



House Defense and Veteran's Affairs HB 19: Military & Veteran Family Pilot Program

Judge John Specia, DFPS Commissioner

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

- Prevention and Early Intervention Division
- House Bill 19
- Military & Veteran Families Program Vision
- Texas Military Communities
- Program Approach
- Request for Proposal (RFP) Requirements
- Current Status of Pilot Project
- Questions



HB 19: Military Families and Veterans

- HB 19 from the 84th Legislature outlines the requirements of the pilot. DFPS is required to develop and implement a preventive services “pilot program” targeted to serve military families and veterans who have committed, experienced, or are at a high risk of family violence or child abuse and neglect.
 - This legislation requires DFPS to develop a comprehensive plan that:
 - Targets military communities in Texas with children ages 0-17;
 - Coordinates with community-based organizations to provide prevention services;
 - Collaborates with services for child welfare, early childhood education, and other family service programs;
 - Incorporates evidence-based or promising practices.
 - Uses performance measures that gauge program effectiveness; and
 - Utilizes public private collaboration that enhances state resources.
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Support military families by empowering local military communities to build effective prevention services and partnerships, and offer the flexibility to choose the evidence-based programs that meet the needs of the local community.

DFPS wants to help fund what you would build in your community to support military families and ultimately prevent abuse and neglect and improve the well-being of children and families.

DFPS is interested in:

- Service providers who have an established history of providing services in the target area;
- A balance between primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention strategies;
- Community level collaborations (use existing groups where possible);
- Data-driven strategic planning;
- Outcome-based evaluation;
- Leveraging private funding; and
- Sustainability

An example of the variety of ideas to consider:

- Providing wrap-around case management services for military families and connecting them to community resources
 - Providing a vehicle for military families to strengthen social connections such as support groups or play groups
 - Evidence-based home visiting and parent education appropriate for the population
 - Innovative approaches to helping military parents and caregivers understand how transitions, separation, and anxiety can affect their child's behavior
 - Activities to encourage appreciation of family's service
 - Using "ACES" to inform service delivery
 - Partnering with organizations to change community norms around healthy parenting and seeking community support
 - Building a variety of programs to a well informed assessment and service-planning system of family support
 - Participating in a multi-layered public-health model to support safe, stable, and nurturing relationships, such as Triple P
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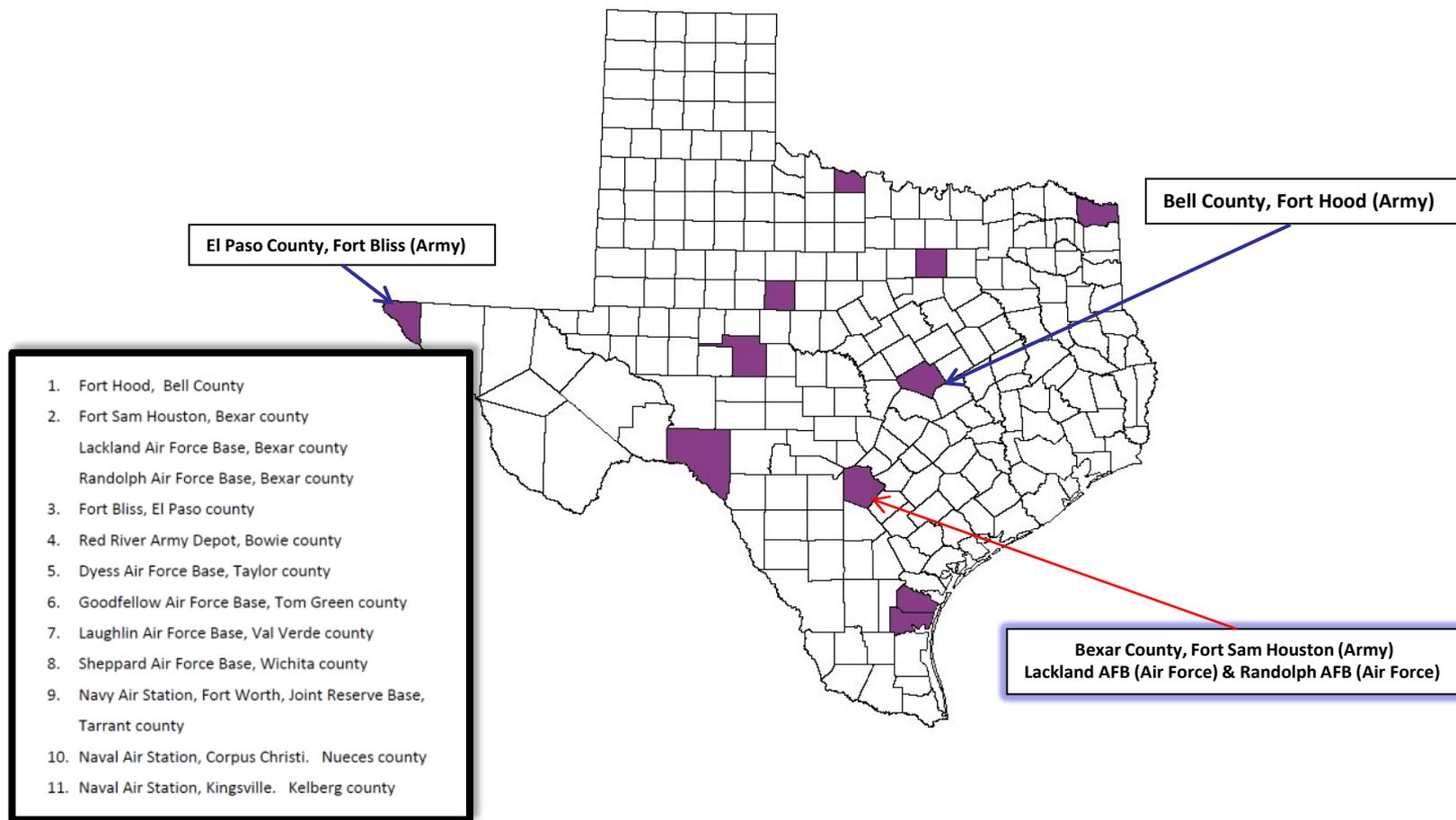
Texas Military Communities

