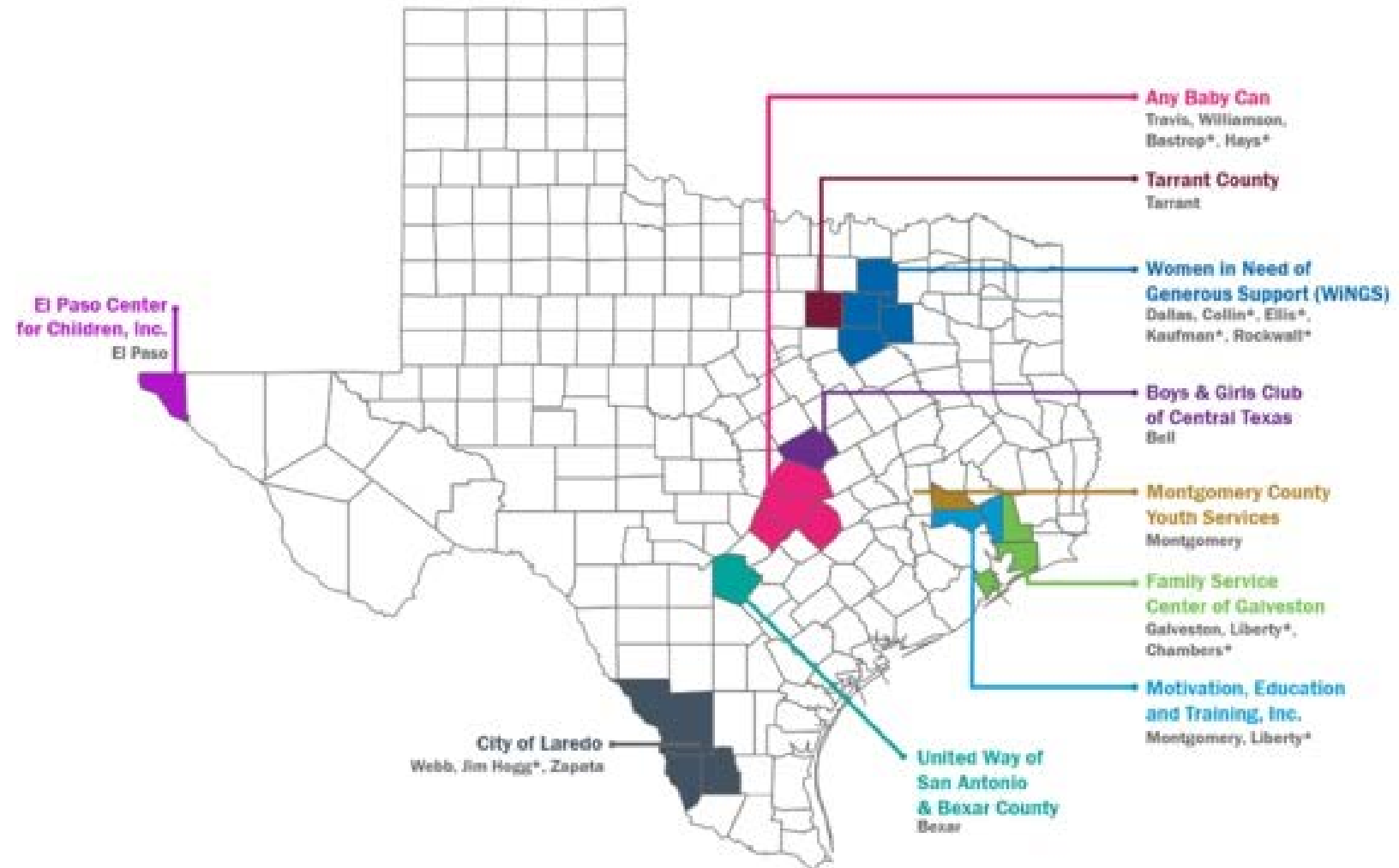
Innovation Grants – Map



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FY22 Fatherhood Summits



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MET Fatherhood Summit



Buckner Fatherhood EFFECT
Summit



