

OUR COMMUNITY

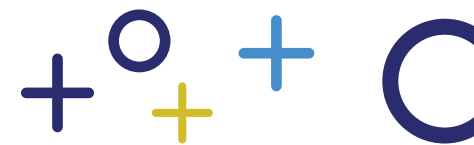


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PROVIDING INNOVATIVE SERVICES ACROSS THE CONTINUUM

Our members led the way and guided our work in 2022. Their dedication to Texas children and families is unmatched. In every part of the continuum they are working to provide strong and quality services, and we are proud to partner with them.

There are new **evidence-based prevention and family preservation** services. Our members established new evidence-based prevention and family preservation services, and kinship and therapeutic foster care in Texas, and are working to develop more homes for every kid in need. They work tirelessly to **find permanency for kids lingering in the system** and then make sure they are stable at home. They created programs to support specialized populations, like **CSEY and aging out youth**.

They have dedicated time and resources to support **trauma informed care** and **strong clinical and mental health networks**.

SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

With state and federal support, we **down granted \$6 million to child and family-centered programs** that TACFS members are building across Texas to meet the needs of their communities, such as the expansion of Heart Galleries, Kinship Treatment Foster Care, and the provision of training and other concrete resources for service providers.

Additionally, we've worked with our members and partners in Austin, Houston, North Texas, and San Antonio and beyond to build **collaboratives preparing for Community-Based Care**.

This year we worked to support and **build the network of Family Resource Centers** across Texas, promoting quality practices in unique programs serving families across Texas. We are thrilled to partner with these organizations in 2022 and beyond.

TRAINING PROFESSIONALS FOR THE HIGHEST QUALITY WORKFORCE

With more than **1,500 people** from Texas and beyond, the 2022 Texas Child Care Administrators Conference brought our workforce professionals and experts together to grow, learn, and advance our mission.

Through the Office of the Texas Governor's Child Sex Trafficking Team, we've provided **training for 1,262 child welfare professionals** who work with youth survivors of commercial sexual exploitation. That's 4,465.5 person-hours of training!

TBRI Fridays prioritized ongoing trauma-informed training for **409 person-hours** of training for people in our network. We extended our trauma informed work to judicial and other partners.

This year also ushered in the inaugural class of **child welfare supervisors** working to attain a new professional certifications through training piloted in two Community-Based Care regions.

BUILDING THE RIGHT CAPACITY

The year brought creative approaches to capacity building, led by the work of TACFS members. Many started as ideas that have and will continue to bloom into effective child and family welfare policy.

Foster and Kinship Care: Programming and funding to support foster parent recruitment and to provide therapeutic support for kids in foster and kinship homes.

Supporting the Continuum: Supporting new programs in prevention, mental health, and post-adoption and post-permanency to keep families safe and together at home.

Texas Permanency Outcomes Project: Furthering permanency statewide for children and youth beginning with a clearinghouse of information for resources, programs, and projects.

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88th Texas Legislative Session

TACFS Policy Priorities (guided by the TACFS Board, Advocacy Committee, and members) put a spotlight on the most urgent needs facing children, youth, and families in the child welfare system. Our priorities include a focus on strengthening families, supporting the child-serving workforce and high-quality placements and services, child-centered oversight, and mental health care for Texas' most vulnerable youth. We believe that all these priorities can result in an even stronger community-driven system that serves children, youth, and families better.

Developing a Culture of Excellence

We believe that when an organization is unable to support and retain staff, that can impact the number of children and youth they can serve—which ultimately impacts capacity. Next year will bring even more training, credentialing, and resource-building for service provider organizations.

Equity & Access

TACFS is partnering with diverse groups and communities across Texas to ensure that we hear voices from former foster youth, families, and providers through workgroups, surveys, conferences, and member meetings. We are just getting started but will continue to work to support equity and access within the system for those delivering and receiving services.