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Capacity Strategic Plan

Region 1

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Introduction

As outlined in Chapter 264.1261, of the Texas Family Code, “appropriate management personnel from a child protective services region in which community-based care has not been implemented, in collaboration with foster care providers, faith-based entities, and child advocates in that region, shall use data collected by the department on foster care capacity needs and availability of each type of foster care and kinship placement in the region to create a plan to address the substitute care capacity needs in the region.” The statewide foster care needs assessment was completed in August 2018 and helped to inform the goals and objectives outlined in this plan, which specifically addresses the needs of Region 1.

Foster Care Placement Forecast and Assessment of Capacity Need

The Foster Care Needs Assessment can be accessed [here](#).

A Leadership Council Meeting for Region 1 occurred on August 15, 2018 and September 11, 2018 where the Foster Care Needs Assessment was reviewed and a Power Point of regional/catchment data was presented focusing on historical analysis and forecasted capacity needs for Fiscal Year 2019. The regional Power Point can be accessed [here](#).

While DFPS is honored to submit this plan on behalf of the community, the goals and strategies contained herein belong to us all. DFPS would like to thank the following organizations for participating in the development of the Regional capacity strategic plan:

Upbring Foster in Texas; Buckner Children and Family Services; DePelchin; Children’s Hope; Children’s Home of Lubbock; and Texas Boy Ranch.

The following strategies were identified by the Leadership Council, stakeholders and the DFPS regional leadership team.

Regional Plan to Increase Capacity

Goal 1: Increase Basic Placements for Preschool Children

Region 1 needs basic placements for preschool children. Region 1 needs to increase supply by 12% to accommodate 65 more placements for FY19.

Objective 1.1: Increase the number of placements for basic preschool children in Lubbock, Potter and Randall Counties

Building capacity in 3 counties could potentially return 65% of Region 1's children to their home county.

- Child Placing Agencies will each work to recruit two to four more placements for basic preschool aged children by the end of FY19.
- For the first quarter of FY19, increasing placements for basic preschool aged children will be at the forefront of recruiting efforts.
- Child Placing Agencies will invite each other to attend recruitment and informational meetings so that capacity building can be a joint effort.

Goal 2: Increase Moderate Level Placements for All Ages

Region 1 needs to increase moderate level placements for all ages. The second greatest need is for moderate level school age children to accommodate 23 placements for FY19.

Objective 2.1: Increase the number of moderate level placements for all ages in Lubbock, Potter and Randall Counties

- Child Placing Agencies will each work on recruiting one to two more placements for moderate level children of all ages by the end of FY19.
- Child Placing Agencies will invite each other to attend recruitment and informational meetings so that capacity building can be a joint effort.

Goal 3: Increase the number of basic and moderate level placements for teens

Region 1 needs to increase basic and moderate level placements for teens. The region will need to recruit and accommodate 24 placements for FY19.

Objective 3.1: Increase the number of basic and moderate level placements for teens in the Lubbock, Potter and Randall Counties

- Child Placing Agencies will work to increase basic and moderate level placements for teen aged children by the end of FY19.
- Child Placing Agencies will invite each other to attend recruitment and informational meetings so that capacity building can be a joint effort.