FSC Galveston Father Fest



STARRY Father Fest

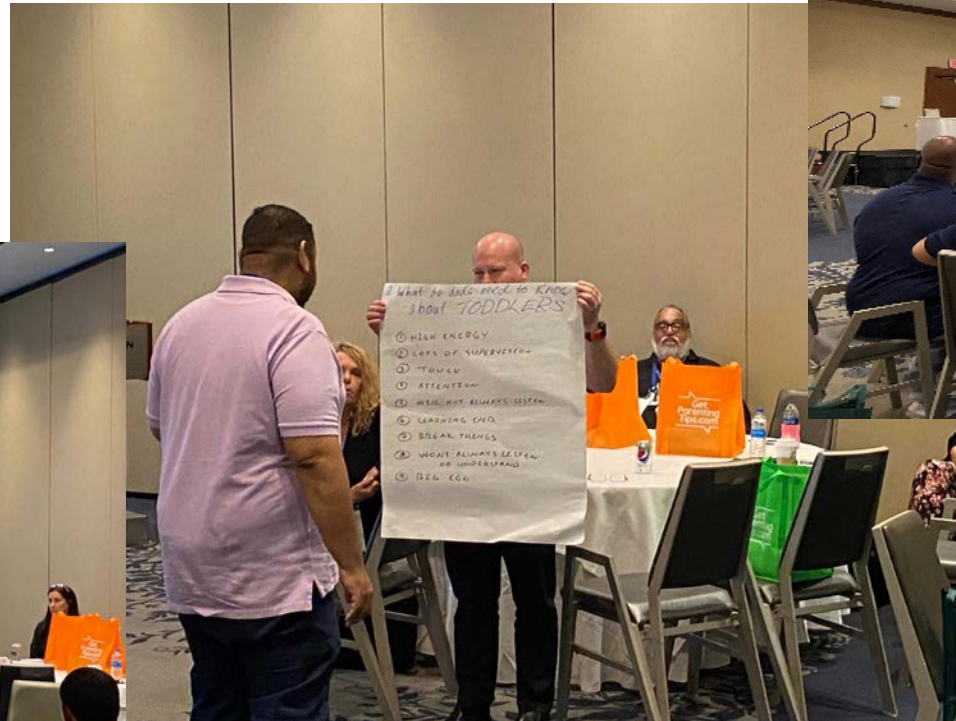


DePelchin Dad Makes A
Difference Summit

Special Population Conference



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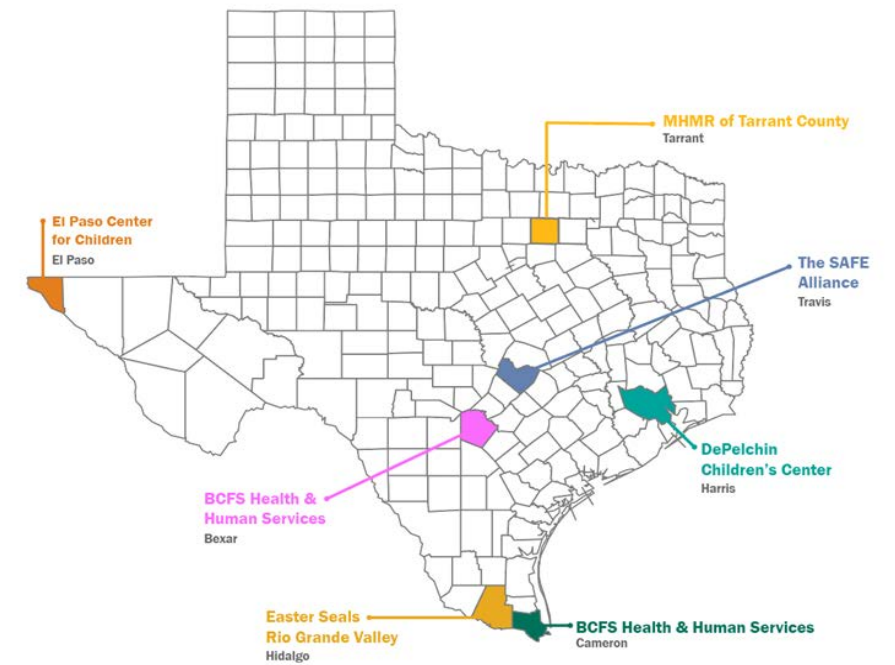


