

*2025*  
**YEAR  
IN  
REVIEW**





The Texas Alliance of Child and Family Services (TACFS or the Alliance) is the primary statewide network of child and family wellbeing providers. Our members provide services across the full continuum of care and, together, we are working to build a strong child welfare system through education, advocacy, collaboration, and research—always informed by the real-world experiences of providers doing the work on the ground. The Center for Child and Family Studies (TCCFS or the Center) is our research and training arm focused on equipping agencies and industry professionals with the tools they need to deliver this high-quality, trauma-informed care in their communities. We also help bring community stakeholders together to move the whole child and family wellbeing system forward.



Dear Friends and Partners,

As we reflect on this past year, one thing is certain: change has been a constant companion. From shifts in federal leadership to new expectations and challenges across our field, we have all had to find new footing in 2025. And even amid constant change, the strength of this community continues to drive our system forward.

At TACFS and the Center, we've seen firsthand how our members and partners continue to adapt, innovate, and lead from both the head and the heart. The methods and systems we rely on today are sure to become outdated and will need to evolve, but our mission, and the committed team behind it, endures. That unwavering dedication to Texas children and families is what makes our network future-proof.



In our Year in Review, you'll find stories that bring our collective impact to life including examples from across the continuum of care that show how we're making a difference together. You'll also read about our ongoing efforts to strengthen the child and family wellbeing system through downgranting projects and community-centered partnerships. These efforts have helped the Alliance and the Center put resources where they matter most, in the hands of local communities.

We are deeply grateful for your support, trust, and continued belief in this work. It is an honor to serve alongside you as we look ahead with hope, purpose, and a shared commitment to the wellbeing of every child and family in Texas.

*Alicia Frye*  
TACFS Board President  
Jonathan's Place CEO

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TCCFS Board Chair  
DePelchin Children's Center CEO

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# PREVENTION, EARLY INTERVENTION, & FAMILY SUPPORT



# BRIDGING MENTAL HEALTH GAPS

A new, voluntary program called Resilient Families launched this year to help families on the verge of separation due to mental and behavioral health challenges. TACFS member organization CK Family Services partnered with the Center to bring this critical resource to families across 19 counties in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Funding for Resilient Families comes from the Supporting Mental and Emotional Resiliency in Texans (SMART) Innovation Grant, awarded by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) in 2024.

This area (Region 3) has the highest rate of foster care removals due to Refusal to Assume Parental Responsibility (RAPR) in Texas, exceeding the next highest region by 55%. Families relinquishing parental rights frequently do so due to unmet mental health needs. Those currently enrolled in the program report that their struggle to cope created substantial disruption in their homes including job loss, physical aggression, and increased stress. All of these things inevitably lead to a breaking point. Resilient Families was created to address this crisis directly, providing targeted intervention before a family reaches the breaking point.

**“We named it Resilient Families because kids don’t dissolve family relationships, parents do,” said Shawn Wilson, Chief Business Development Officer for CK Family Services. “For these parents and children, strengthening resilience is a critical piece of maintaining the integrity of the family unit when faced with the lifelong journey that challenges with serious mental illness present.”**

The program offers a fully integrated, family-centered model that combines wraparound coordinators,

therapists, and qualified mental health professionals into one cohesive support system. Families receive skills training, peer mentorship from experienced foster families, mental health counseling, and rehabilitation. These wraparound services capture families who often fall through the cracks, notably those who don’t qualify for Medicaid but can’t afford private insurance and families not involved with the child welfare or juvenile justice systems.

“We can get ahead of RAPR removals and meet these families before they feel things are beyond repair,” said Megan Ransom, CEO of TACFS and the Center. “Programs like Resilient Families can serve those with the potential to thrive as they stick together instead of entering the foster care system.”

By the end of August 2025, the program had hired its full professional team and served 53 families, with two successful discharges and many more expected as the average program length exceeds six months. An individual entering the child welfare system is costly, with the highest levels of care costing close to 500 dollars per day, sometimes more. By leveraging the Resilient Families program to keep kids with their families, the Center estimates significant savings and return on investment for every dollar spent. The Meadows Foundation awarded \$245,000 to continue the program through 2025 and into 2026, enabling service for up to 50 concurrent families in year two.

The program’s partnerships with local hospitals, state agencies, Local Mental Health Authorities (LMHAs), and community mental health centers ensure a strong referral pipeline. Its focus on caregiver resilience strengthens both adults and children, building stability that lasts.

In addition to Resilient Families, the Center awarded nearly \$600,000 in SMART Grant funds to innovative nonprofit mental health pilot programs across Texas.



