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Regional Spotlight: Insights from Region 6

Across Texas, regions are adapting to major changes in the child welfare system, each in ways that reflect their communities' strengths and needs. This month, we're highlighting work underway in **Region 6**, where local partners are coming together to respond to system changes and invest in children and families. These efforts offer helpful ideas, strategies, and lessons that may be relevant to your region as you navigate similar transitions.



Investing in Children and Strengthening Systems: Region 6 Advances Child Welfare Initiatives

Significant changes are underway in the child welfare system throughout Region 6, which includes Fort Bend County and surrounding communities. In response, nonprofit organizations, funders, and government agencies are coming together to navigate these shifts and strengthen services for children.

and families.

Two key efforts are driving this transition. Community-Based Care (CBC) is transferring responsibility for foster care services from the state to regional nonprofit contractors. At the same time, Texas Child-Centered Care (T3C) is transforming how foster care services are funded and delivered, emphasizing individualized, needs-based care. These changes require nonprofit providers to adjust their systems, expand capacity, and prepare for new expectations.

Bringing Partners Together: Key Takeaways from the Child Welfare Convening

To support this transition, The George Foundation hosted a summer convening of child welfare leaders serving Fort Bend County. The event created space for providers to share insights, raise concerns, and explore solutions. Several themes emerged:

- **Agencies are already taking steps to adapt.** Some are becoming T3C credentialed, hiring new staff, and contacting DePelchin, as the Single Source Continuum Contractor (SSCC) under the name Texans Together, and other lead contractors to prepare for CBC implementation.
- **Providers face capacity and sustainability challenges.** Concerns were raised about Medicaid reimbursement, limited public funding, and the increasing needs of children entering care.
- **There is a strong interest in shared tools and infrastructure.** Providers identified the need for more consistent data systems, updated resource guides for families, additional training opportunities, and closer collaboration with local schools and government partners.

Collaboration will be essential. Participants emphasized the value of regular communication, cross-sector partnerships, and shared learning to ensure a coordinated response to system changes.

One participant noted, *"We are ready to adapt, but we need clear expectations, consistent information, and a collaborative approach."*

A Focus on Prevention: Launching the Child Abuse Prevention Collaborative

While much of the child welfare system focuses on intervention and recovery, local organizations are also investing in prevention. Child Advocates of Fort Bend is leading the new Child Abuse Prevention Collaborative (CAP-C), which aims to reduce the incidence of child abuse through education, outreach, and shared learning.

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with seed funding from a Human-Centered Design Capacity Building Grant, the Collaborative is bringing together over a dozen local organizations to:

- Map existing prevention resources
- Conduct interviews with school staff, foster care alumni, and parents with lived experience
- Develop a countywide awareness and education campaign to prevent child abuse

Collaborative members include AccessHealth, Texana, Fort Bend ISD, UTHealth and several community-based organizations. Child Advocates of Fort Bend serves as the fiscal agent and convener for this effort.

Looking Forward: A Collective Commitment to Children and Families

As Region 6 continues to prepare for CBC and T3C implementation, community partners remain focused on what matters most: ensuring that every child has the opportunity to grow up safe, supported, and connected.

The George Foundation is committed to supporting this work through grantmaking, convening, capacity building, and data-informed planning. New tools like the Thriving Index, currently under development, will help track progress in housing stability, behavioral health, workforce access, and family well-being.

The path forward will require continued collaboration, shared accountability, and a long-term commitment to improving systems of care. As funders, our role is to be a thought partner and understand the impact of these transitions on our grantees.

Presentation: The Evolving Child and Family Wellbeing Landscape

Regions 9 & 10: Rural CBC Model

The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) is developing a rural Community-Based Care (CBC) model and they want to hear from you. If you live or work in **Regions 9 or 10**, share your insights through a [short survey](#) to help guide how services are designed and delivered. DFPS is looking to partner with a

local organization or group to lead this work, with more flexibility than traditional models and a strong focus on community input. Your feedback will help guide the planning process and ensure that the new model truly reflects the needs and strengths of your region.

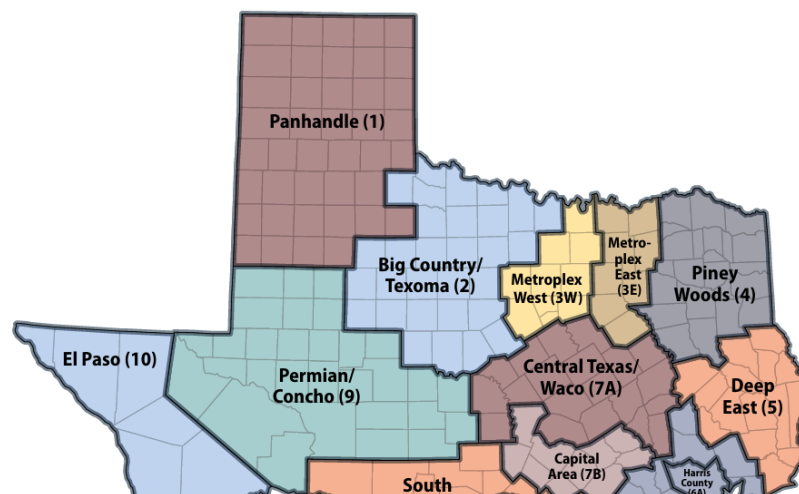


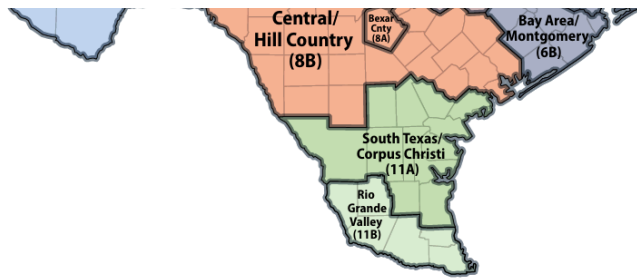
Survey: Region 9 & 10

Let's Spotlight Your Region!

Is there something exciting happening in your region? Are local partners collaborating in new ways or launching promising practices to support children and families?

We'd love to **feature your region** in an upcoming spotlight. If you have updates, events, or ideas to share, please [email the steering committee](#). Highlighting your work helps all regions learn from one another and stay connected as we navigate system changes together.





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There are spots available on the TCWF steering committee! Contact Amanda to learn more about openings and discuss how you can become a champion for your DFPS region.



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