Family Resource Centers



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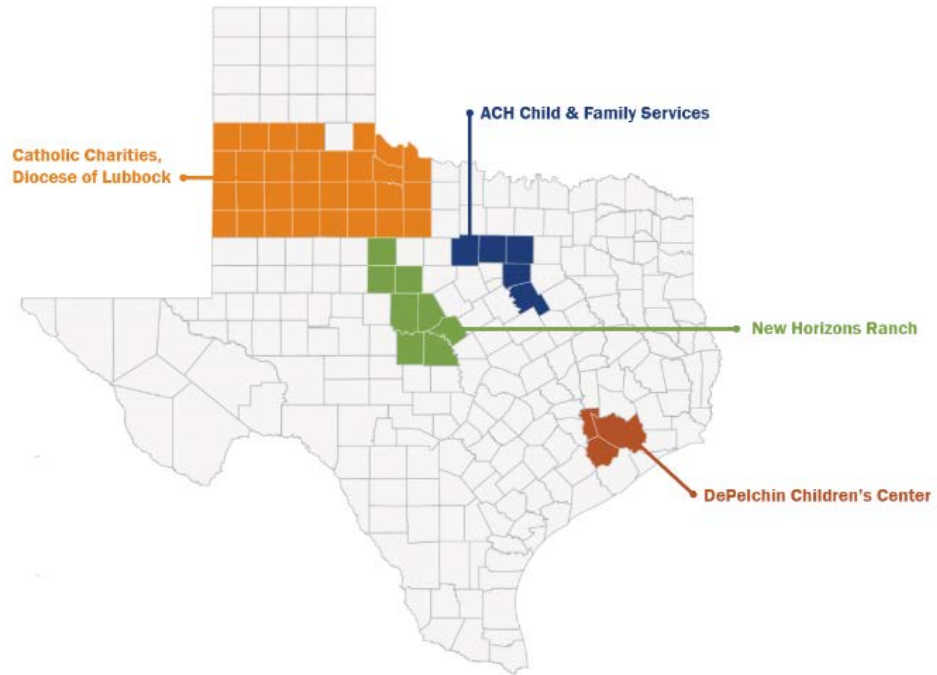
Kinship Navigator Pilots



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Parent Helpline



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Texas Parenting Helpline, 833-680-0611

If you need answers to parenting questions or even something more, our team is standing by 24/7 to help you with any parenting challenge, big or small. We provide free information and referrals to counseling and thousands of other local services in communities across Texas to help you deal with the many challenges of parenting. Or, maybe, you just need someone to talk to!

- We promise to listen and not judge.
- We can help brainstorm solutions and, if needed, connect you with resources that can help you take the next step.
- Most referrals are to low or no cost services in your local Texas community.

Call now 833-680-0611





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- **Project Origination**
- **Funder**
- **Ongoing Project Management**