## From the Program

At the start of the program, a young person and his caregiver had a strained relationship, often engaging in arguments and expressing a mutual desire for the participant to move out of the home. Both the caregiver and the participant reported significant difficulties in family interactions, which frequently escalated into conflict. Over the course of five months, with the coordinated support of the treatment team, the family began to rebuild trust and communication. During a recent Child and Family Team Meeting, the family was observed laughing, joking, and collaboratively making plans to spend more quality time together. This progress highlights the effectiveness of the program's structured support and the commitment of the whole family, demonstrating how consistent team engagement can foster stronger bonds and healthier home dynamics.



**TPMHS**  
Texas Partnership for  
Mental Health Services

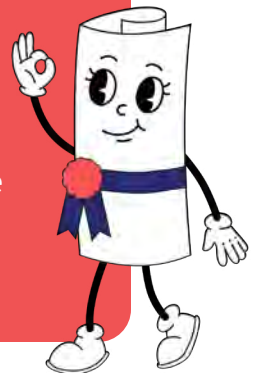
## ADVOCATING FOR CHANGE

The Center formed the Texas Partnership for Mental Health Services (TPMHS). With 11 members representing diverse organizations statewide in 2025, TPMHS includes TACFS members and external leaders. The group is specifically invested in advancing community-based mental health innovation to shape solutions for Texas children, youth, and families. TPMHS also commissioned a research study on mental health workforce retention available online now. Find *Building Resilient Teams: Evidence-Based Strategies for Recruiting and Retaining Staff in In-Home Mental Health Diversion Programs* at [tacfs.org/publications](https://tacfs.org/publications).



## Legislative Corner

- **\$40 million** in additional funds at HHSC for youth mobile crisis outreach teams.
- HHSC SMART Innovation Grant **funding continued**.
- **\$92.6 million** in additional funds at HHSC for rate increases and expanded capacity at community mental health hospitals.
- The State budget also directed to HHSC to analyze and implement improvements to the Medicaid credentialing system (the process by which providers become verified to bill through Medicaid).





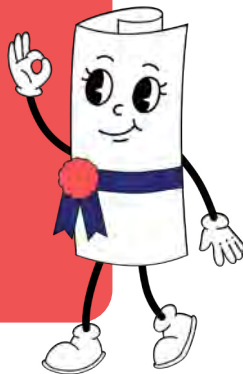
# STATEWIDE FAMILY SUPPORT

As leaders of this growing statewide movement, stewarded by the Center, the Texas Family Support Network (TFSN) has remained committed to supporting Texas Family Resource Centers (FRCs) including several TACFS member organizations, through training, technical assistance, and tailored consultation, helping local teams build stronger communities where families can thrive. TFSN has also continued its national collaboration with the National Family Support Network (NFSN), delivering workshops and impactful training experiences that inspire and equip family strengthening programs across the country.

Through a partnership with the St. David's Foundation, TFSN is walking alongside two Central Texas Family Resource Centers to guide and support the formalization of Parent Advisory Committees. Staff from both Family Resource Centers have completed the NFSN Standards of Quality for Family Strengthening & Support Training and Parent Advisory Committee Training, equipping them to stay true to the FRC model and elevate authentic family voice in decision-making. Engaging families into the work is at the heart of the Standards.

## Legislative Corner

Legislators funded **\$22.9 million** to sustain the Texas Family First Pilots, designed to help prevent imminent removals and keep families together. The pilots are now cemented in Community-Based Care contracts and should expand to more eligible populations.



# A CASE FOR PARENT LEADERSHIP

Family Resource Centers (FRCs) are hubs of community resources and work to empower families by strengthening the protective factors that help prevent child maltreatment. One of the key elements of the Standards of Quality for FRCs is developing a strong platform of parent leadership.

*So why is parent leadership important for Family Resource Centers?*



## Internal Recognition

Parent leadership begins when an organization's leaders name, out loud and in practice, that parents are the experts on their community and have real decision-making power within the FRC. Trust naturally flows through parents to other families, and when FRCs share power with parents, co-designing programs, shaping priorities, and guiding day-to-day choices, providers gain a deeper understanding of what works. FRC teams recognize parents as co-leaders who set the direction for their FRC.

## Deep Connections

In partnership with United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County, the Center walked alongside the Eastside Family Resource Center to implement the Standards of Quality by centering the day-to-day experiences of its Parent Advisory Committee (PAC). PAC members offered concrete, insights that shaped programs and priorities. Connecting parents to leadership allows families to show up authentically, contribute valued input, and build strong, mutual relationships with one another and staff. This approach actively strengthens the Protective Factors by deepening social connections, boosting parent resilience and knowledge, and improving access to concrete supports.

