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Texas Department of Family and Protective Services 2025 Annual Plan

Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) released its annual plan for 2025, which includes three priorities: Child Protection Evolution, Strengthening Families and Communities, and Support and Retain the Workforce. We have read the report in its entirety to provide you with key takeaways that we believe will impact the sustainability of child welfare providers in Texas!



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Strengthening Families and Communities

DFPS is prioritizing behavioral health, Trauma-Informed Care, and kinship placements integrated with the community. DFPS will establish the Office of Behavioral Health Strategy, requiring residential providers to develop behavioral health competencies, and programs like



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Community-Based Care (CBC) Expansion

DFPS is expanding child welfare services to community-level providers to empower local agencies to manage foster care and kinship services. CBC is a decentralized service delivery in which residential providers will increasingly collaborate with Single Source Continuum Contractors (SSCCs) rather than directly with DFPS. Providers may need to adjust operational practices, participate in new trainings, and prepare for evaluation under performance-based contracts that align with regional priorities.

Texas Child-Centered Care (T3C) Implementation

The T3C framework introduces a universal child assessment system and tailored service packages to meet children's needs such as mental health, trauma, or medical care. The focus on individualized care and evidence-based practices aligns with funder priorities for outcomes-driven initiatives. Providers should prepare for financial adjustments as payments will be aligned with the specific

"Family Matters" to emphasize kinship placements and community integration. Residential providers will need adjust to a preventative approach and must pivot to providing specialized or transitional care.

Placement Capacity and Mitigation

DFPS will use programs like Temporary Emergency Placement (TEP) and Intensive Psychiatric Stabilization to address high-acuity youth's immediate and specialized needs. Initiatives will be funded through targeted grants to enhance the foster care continuum, and utilize data-driven capacity planning and provider partnerships to ensure alignment with evolving needs while minimizing resource waste.



services delivered. Additionally, providers must undergo a new credentialing process. ***Please see the section below that dives deeper into credentialing!***



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T3C Full Credentialing

The Texas Child-Centered Care (T3C) System replaces the Service Level System, with a universal child assessment tool and placement process, twenty-four Service packages and three Add-On Services, a new fully funded rate methodology, and new opportunities to claim federal funds for foster care services. Under T3C, funding is tied directly to the calculated cost of care of specific services. **Having Interim or Full Credential is required for Child Placing Agencies and General Residential Operations to offer any one of the twenty-four Service Packages or three Add-On Services.**

You can now download the Interim Credential Form and the Full Credential Form. Learn more in the most recent T3C System Blueprint.





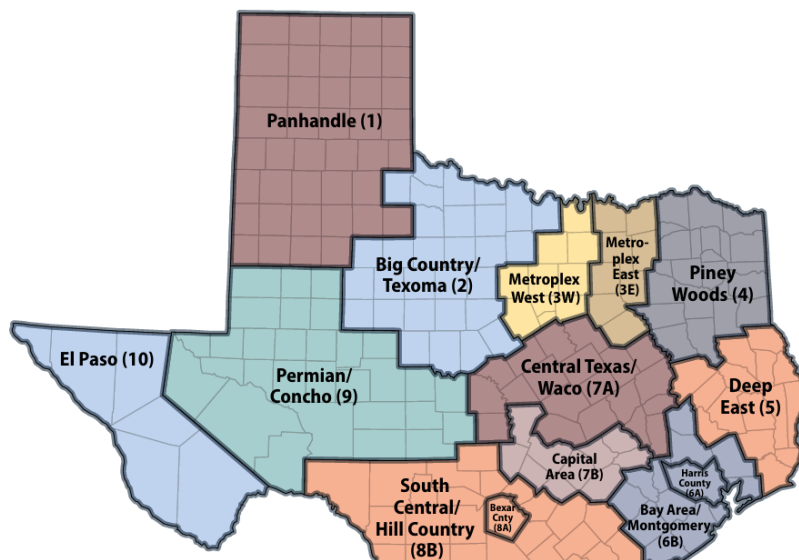
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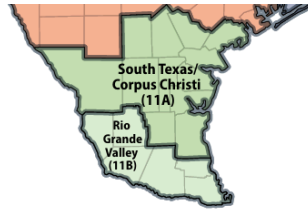
Full Credential Form

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Thank you for your engagement! We have received outstanding response to our newsletters and continue to welcome your input as we remain dedicated to represent all regions across Texas. Let us know about any webinars, seminars, or events happening in your region by [emailing Shannan](#) or responding to this newsletter.

Champion your region by joining the TCWF steering committee! [Email Amanda](#) to discuss openings on the steering committee and how you can get involved.





Resources, Events, & Opportunities

The 2025 State of Black Children Summit: [Register](#) for this virtual event on 2/13 that will bring together leaders, educators, advocates, and experts to highlight critical data and explore strategies to empower Black youth to thrive.

Texas Legal Services Center's Session on Kinship Public Benefits: Learn about [public benefits available to kinship caregivers](#) during this virtual session on 2/20 that will focus on educating professionals and caregivers on available benefits.

Texas Network of Youth Services Day of Action for Youth: [Register](#) by 2/24 for Day of Action for Youth on 4/8 hosted by TNOYS at the Texas Capitol. This event brings youth and community members together to learn and advocate for Texas kids.

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