- **Evaluation**
- **Communication with Judges**



- **Project Implementation**
- **Supervision for Positions**
- **HR Oversight**

Parent and Youth Leadership and Engagement



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PEI Parent Partner

PEI Parent Advisory Council
Planning Committee

Youth Ambassador Initiative

Local Parent Advisory Councils

Disaggregating Prevention Data



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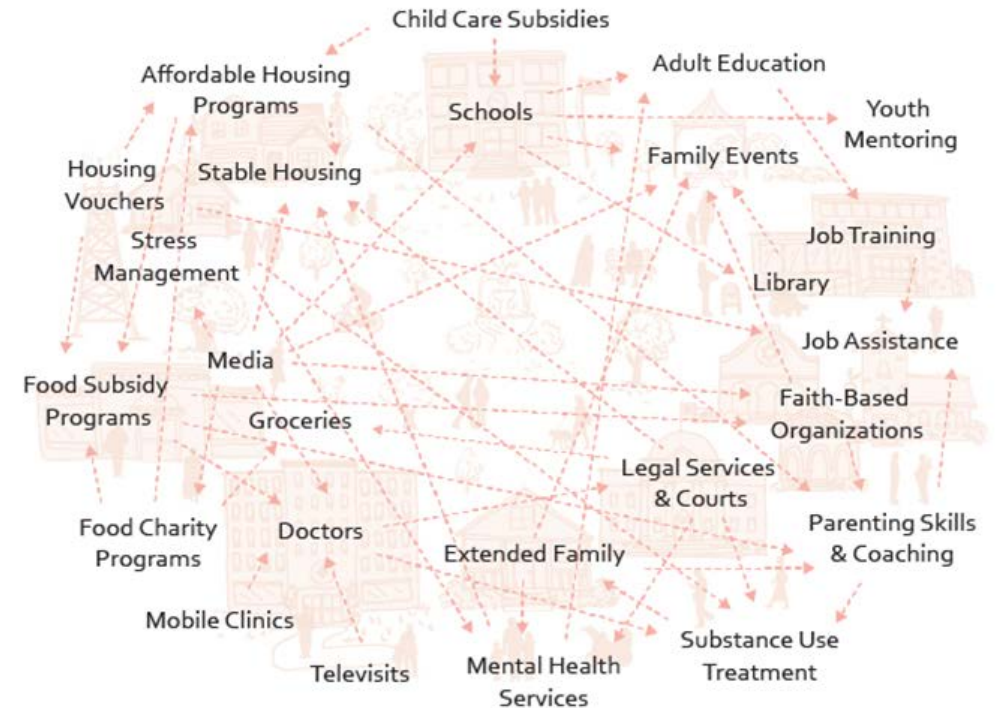
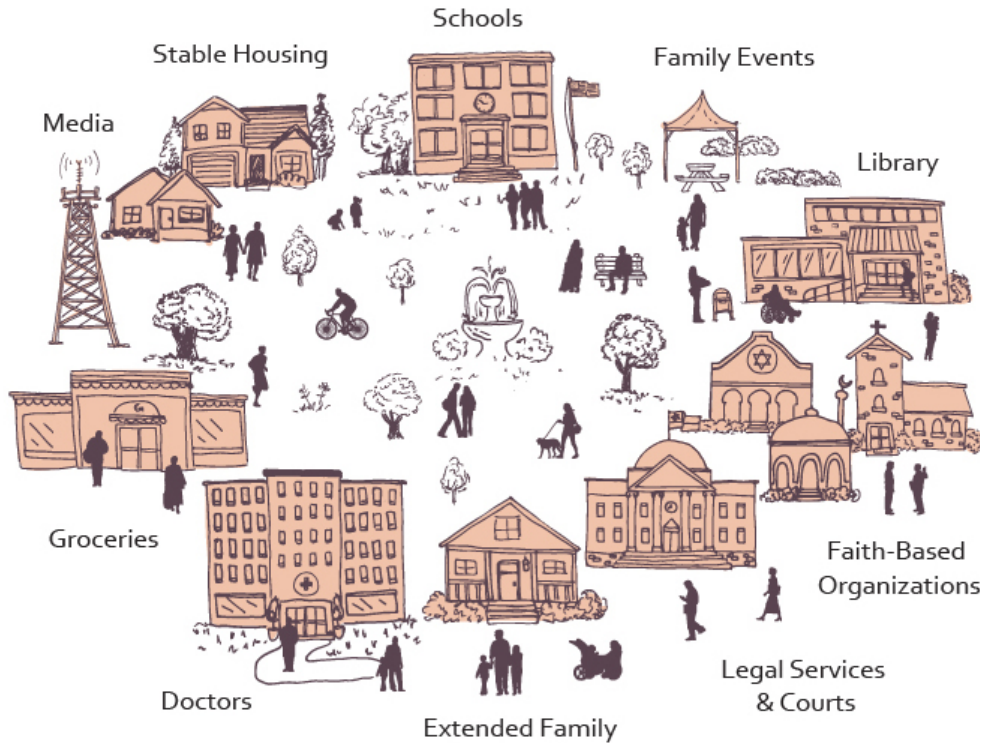


Thriving Families Safer Children



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MIECHV Reauthorization



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2010 - MIECHV established as part of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

2018 - Bipartisan Budget Control Act included a five-year extension of MIECHV through FY 2022

2022 – MIECHV authorization set to expire on September 30, 2022

- MIECHV was extended through December 16th as part of a continuing resolution (CR) to keep the federal government operating.
- MIECHV has strong bipartisan support in the House and Senate and reauthorization is expected to occur as part of a larger end of year package in December.
- The House Ways and Means passed the Jackie Walorski Maternal and Child Home Visiting Reauthorization Act (H.R. 8876), which reauthorizes the program.
- The House legislation proposes an increase in base funding and matching grant funding beginning in FY24 that will increase MIECHV from 400 to 800 million.
- Add Senate update as of 10/14
- Texas is well positioned to draw down increased funding. The funding formula change levels the playing field for states with large child populations. The Texas legislature has shown support for using general revenue funding for home visiting that can serve as match.