## Invited Participation

Thanks to a grant from the St. David's Foundation, TFSN was able to provide technical assistance to Any Baby Can and El Buen Samaritano to continue their work of formalizing Parent Advisory Committees (PAC). These dynamic committees create ways for parents to have an active voice and utilize their strengths and skills to guide the direction of the Family Resource Center

## Mentoring Others

FRCs with highly developed parent leadership programs have parents involved at every level of their operations. They help with the sustainability of the FRC through their mentorship of other parents and advocacy for the FRCs mission. Many also hire parents into paid roles (e.g., peer navigators, family partners, community liaisons), treating lived expertise as a professional qualification that strengthens trust, cultural humility, and program quality.

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# KINSHIP & FOSTER CARE





# EXPLORING EXTENDED FOSTER CARE

At the start of 2025, the Center partnered with Youth Villages to better understand the challenges and barriers young people face when transitioning out of foster care.

Through eight in-person and three virtual convenings, Center staff spoke with 205 young adults who have aged out of care, as well as more than 120 frontline staff who serve them. These impactful conversations explored the challenges youth face during their transition years. Both youth and staff shared common sentiments on these struggles in addition to their hopes for the future.

While talking about what keeps her engaged with this population, one transition program manager said, “I want them to be happy, have someone to call when they have life questions. I want them to have community. I would love for them to manage their budget, pay rent, know how to enroll their kids in school, find the school supply list. I want them to know they are worthy and deserve love.”

Throughout the state, many youth spoke about how managing housing, finances, insurance, school, and work with a limited support system has proven harrowing.

And although limited, data shows that while outcomes for youth with lived experience have improved in the last 10 years, the population remains strides behind other young people in the areas of education and employment stability (Casey, 2023).

One tool shared in conversations with providers was LifeSet, Youth Village’s intensive case management model for transition-age youth. And in late 2025, the Center will publish key learnings and recommendations from this work.

*Annie E. Casey Foundation. (2023, May 8). Fostering Youth Transitions 2023 State and National Data to Drive Foster Care Advocacy. <https://www.aecf.org/>.*

**“Being ok with yourself, having no family is hard to have to figure out how you can build yourself and the life you want so you can be happy. I strive to be the best I can be in all areas of my life, I hope I keep finding the strength to keep going.”**

***Young adult when asked, What does successful adult living mean to you?***

# DRIVING KIN CULTURE FORWARD

The Kinship Advocates of Texas (KAT) is a group of TACFS member organizations dedicated to advancing kinship culture throughout the state. Kinship caregivers are relatives and other people with whom a family might have a significant relationship, who step in when a child cannot stay safely at home. In the last decade, many states, including Texas, have begun work to remove barriers for kin. KAT members see more opportunities for Texas to make room for kinship caregivers and providers who serve them. In March 2025, the group began hosting monthly kinship home licensing information sessions to educate kin caregivers and professionals from provider agencies on the benefits and requirements for kinship licensure. With a mixture of kinship caregivers, CPA staff, SSCC staff and other professionals, 77 participants attended the information sessions.

Looking ahead, KAT has formed a subcommittee on the Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children (ICPC). They will work with the state's ICPC team on streamlining challenges that providers experience while working to make kinship placements. And, several organizations are members of KAT are currently participating in a national initiative supported by the Harvard Kennedy School in their Fall 2025 Kin-First Learning Cohort to help agencies build kin-first systems.

## Legislative Corner

- Texas budgeted an additional **\$3 million** to expand kinship family support for children with behavioral health needs for SSCCs (Single Source Continuum Contractors).
- HB 5394: Prohibits additional requirements for kinship caregivers in licensure.
- Improved day care eligibility criteria (and associated funding) for kinship caregivers



# A YEAR OF YOUTH VOICE

Alliance for Our Futures (Futures) is a movement to harness youth voices and empower young people with lived experience in foster care. Supported by the Selfless Love Foundation, this group of young people, accompanied by TACFS staff, have had a year of exciting opportunities to learn, advocate, and educate throughout the state. In 2025, Futures hosted monthly virtual sessions for young people and providers on topics such as health care, strategic sharing, relationship building, and advocacy. The year was also full of events helping to build this statewide movement and to elevate the importance of youth voice throughout the system.

January 28

## ***Youth Voice at the Cap***

A group of young adults joined TACFS Advocacy Day at the Capitol with their own supplemental agenda.



June 18

## ***Family Reunification Conference***

Three young adults from Futures participated in a panel on lived experience and reunification. They were able to provide a statewide audience of caseworkers with insight on what can be done to ensure family engagement and positive permanency.

July 20

## ***TWC Foster Youth Conference***

Futures participants sat on panels to provide their perspective to Texas Workforce Commission professionals about some of the barriers to entry into the workforce and how to better serve young people on their journeys to independence.



May 28 & 29

## ***Youth Thrive 4 Youth***

Futures sent 20 youth to participate in a two-day training on resilience, social connections, and accessing concrete support in times of need.



Month of July

## ***Dale Carnegie***

Twelve youth with lived experience completed a six-session course where they developed leadership skills.



