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Texas Child Welfare Funders (TCWF) is thankful for your help in making 2025 a success. Take a look back on 2025, a sneak peek into 2026, and [register for our January 21 webinar](#) featuring DFPS Commissioner O'Neill.

A Look Back at 2025



New Steering Committee Members

We were so excited to introduce Anna-Melissa Cavazos from the [Kronkosky Charitable Foundation](#) and Mark Pollack from the [Meadows Foundation](#) as new TCWF steering committee members! We are also thrilled that Melanie Colclough from the [T.L.L. Temple Foundation](#) is joining us!



Melanie Colclough
Senior Program Officer, T.L.L. Temple Foundation

Melanie is the Senior Program Officer for human services, & arts and culture at the TLL Temple Foundation. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of South Carolina and a Master of Public Administration degree from the City University of New York through the National Urban fellows, a public and nonprofit leadership fellowship. Prior to joining the foundation, Melanie served as the executive director of the SC Arts Alliance. She is a graduate of Duke University's Nonprofit Management Program and earned a seat in the inaugural cohort of South Arts' Emerging Leaders of Color. She has a passion for community building and foster/adoption advocacy.

Child Welfare Boards

Thank you to all who joined our webinar, *Child Welfare Boards: What Funders*

Thank you to all who joined our webinar, *Child Welfare Boards: What Funders Need to Know*. Tim Allen, George Ford, and Diane Glover joined us to discuss how Child Welfare Boards operate in Texas. [Texas Child Welfare Boards \(CWBs\)](#) serve as a bridge between the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services and county governments to secure funding for essential local services.

[View the Webinar](#)

Coming in 2026

January Webinar: From Policy to Partnership: How Funders Can Respond to DFPS Budget Shifts

January 21, 2026

10 - 11 AM

[Register](#)

Join us for an in-depth conversation with **DFPS Commissioner O'Neill** and policy leaders from the [Texas Alliance of Child and Family Services](#) as they discuss the implications of the upcoming Texas biennium budget for children and families. Hear directly about agency priorities, funding shifts, and the most urgent needs on the horizon. We'll also explore how philanthropy can meaningfully align with state strategies to fill critical gaps and strengthen outcomes for the communities we serve.

Upcoming Events

Our January webinar is only the first in our 2026 webinar series! Please stay tuned as we announce additional upcoming events.

Newsletters and Resources

We plan to share resources and information through our newsletters in the upcoming year. Please reach out to the steering committee if you would like information on a specific topic or have news to share. We are thankful for your continued partnership!



Steering Committee

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Mark Pollack, *Member-at-Large* (Program Officer, The Meadows Foundation)

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Please contact one of the members listed above to discuss joining the [TCWF](#) Steering Committee.

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