Expanding Prevention and Community Wellbeing Services



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Program	Annual Amounts
FAYS	\$ 7 Million
CYD	\$ 4 Million
HOPES	\$ 18 Million
THV	\$ 10.5 Million
NFP	\$ 2 Million
Prevention Campaign + staffing	\$ 2.3 Million





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From Policy to Practice: Implementing FFPSA



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FFPSA Overview

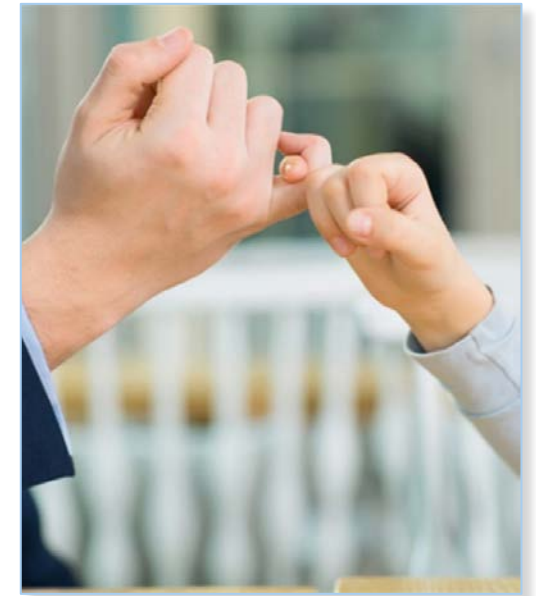
Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA)



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- Supporting Prevention Services for:
 - Mental Health;
 - Substance Abuse Treatment; and
 - In-Home Parenting Skills.
- Supporting Kinship Placements in lieu of non-familial substitute placement's; and
- Reducing the number of children in congregate care.



Title IV-E Clearinghouse



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	Well-Supported	Supported	Promising
Parenting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief Strategic Family Therapy Familias Unidas Families First (Utah Youth Village Model) Family Check-Up Healthy Families America Homebuilders Intercept NFP PAT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child First Family Centered Treatment Multidimensional Family Therapy Parenting with Love and Limits Parents Anonymous SafeCare Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Teams 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Spirit GenerationPMTO Iowa Parent Partner Approach On the Way Home
Mental Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief Strategic Family Therapy Familias Unidas Families First (Utah Youth Village Model) Family Check-Up Functional Family Therapy GenerationPMTO Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Therapy Multisystemic Therapy Parent-Child Interaction Therapy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child First Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing Fostering Healthy Futures Interpersonal Psychotherapy Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Therapy Multidimensional Family Therapy Parenting with Love and Limits Parents Anonymous Prolonged Exposure Therapy for Adolescents with PTSD Strengthening Families Program Triple P 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aggression Replacement Training Child-Parent Psychotherapy Cognitive Processing Therapy Coping Cat Effective Black Parenting Program Families and Schools Together GenerationPMTO Incredible Years Intensive Care Coordination Interpersonal Psychotherapy Mindful Mood Balance On the Way Home Prolonged Exposure Therapy for PTSD TBRI 101 Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Triple P Trust-Based Relational Intervention
Substance Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief Strategic Family Therapy Familias Unidas Motivational Interviewing Multisystemic Therapy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families Facing the Future Multidimensional Family Therapy Parents Anonymous Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Teams Strengthening Families Program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adolescent Community Reinforcement Approach Community Reinforcement Approach + Vouchers Methadone Maintenance Therapy



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Reimbursement Components

Eligibility:

- Children who are *at imminent risk of entry into foster care*
- Parents and caregivers of children who are candidates
- Pregnant and parenting youth in foster care

Services:

- Mental health, substance abuse, and in-home parent skill-based programs

Evidence Criteria:

- Well-supported, supported, promising
- Clearinghouse continues to rate programs

States Submit a Title IV-E Prevention Plan

State pays for 50% of the service



Reimbursement Components



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Example	FFPSA Candidate	Title IV-E Clearinghouse Evidence-Based Program	State General Revenue Funding	Administered and Funded by DFPS	Eligible for Title IV-E Reimbursement
FFTA Pilot Client	Y	Y	N	Y	N
Home-Visiting Client with Substance use	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Pregnant and Parenting Youth in Care	Y	N	Y	Y	N

State must submit prevention plan.