Month of October

## ***Foster Youth Voice Month***

Futures celebrated the month by amplifying positive stories from youth and providers.

October 21 & 22

## ***Selfless Love Foundation Think Tank***

Center staff were invited to participate in this annual opportunity to address critical gaps in the adoption process informed by lived experience and national perspective.

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# ADOPTION & POST- ADOPTION



# BUILDING CONNECTIONS THROUGH ADOPTION RECRUITMENT

## Impact in Texas

**429**  
children  
currently on  
caseloads

**1,243**  
children served

**531**  
adoption finalizations, to date

**34 Recruiters**  
across the state in Regions 2,4,5,6 & 8b

Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption's (DTFA) signature program, Wendy's Wonderful Kids (WWK) has proven hugely useful in the five regions where adoption providers are utilizing the recruitment method. The program is poised to expand into five more regions in the coming year.

Providers say that the WWK model has been especially effective for reconnecting children with relatives and siblings. Several shared examples of uncovering overlooked information in case files and reconnecting youth with biological family members who had previously been ruled out. These connections have provided youth with a sense of belonging, connection, and support even when it did not result in their adoption. Recruiters have also helped families to build trust with judges, caseworkers, and CASA. Getting support and buy-in from the legal system has been called a "gamechanger" by one provider.

## Here and There



### *WWK Luncheon in Austin*

January 2025, we held a luncheon with about 60 leaders and legislators across the state to learn more about the successes and impact of the WWK program in Texas.



### *DTFA Summit in Ohio*

TACFS attended DTFA Summit to engage with our Texas WWK team and continue to grow professional development on child-focused recruitment. During the summit, DTFA recognized Kate, a WWK recruiter with Helping Hand Home for Children, as a Recruiter of the Year (one of four in the US and Canada).



# BUILDING TEXAS ADOPTION INFRASTRUCTURE: *TRIPLE STRENGTH*

Through a strong partnership between the Center and Moritz Center for Societal Impact at the University of Texas, Heart Galleries of Texas (HGTX) has a laser focus on three areas of strong statewide adoption infrastructure.

## Heart Galleries

In 2025, the Center helped maintain robust Heart Galleries in the 11 regions across Texas to promote adoption awareness and drive community engagement. These efforts drive the development of community roots and sustainability of each Heart Gallery.

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**938**

Youth featured on a  
Heart Gallery website

**844**

Community outreach events  
with 9,9064 total attendees

**324**

Youth removed from  
the Heart Gallery due  
to an adoptive or  
permanent placement

**1,810**

Heart Gallery exhibits  
displayed throughout Texas

**536**

Stakeholder meetings  
with 6,667 total attendees

TXPOP

## *Training Providers*

The Texas Permanency Outcomes Practice Model is a practice model to help child welfare agencies engage families in planning and decision-making, build partnerships between families and foster caregivers, and increase children's sense of belonging. The Center provides training to post-permanency service providers in two-day workshops throughout the year.

## Post-Permanency

HGTX continues to equip local communities with the resources families need to thrive and sustain permanency, whether formed through adoption, kinship care, or guardianship. In FY25, HGTX provided grants to 49 organizations to support families on their post-permanency programs and resources. These grants fund creative, accessible approaches that meet families where they are, minimize red tape, and offer services quickly.