Texas has 15 active military installations located throughout the state. It has the second highest active duty military population (2012 Demographics) and has the second highest number of Veterans of any state in the United States (Strategic Plan, 2013).

Texas Military Population

Military Installation	Location	Total Sponsors	Dependents	Total
Corpus Christi NAS	Corpus Christi	1,256	1,528	2,784
Dyess AFB	Abilene	4,584	6,284	10,868
Fort Bliss	El Paso	28,465	46,437	74,902
Fort Hood	Killeen	46,114	74,831	120,945
Fort Sam Houston	San Antonio	12,117	17,953	30,070
Goodfellow AFB	San Angelo	3,542	3,201	6,743
Kingsville NAS	Corpus Christi	388	509	897
Lackland AFB	San Antonio	20,222	19,007	39,229
Laughlin AFB	Del Rio	1,488	1,277	2,765
NAS JRB Fort Worth	Fort Worth	707	1,270	1,977
Randolph AFB	San Antonio	2,573	4,921	7,494
Sheppard AFB	Wichita Falls	5,268	4,512	9,780
Other		3,366	7,436	10,802
	Total	130,090	189,166	319,256

Texas Military Installations



- Deliver Evidence-based or Promising Practice Programs and ancillary services
 - Include Protective Factors
 - Serve active duty military, veterans, Texas National Guard, Ready Reserve, Retirees and their families
 - Serve families with children from birth to age 17 who are at risk of family violence or abuse and neglect
 - Join an existing Community Coalition or create one if one does not exist in the local military community and promote the program
 - Coordinate with local resources (Domestic Violence Shelters, Mental Health agencies, medical, etc.) and develop a referral system
 - Contractors will have 60 days to ramp up services (hire/train)
 - Execute a MOU with the local military Family Advocacy Program offices to foster a partnership to combine resources and focus
 - Five year – Cost Reimbursement Contract
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Bexar County. Five year contract awarded on February 25th to United Way of San Antonio: \$4,056,213

Eight Subcontractors:

- Any Baby Can (Case management)
 - Big Brothers Big Sisters (Mentoring)
 - Boys Town Texas, Inc. (Common Sense Parenting)
 - The Children's Shelter (Parents as Teachers)
 - ChildSafe (Stewards of Children)
 - Family Services Association (Parents as Teachers)
 - Military & Veterans Community Collaborative (Navigation and Outreach)
 - Voices for Children (Outreach & Training)
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El Paso County: Five year contract awarded on February 25th to Child Crisis Center of El Paso (STEP): \$1,887,225

Subcontractor:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters (Case Management, Parent Ed, etc)

Bell County: Five year contract: \$2,000,000 (estimate)

Negotiations underway. Anticipated start date is April 1st

Continue coordination with partners such as:

- *Each Military Installation Commander*
- *Texas Veterans Commission*
- *Texas Department of State Health Services*
- *Texas Army National Guard*

Proposal evaluation will incorporate documents such as:

- *Budget and budget narrative*
 - *Financial stability documents*
 - *Subcontracting Plan (HUB)*
 - *Community Needs Assessment document*
 - *Approved evidence-based or promising practice program*
 - *Array of ancillary services which meets community needs*
 - *Plan to join or start a local Community Coalition*
 - *Plan to coordinate services through the local FAP office (MOU)*
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