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Texas 87th Legislative Session and FFPSA

SB 910

Requires DFPS to develop a comprehensive list of options to implement family preservation services (such as family-based safety services) in existing Community-Based Care catchment areas.

SB 1896

Requires DFPS to: Transition the family-based safety services program to evidence-based programs under the Family First Prevention Services Act; Develop an implementation plan for the transition of services; and Develop community referrals to existing prevention and early intervention programs.

HB 3041

Requires DFPS to implement a pilot program designed to provide time-limited family-focused preservation services, which could include FFPSA services to families of foster care candidates and pregnant or parenting foster youth.



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Funding

To support implementation of **FFPSA** the Texas Legislature appropriated the use of FFTA funding through **Rider 48** as follows:

Project	FFTA Funding
Rider 48(a) Court-Ordered FFPSA Services Pilots (HB3041)	\$8.9 Million
Rider 48(b) Court-Ordered FFPSA Services Pilots (HB3041)	\$9.8 Million
Rider 48(c) Texas Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) Expansion	\$2.6 Million
QRTP Pilots (including Rider 48(d))	\$8.0 Million (received prior to 87R through RTE)
	\$9.97 Million (received during 87R)
Rider 48(e) SB 1896 Requirement to Begin Transitioning FBSS to FFPSA Eligible Services	\$2.6 Million



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Implementation



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Additional Implementation Activities



- Use insight gathered through TFF pilots to inform options for transitioning FBSS services to evidence-based programs.
- Funding opportunities directed by Rider 48.
- Aligning eligible home visiting services for pregnant and parenting foster youth.
- NFP and youth in care who are pregnant.
- Continue IT work to align data collection with FFPSA.

House Bill 3041 – Key Provisions



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House Bill 3041 requires that DFPS:

- Implement the pilot program in two (2) child protective services regions (one urban and one rural; one community-based care region).
- Obtain a court order from a court of competent jurisdiction to compel the family of a child who is a candidate for foster care to obtain family preservation services and complete the family preservation services plan.
- Report to the Texas Legislature within one (1) year of DFPS commencing a pilot program, and every two (2) years after that date on specific metrics as outlined by the bill.
- DFPS is also coordinating those sections of the bill that involve key components of the child welfare system including; investigations, courts, legal services, and contracted services.

House Bill 3041 – Candidate Definition



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HB 3041 defines **Foster Care Candidate** as:

- A child who is at imminent risk of being removed from the child's home and placed into the conservatorship of the department because of a continuing danger to the child's physical health or safety caused by an act or failure to act of a person entitled to possession of the child but for whom a court of competent jurisdiction has issued an order allowing the child to remain safely in the child's home or in a kinship placement with the provision of family preservation services.

Where are the TFF Areas?



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SSCC	Counties Served	Evidence Based Model Proposed
OCOK	Johnson, Hood, Erath, Somervell, Palo Pinto, Tarrant (Region 3W)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Functional Family Therapy • High Fidelity Wraparound • Motivational Interviewing
2Ingage	All 30 counties in Region 2 catchment area: Archer, Baylor, Brown, Callahan, Clay, Coleman, Comanche, Cottle, Eastland, Fisher, Foard, Hardeman, Haskell, Jack, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Montague, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor, Throckmorton, Wichita, Wilbarger, Young	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Functional Family Therapy • Parent-Child Interaction Therapy • Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy • Motivational Interviewing • Trust-Based Relational Intervention
Saint Francis	Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hutchinson, Hemphill, Wheeler, Gray, Carson, Moore, Potter (Region 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Centered Treatment • Motivational Interviewing
Belong	Edwards, Bandera, Comal, Gonzales, Karnes (Counties that have child protection courts) (Region 8B)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Functional Family Therapy • Brief Strategic Family Therapy • Parents as Teachers