2

**941**

families who have received basic or emergency assistance

**1,683**

clients who received mental health services

**558**

youth funded to participate in normalcy activities

**181**

families who have received respite services

**232**

support groups with 2,460 total attendees

**136**

caregiver trainings with 1,194 total attendees

**3,775**

attendees in family bonding activities, events or camps

**1,905**

coaching sessions

## Training & Technical Assistance

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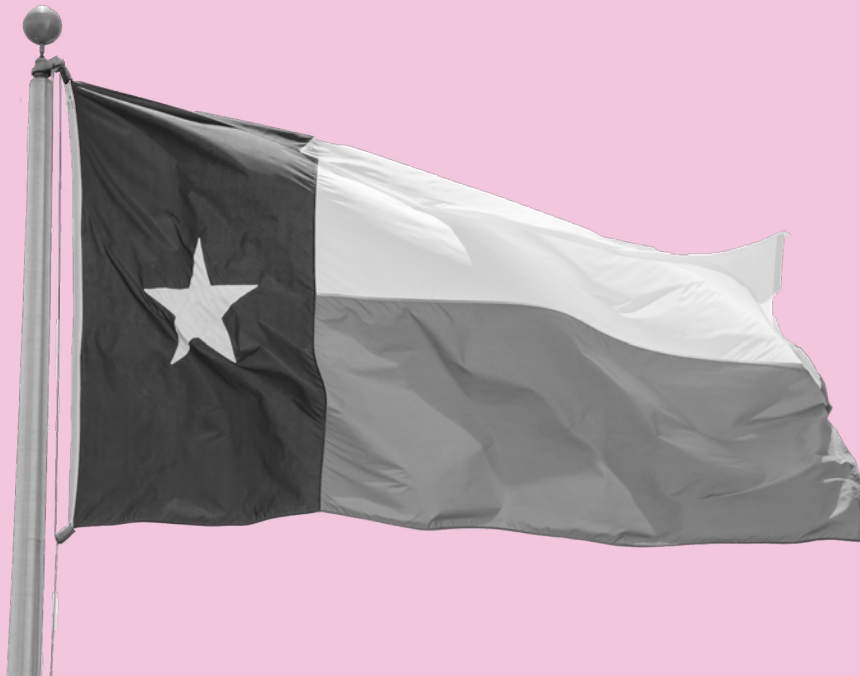
In 2025, HGTX provided training and technical assistance to the providers and families in communities across the state on adoption and post-adoption best practices. These educational opportunities covered child-centered care, strengths-based approaches, development, adoption competence, family engagement, relational health, and trauma, loss, and grief.

TAC

### *Training Clinicians*

In March 2025, the Center became the official Training on Adoption Competency (TAC) site for the state of Texas. TAC is for clinicians who provide therapy services to adoptive families. It was designed to increase access to adoption, competent mental health professionals, and to improve the wellbeing of adoptees in our communities. In January of 2026, our TAC training team is scheduled to launch their first cohort.

# *OUR GROWING COMMUNITY- BASED SYSTEM*



# Statewide

In partnership with the Children’s Commission, and with support from the Texas Bar Foundation, the Center created and delivered information sessions and a webinar on Community-Based Care (CBC). The content targeted attorneys, judges, and other advocates with influence and proximity to the child and family wellbeing system. And, together, the TACFS Board, members, and staff celebrated big wins for kids, families, and providers at the Texas Capitol during the 89th legislative session.

## North

The North Texas Foster Care Consortium celebrated its 10th anniversary this year. The Consortium, which serves Dallas/Fort Worth and 16 surrounding counties, represents a broad spectrum of child welfare and other related organizations committed to promoting the wellbeing of children in and out of home care. In 2025 the Consortium focused on education regarding Texas Child Centered Care (T3C), foster parent recruitment and retention, supporting the development of a court community engagement position, legal issues impacting child welfare, and a continued focus on Community-Based Care (CBC).

# Central

CBC7 supported readiness efforts in Central Texas, focusing on two primary goals:

- Gathering community input on what is important for organizations to know about Region 7 as CBC develops
- Working towards measurable positive change in communities across the region, where families are supported, children are safe, and placements outside of permanency are *rare, brief, and non-recurring*

The Center helped host seven community convenings, a legal/judicial convening, and a parent’s council presentation to share information about CBC and to gather feedback. Collectively, over 200 people participated in these meetings. In addition, there are five innovative pilot projects in the region supported by strategic guidance and technical assistance that have had the opportunity to present at a funder convening.

## Legislative Corner

- **\$2,500** per child network support payment
- CBC continuation and expansion:
  - Approved early payments to SSCs to hire ahead during Stages 1 and 2
  - **\$5 million** for West Texas CBC Pilot funded
- SB 1558 ensures better access to liability insurance for non-profit foster care providers and sets a national standard. Clarifies Charitable Immunity and Liability Act protection for non-profit providers and creates a “good standing” framework for vicarious liability protection.



# PROVIDERS PREPARE FOR T3C

Since 2018, TACFS and partners have been working to educate leaders on developing a new and improved approach to capturing the true costs of care. Texas Child-Centered Care (T3C) was passed and fully funded during the 88th Texas Legislature and makes sure providers can bring the highest quality care, treatment services, and placements that work to improve child and family outcomes. Implementation is well under way with providers credentialing to serve in the new model since March 2025. Over 99 Texas providers have active T3C credentials. Implementation will continue through August 2027. TACFS, SSCCs, and providers are working closely with DFPS to inform this readiness process.

## Legislative Corner

Texas sustained T3C rates and allocated another **\$12 million** for provider readiness grants.



*The Center continues to partner with the SSCCs to administer T3C Readiness grants.*

**This year, \$2,500,000 was administered to 22 organizations in the first grant cycle with two more grant cycles to come.**



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# PROVIDERS & WORKFORCE



# TRAINING PROVIDERS YEAR-ROUND

## Texas Child Care Administrators Conference

The Texas Child Care Administrators Conference is the largest child welfare conference in Texas. It connects child and family wellbeing professionals with training and best practices on delivering the highest quality of care.

