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Texas Child Welfare Boards

Texas Child Welfare Boards (CWBs) serve as a bridge between the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) and county governments to secure funding for essential local services. They advocate for foster care support, medical and psychological care not covered by Medicaid, and necessary operational expenses. Additionally, they oversee the responsible allocation of county funds, assess community needs, develop local resources, and collaborate with agencies like schools and juvenile services. Boards also work to educate the public on child welfare issues, provide feedback on DFPS policies, and evaluate the effectiveness of protective services in their communities.



What Do They Support?

Child Welfare Boards engage in various activities to enhance the well-being of children, including:

Foster Care Support Providing

How Are They Funded?

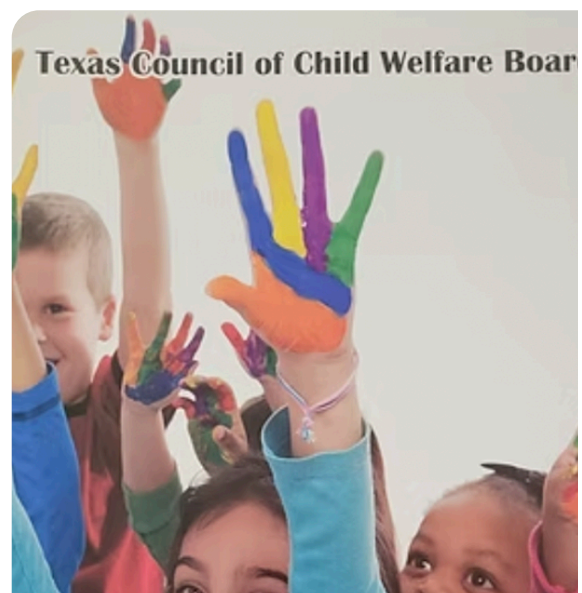
Funding for Child Welfare Boards typically comes from multiple sources:

County Appropriations; County

- **Foster Care Support** – Providing resources to children in foster care, such as clothing, school supplies, and special needs assistance.
- **Medical & Psychological Care** – Covering expenses not funded by Medicaid, including counseling, therapy, and specialized medical treatments.
- **Community Education & Awareness** – Promoting child abuse prevention programs and raising awareness about the needs of at-risk children.
- **Resource Development** – Partnering with local organizations to offer services like mentorship, housing assistance, and life skills programs.
- **Financial Assistance** – Allocating county funds and securing grants or donations to support children and families involved in the child welfare system.
- **County Appropriations:** County commissioners' courts may allocate funds from general or specific budgets to support the administration and initiatives of CWBs.
- **Fundraising Efforts:** Boards often organize fundraising events and solicit donations from individuals, businesses, and community organizations support their programs.
- **Grants:** Securing grants from state agencies, foundations, and non-profit organizations to fund specific projects or services.
- **Nonprofit & Foundation Support:** Some boards work with nonprofit organizations or foundations that provide financial assistance for child welfare programs.

Who's On The Boards And How Do They Get Appointed?

CWBs are composed of community volunteers who are passionate about child welfare. Members are typically appointed by the county commissioners' court and may



include professionals from various sectors, such as education, healthcare, and business.



Save The Date!

TCWF is Hosting a Webinar on CWBs

Child Welfare Boards: What Funders Need to Know

May 8

10 - 11 AM

Join us as we learn about Child Welfare Boards in Texas! Hear from George Ford, the Executive Director of the Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards, and other prominent panelists to learn how CWBs work across our state.

Registration Opening Soon!

Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards

The **Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards (TCCWB)** is a statewide organization that supports and coordinates the efforts of local **Child Welfare Boards (CWBs)** across Texas. It serves as a central resource, providing leadership, advocacy, and training to enhance child welfare initiatives at the county level.

TCCWB works closely with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) and other agencies to promote policies that protect and support children in foster care and the child welfare system. The council also helps local boards secure funding, develop community partnerships, and raise public awareness about child abuse prevention and the needs of

vulnerable children.

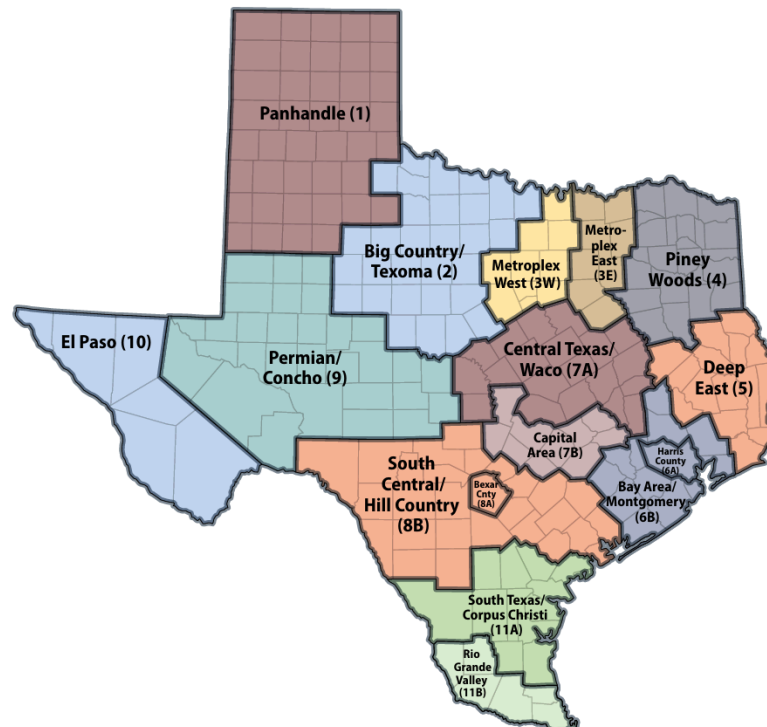
TCCWB is led by a board of directors representing 11 regional councils and over 190 county welfare boards. Hear more from TCCWB's Executive Director, George Ford, at our upcoming webinar in May!



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Child Welfare Boards by Region

The Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards (TCCWB) has a great resource where you can [access information on CWBs by region](#). Learn more about child welfare boards working in your area.



Resources, Events, & Opportunities

Coloring a Safer Future: Preventing Child Abuse Together: [Register](#) for this virtual event on 3/27 in honor of Blue Sunday Child Abuse Prevention, a day dedicated to praying for the millions of children affected by abuse and for those who work tirelessly to protect and heal them.

Reporting 101: [Register](#) for this presentation on 4/10 that provides basic training on recognizing and reporting abuse of children, elderly adults and adults with disabilities. Attendees will gain insight on the reporting process, common reporting concerns and prevention strategies for supporting families.

Strengthening Families and Protecting Children - The Power of Prevention: [Register](#) for this webinar on 4/17 about prevention featuring Casa de Esperanza, an organization dedicated to supporting vulnerable children and families.

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