Texas Family First (TFF) Implementation



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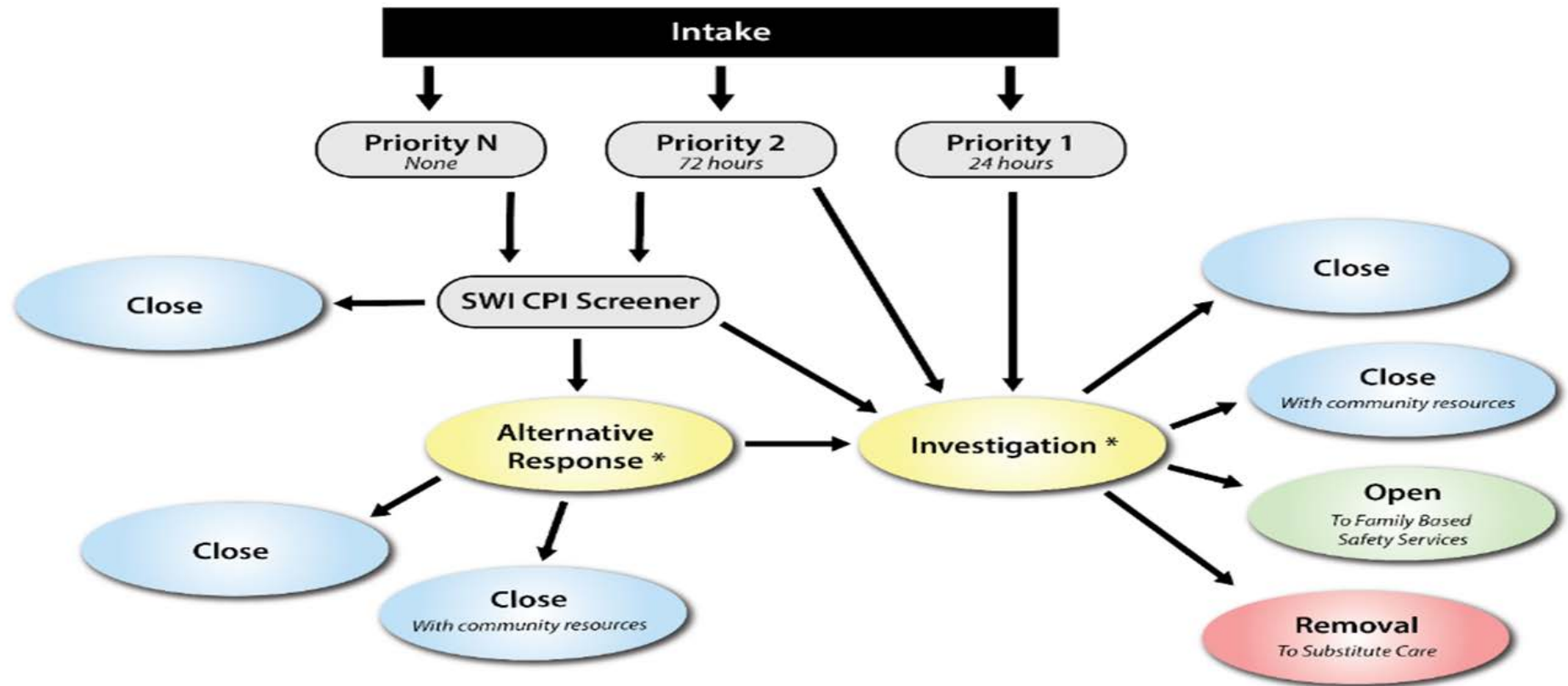
Released grant funding opportunity for evidence-based family preservation services pilot project to current SSCCs.

Developed legal framework and referral process for TFF Pilot. (Currently training DFPS regional staff and SSCCs)

Coordinate with judges and attorneys on referral process.

Pre-HB 3041 Legal Framework

Traditional CPI Investigation Process



* Both alternative response cases and investigations may require a safety plan or a parental child safety placement to address child safety.