*1,541 attendees*  
(1,025 in-person & 516 virtual)



*42 workshops*



*3 keynotes*



*90 exhibitors*  
*49 sponsors*



*It always helps me enhance my growth and always learn something new from a guest speaker.*

*It's always a blessing to be around like-minded individuals that "get it." The struggles, the successes, the trials, the accomplishments.*

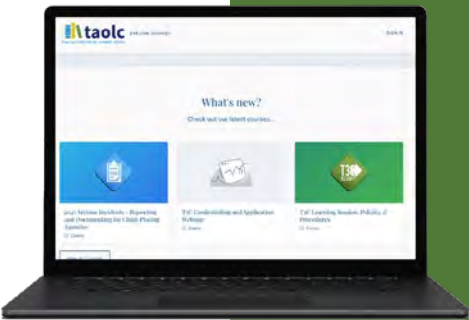
*I enjoyed networking and team building with the team I brought to the conference.*

**Save the Date for TCCAC 2026!**

**September 21-23, 2026 The Gaylord Texan, Grapevine**

# Online Learning Center

The Texas Alliance Online Learning Center continues to be a convenient, on-demand, and high-quality resource where busy child and family wellbeing professionals and foster parents get their training needs met.



## Top 3 Courses

- Emergency Preparedness for Foster Parents
- Medication Management for Child-Placing Agencies
- T3C Credentialing: Treatment and Logic Models

2,179

*course enrollments*

1,477

*unique students*

## Child Welfare Supervisor Credentialing

The Center launched *Cohort 6* of the Credentialing Child Welfare Supervisor Training in September 2025. Texas remains the leader in elevating and professionalizing the field of child welfare supervising by offering this certification. Earlier this year, Cohort 5 completed the credential early in 2025, with participants successfully sitting for the exam in October.


### Cohort 5

- Texas Family Care Network - 7 participants
- 4Kids4Families -14 participants
- Our Community Our Kids - 4 participants
- SJRC/Belong- 5 participants

### Cohort 6

- Our Community Our Kids - 5 participants
- 4Kids4Families - 11 participants
- SJRC/Belong - 1 participant

# SUPPORT FOR CSE PROVIDERS



As they bring intensive therapeutic care to the youth they serve, this free and customized coaching provides an opportunity to fine tune their offering to this unique population.

A small but mighty group of TACFS staff are dedicated to projects that address child sexual trafficking. In 2025, this team provided training and technical assistance to Texas providers serving children, youth, and families whose lives have been impacted by Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSE).

One of those projects is a grant for training and technical assistance supported by the Office of the Governor's Anti-Trafficking Task Force. The Center awarded five direct service organizations a suite of training and quality improvement support. As they bring intensive therapeutic care to the youth they serve, this free and customized coaching provides an opportunity to fine tune their offering to this unique population.

Additionally, since January 2025, the Center has conducted 21 trainings on a range of topics to support child-serving professionals throughout the state,

including TACFS members, CSEY advocates, care coordinators, direct care staff, clinicians, and executive leadership. Over 750 people attended these trainings in 2025, with a majority of survey respondents indicating that they gained new skills, increased their self-efficacy, and would recommend the training they received to others in their role.

Offered for the first time in 2025, the Center hosted the Centering Connections for CSEY Symposium in September where 70 providers gathered to learn about meeting the needs of underserved populations. The symposium included a talk from Landon Dickeson, the Executive Director of Ranch Hand Rescue and Bob's House of Hope, the first safe house in the country for male survivors of CSE. Participants from across the state also learned about how to use outcome evaluations to drive programmatic improvements and meaningful ways to engage lived experience experts in the field.

# REPORTING REPAIR

As part of a federal grant led by University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) and supported by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), the Center is supporting a three-year study to strengthen mandated reporting practices. Through collaborative research, the Center has helped study 100 professionals in healthcare, education, social services, and law enforcement—the four fields responsible for most CPS referrals.

## Moving Training into the Real World

The grant funded the design of a survey created by students from the UTA School of Social Work and an advisory board made up of educators, people with lived experience, and professionals from the criminal justice, education, health, and social work fields. The survey worked to identify gaps in training and practice around mandated reporting.

Survey research revealed two clear needs:

- Stronger, ongoing training on recognizing and reporting maltreatment
- Better guidance for “gray cases,” where poverty or family stressors are too often conflated with neglect

Those findings shaped an interprofessional education (IPE) strategy. IPE brings students from the helping professions (e.g., social work, nursing, criminal justice, physical therapy, education) into shared, real-world scenarios so they can practice communication,

role clarity, and teamwork. These are exactly the skills needed when decisions about children and families are complex.

In partnership with UTA, the Center staff launched an initial training in 2023 and co-designed three additional IPE modules being piloted now.

