

DEAR MEMBERS, PARTNERS, AND FRIENDS

This has been a highly consequential year for child welfare organizations in Texas and the children we serve. But in spite of the hurdles, this has been a time of innovation, investment, and improvement. Our system continues to face a number of challenges, but this year also gave us a foundation of achievement upon which to build.

Our network of caregivers has continued to persist through the obstacles of a global health pandemic, severe weather events, and a widespread labor shortage. We delivered needed services to children, youth and families throughout the state while continuing to develop new approaches and encourage new ways of thinking. We worked together to share best practices and amplified voices of positive change. We worked with our partners in public office to secure needed funding and reforms, all of which will help us address the immediate challenges of this momentum and pave the way for longer-term systemic change.

I am hopeful for the health and future of the children and youth we serve. I am encouraged by the innovation, resiliency, and commitment our organizations have demonstrated. We have a lot of work to do and I am grateful to be your partner as we continue to serve the children, youth, and families of Texas.

Katie Olse, CEO

OUR AREAS OF ACTION

collaboration



research and learning

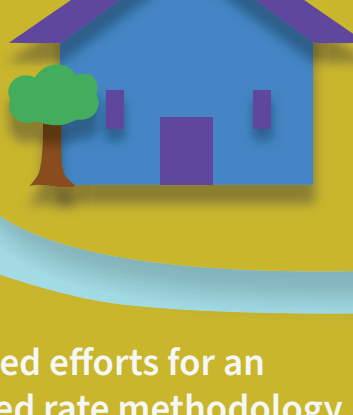


advocacy

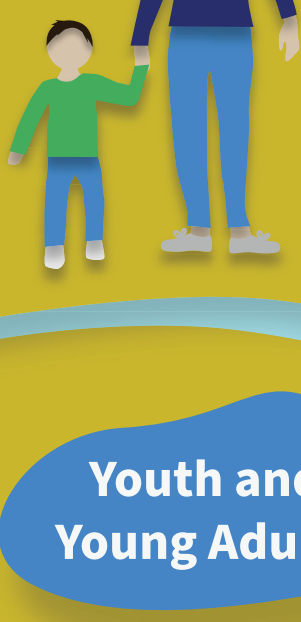


TACFS worked in 2021 to proactively support our members and state partners to develop expertise to strengthen services and system of care that is innovative and able to uniquely support each child and family.

Prevention and Family Services



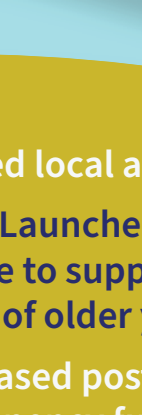
Supported the Prevention Task Force
Launched the Family Support Network
Advocated for Family Preservation improvements



Led efforts for an updated rate methodology
Published TACFS's Treatment Foster Care Analysis
Launched the Kinship Care fund
Led the Capacity Symposium to address ongoing crisis

Foster and Kinship Care

Youth and Young Adults



Collaborated to support best practices through the Foster Youth Health Initiative
Distributed millions in federal funding to former foster youth through PanAid

Supported local adoption efforts

Launched new initiative to support adoptions of older youth

Released post-adoption and permanency funding research

Adoption and Permanency

2021 BY THE NUMBERS

1300
PARTICIPANTS
VIRTUAL + IN PERSON
FOR OUR FIRST EVER
HYBRID CONFERENCE



53
TRAININGS
WITH
2,150
OF PARTICIPANTS
VIRTUAL OR
IN PERSON
*EXCLUDING TAOLC

\$10
MILLION+
DOWN GRANTED
THIS YEAR

7
MEMBER DRIVEN
WORKGROUPS
WITH HUNDREDS OF
TACFS MEMBER PARTICIPANTS

LED EFFORTS TO SUPPORT
\$120
MILLION
IN CAPACITY
BUILDING FUNDS
FROM THE LEGISLATURE

WHY THE WORK OF TACFS MEMBERS MATTERS

healthy kids



1 IN EVERY 10 KIDS
IN THE US ARE IN TEXAS

There are 7 million kids in Texas, with the second largest 0-5 population in the country. Better support for our kids is critical for their future and ours

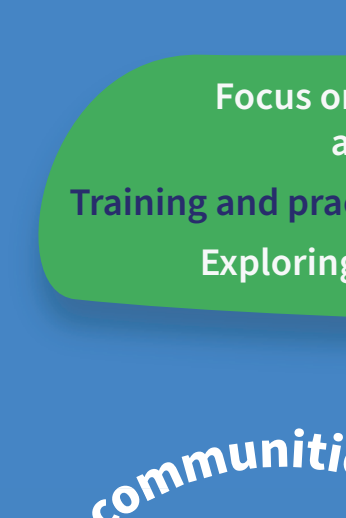
Trauma-informed care training and support

Led mental health cohort and advocated for strengthened services
Published research on foster care behavioral health services

KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER IS A PRIORITY

Many of the services offered by TACFS members are at home, through prevention and family preservation services. And once in care, the vast majority of kids in foster care in Texas exit to family settings. It's critical we strengthen these services.

healthy families



Focus on strengthening support to kinship care families and growing permanency care assistance
Training and practice models to involve and support families in their care
Exploring efforts to reinforce permanency care assistance

COMMUNITIES THAT SUPPORT KIDS AND FAMILIES

healthy communities



Texas continues to reinforce systems of care that are based in communities that can meet the unique needs of those they serve, while also providing normalcy and a network of support. TACFS is working to support community providers in every region of Texas.

Ongoing Community Based Care implementation and readiness efforts
Gathering, analyzing and sharing regional data and information
Connecting and supporting local stakeholders
Supporting expansion of telehealth to support rural providers and continuing to support increased local service capacity

LOOKING AHEAD

2022

Prevention, family support, and family resource centers

Better support for kinship families and growing Permanency Care Assistance

Continuing to explore and expand mental health and substance use services

Community Based Care readiness and implementation for new areas of the state

Expanding Building Bridges Initiative and other supports for residential

Adoption, post-adoption, and post-permanency services

Helping TACFS members stay ahead of the curve