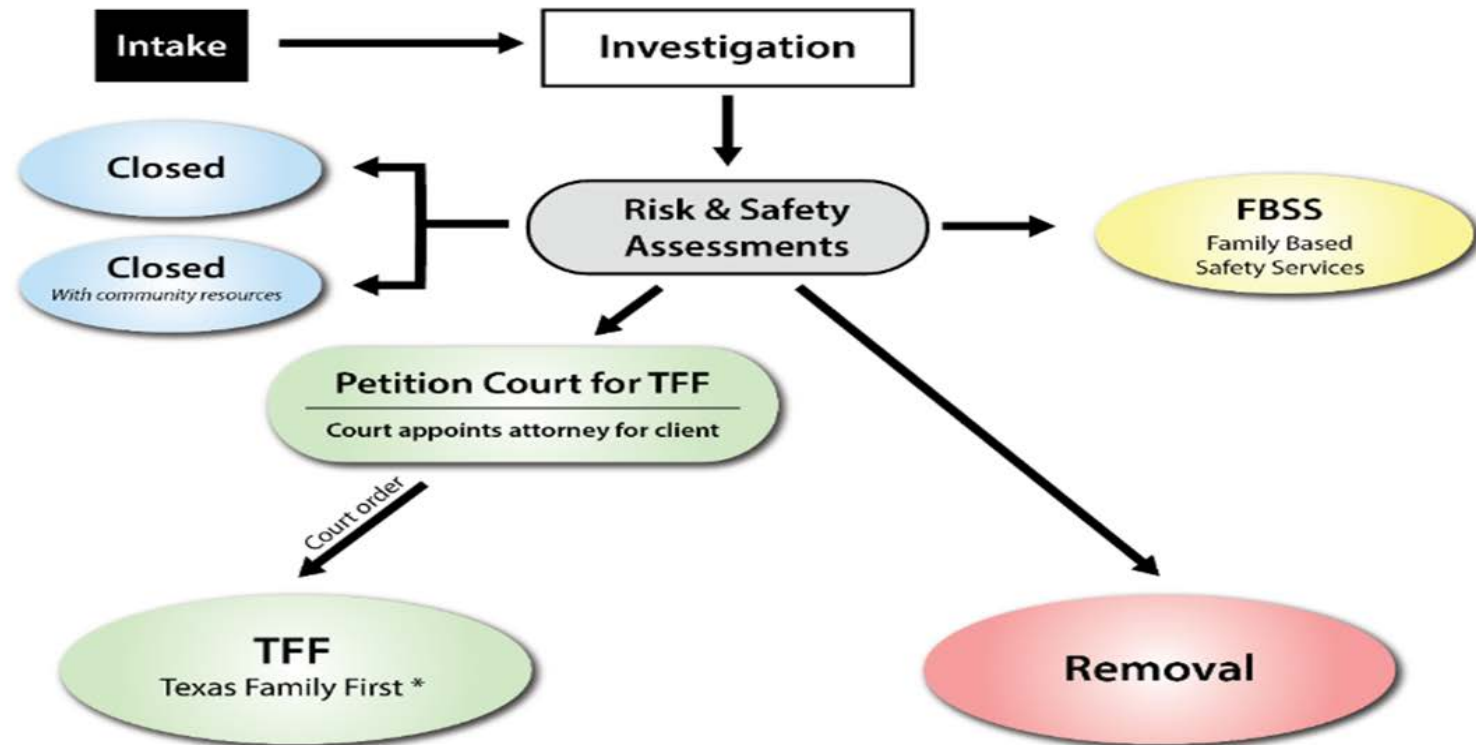


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New Legal Framework

Texas Family First (TFF) Process



* The court may not order Texas Family First services upon a finding by clear and convincing evidence that the parent has subjected the child to aggravated circumstances; including abandonment without a means of identification or leaving the child in the possession of another for more than 6 months, conduct that would result in conviction of certain penal code violations, conviction of certain felony violations, or any requirement of registration on a sex offender registry; or if the child or another child is the victim of serious bodily injury or sexual abuse of a parent or with the parent's consent. See Tex. Fam. Code §262.2015



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New Legal Framework

DFPS and Pilot Providers are working with the Judiciary to build the new pathway to piloted services.

Family Reported Through Statewide Intake

Investigation Conducted / Assess Safety and Risk

Identifies Family as Candidates for Pilot Services

DFPS Petitions Court / Family Appointed Counsel

Court Enters Orders / Refers Families to Service Providers

Pilot Programs Begin Prevention Services



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Next Steps-Evaluation

Begin Implementation activities

Evaluation

Execute an Interagency Contract with University of Texas Medical Branch and utilize data, surveys, and focus groups to gather quantitative and qualitative information.

Form local implementation collaborations

Each catchment area's collaboration should include the Children's Commission, DFPS, CPS and CPI Regional Directors, SSCCs, and Courts



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Closing

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CARP Meeting to follow