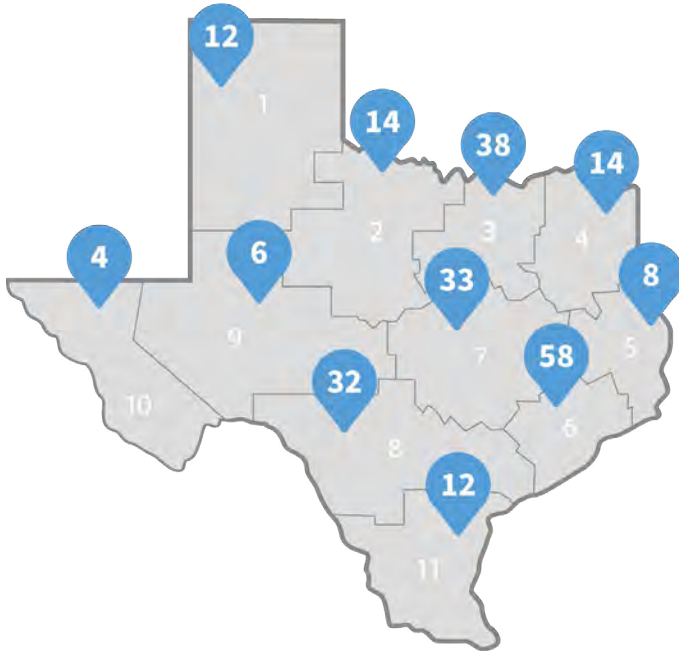
- Responding to a sexual-abuse outcry and navigating the reporting process
- Understanding how parental substance use affects child-welfare decisions
- Supporting an adolescent with developmental disabilities in kinship care who is struggling at school

Across modules, future professionals learn to identify true maltreatment, connect families to appropriate supports when risk stems from economic strain, and examine their own biases.

**The impact we hope to make: fewer unwarranted reports, stronger family-professional partnerships, and a stronger and well-equipped workforce.**



# OUR MEMBERS & OUR IMPACT



- 1 Care Premier Services
- 1 HOPE for Kids
- 1 Archangel Foster and Adoption Agency
- A World for Children
- Abol Cottage Care
- Accompanied by God's Love
- ACH Child and Family Services
- Addy's Hope Adoption Agency
- Advantage Adoptions - One Church One Child
- Agape Manor Home Child Placing Agency
- Agape Ranch
- AIM Adoptions
- Amarillo Children's Home
- America's Angels
- Amir's House
- Angelheart
- Angels Nest
- Annunciation Maternity Home
- Arms of Hope
- Arms Wide
- Arrow Child and Family Ministries
- Ashling House Children Services
- Aspire 2 Dream
- Ayanti RTC
- Azleway
- BEAR: BE A Resource for CPS Kids
- Boys and Girls Country of Houston
- Boys' Haven of America
- Boystown
- Brownson Home
- Buckner Children and Family Services
- Burke Center for Youth
- Cal Farley's
- Casa de Esperanza de Los Ninos
- Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
- Centers for Children and Families
- Central Texas Table of Grace
- Cherokee Home for Children
- Child Crisis Center of El Paso
- Children's Home of Lubbock and Family Service Agency
- Children's Village and Family Services
- Chosen Ones
- Christ's Haven for Children
- CK Family Services
- Compass Connections

## WHAT OUR NETWORK DOES...



### Care

- Foster Care, Kinship Care & Adoption
- Treatment Foster Care
- Residential Care
- Transitional, Supervised, & Independent Living
- Home- and Community-Based Care



### Treatment

- Behavioral & Mental Health Services
- Substance Use Treatment
- Trauma-Focused & Specialized Therapies
- Group & Individual Counseling
- Emergency & Crisis Response



### Programs

- Pre-Adoption & Post-Adoption
- Charter Schools & Education
- Family Support, Prevention, & Advocacy
- Respite Care
- Case Management
- Life Skills & Parent Education

- Conscious Health & Wellbeing
- Cumberland Youth and Family Services
- DePelchin Children's Center
- Devereux Advance Behavioral Health
- Direction61:3
- Divine Children's Care Home
- Divinity Family Services
- Dream RTC
- East Texas Open Door
- Embrace Waiting Children
- Emerging Grace Ministries
- Endeavors
- Entrusted Houston
- Epiphany Soul
- Everyday Life
- Family Roots for Life
- Foster Angels of Central Texas
- Foster Angels of South Texas
- Foster Texas
- Foster Village
- Fostering Hope
- Garden of Hope Central Texas
- Girls' Haven
- Gladney Center for Adoption
- Good Hearts Youth and Family Services
- Grace Manor
- Guardian Angels RTC
- Guiding Light Foster Care and Adoption
- Hands of Faith GRO
- Hands of Healing RTC
- Harmony Family Services
- Harris County Resources for Children & Adults
- Hearts with Hope Foundation
- Helping Hand Home for Children
- Hidden Cove RTC
- High Sky Children's Ranch
- Hill Country Youth Ranch
- Home of Joseph Foundation
- Homes in Harmony Foster Care & Adoption Agency
- Homes with Hope
- Hope for Tomorrow Child & Family Ministries
- Hope Haven of East Texas
- Hope House
- Horizon Project
- House of Hope RTC
- House of Shiloh Family Services
- Houston Strong Children's Services
- Houston's House of Hope
- J's House
- Jonathan's Place
- Kaufman County Children's Emergency Shelter
- Kids First
- Kidsave Texas
- LifeWorks
- Make a Way Child Placing Agency
- Methodist Children's Home
- Monarch Family Services
- Montgomery County Youth Services
- National Youth Advocate Program
- New Horizons Ranch & Center
- New Life Refuge Ministries
- Nexus Health Systems
- Nothing Just Happens
- Nurturing Change
- One Accord for Kids
- One More Child
- Parks Youth Ranch
- Partnerships for Children
- Pathways Youth and Family Services
- Pegasus Schools
- Pinecrest Emergency Care Services
- Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services
- Pressley Ridge
- Promise Rose Residential Care Home
- Pursuit of Happiness
- Rainbow of Love Adoption Agency
- Ratcliff Youth and Family Services
- Refuge House San Antonio
- Renewed Strength
- Resources Inspiring Success & Empowering (RISE)
- Respite Care of San Antonio
- Roy Maas Youth Alternatives
- SAFE Alliance
- Saint Francis Community Services
- Selfless Love Foundation
- Shamar Hope Haven RTC
- SJRC Texas
- St. PJ's Children's Home & Seton Home
- STARR Resiliency
- Sweeten Home for Children
- T. Reed & Associates
- Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi: Island Harbor
- Texas Baptist Home for Children
- Texas Family Initiative | TFI Family Connections
- Texas Girls and Boys Ranch
- The Ark Assessment Center & Emergency Shelter for Youth
- The Bair Foundation
- The Children's Shelter
- The Fostering Collective
- The Haven
- The Jim H Green Kidz Harbor
- The Pride Lands Center of Hope
- The Sanctuary Foster Care Services
- The Settlement Home for Children
- The Treasured Protégé
- THRU Project
- Transitions For Tomorrow
- Trels Home for Children
- Trinity Guidance RTC
- TruLight127 Ministries
- Upbring
- Urban Strategies
- Vault Fostering Community
- Youth in View
- Youth Villages

## Our Supporting Members

- Accreditation Guru
- Adoption is an Option
- AOC Outreach Services
- Around the Corner Consulting
- Back Office for Social Services
- Binti
- CARF International
- Casey Family Programs
- Community Partners of Dallas
- CompanyMileage
- First Nonprofit
- Hammer Technical Services
- Instrumentl
- Jim Hine
- K-Care
- Marsh McLennan Agency
- Miracle Foundation: Foster 360
- Praesidium
- Rock Solid Foundation
- Sigbee
- St. William Health Records
- Tempo
- The Miller Group
- The Riverside Project
- ThriveUp Collective
- TriNet
- Whispering Pines Consulting

# RESOURCES THAT DRIVE OUR WORK

Our work is guided by a core theory that when our network of providers is strong, equipped, and supported, the entire system delivers better outcomes for children and families. That's why we continue to channel funding directly to providers through downgranting, while also piloting innovative approaches and researching barriers that limit success in the field. And both at our annual Conference and throughout the year, the Center delivers essential training, consultation, and technical assistance to strengthen provider capacity statewide.





Dear Friends and Partners,

As we bring this remarkable year to a close, I find myself reflecting on all that 50 years of the Alliance have meant—for our members, for Texas children and families, and for this incredible community we've built together. It has been a year full of memories, celebration, and gratitude, and it has reminded us just how far we've come.

Fifty years ago, a group of leaders came together with one shared belief: that Texas children and families deserve the best possible care and the strongest possible network of support. Today, that belief still anchors everything we do. It has carried us through times of growth and challenge, change and innovation, and it will continue to guide us into the future.

And it is hard not to wonder what the next 50 years will bring. **What might our network look like in 2075?** How will our ever-changing landscape continue to evolve? While we cannot predict all the changes ahead, we can be sure of what we hope for.

We hope for communities where child and family outcomes are improving across the continuum. We hope for a system that has grown stronger through collaboration, more connected through care and commitment. And we hope for TACFS and the Center to continue to lead with compassion, integrity, and vision.

To all who have been a part of this journey, whether for one year or all fifty, I thank you. Your dedication and partnership have shaped who we are and who we'll become.

Cheers to 50 years, and  
cheers to 50 more!

With heartfelt appreciation,

*Megan Ransom*  
TACFS CEO





