

**Family Support Services Family Resource Center Grantee Meeting**  
**Texas Center for Child and Family Services Coordinated**  
**April 13-14, 2025**  
**9:00 am-3:00 pm**  
**Austin, Texas**

**Day 1 Agenda**

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM **Check-in**

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9:00 AM – 9:15 AM **Welcome/Opening**

*Chelsy Alexander, Family Strengthening Program Manager, Texas Center for Child and Family Studies*

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9:15 AM – 9:30 AM **Opening Remarks and State of the State**

*Kathryn Sibley, Associate Commissioner, Family Support Services, Texas Health and Human Services Commission*

*Anjulie Bonilla, Director of FSS Programs, Family Support Services, Texas Health and Human Services Commission*

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9:30 AM – 10:00 AM **Grounding the Day: Building off Reflection**

*Tameka Caldwell, Director of Family Strengthening, Texas Center for Child and Family Studies*

This opening session grounds the day in reflection, highlighting the shared journey of Family Resource Centers across Texas over the past five years.

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10:00 AM – 10:45 AM **Going Deeper with the Protective Factors**

*Chelsy Alexander, Family Strengthening Program Manager, Texas Center for Child and Family Studies*

*Tameka Caldwell, Director of Family Strengthening, Texas Center for Child and Family Studies*

In this engaging session, participants will explore how the Strengthening Families Protective Factors come to life within everyday practice, community partnerships, and broader systems. Together, we'll move from theory to real-world implementation, including a hands-on group activity that applies protective factors to FRCs and cross-system collaboration.

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10:45 AM – 11:00 AM **Break**

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11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Turning Ideas into Action-Group Activity**

*Chelsy Alexander, Family Strengthening Program Manager, Texas Center for Child and Family Studies*

*Tameka Caldwell, Director of Family Strengthening, Texas Center for Child and Family Studies*

This session explores how FRCs can continue to strengthen their role as community connectors by working alongside some of the following: healthcare, housing, literacy, and family safety.

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12:00 PM – 1:45 PM **Lunch Offsite**

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1:45 PM – 2:45 PM **Strengthening Safety Practices at FRCs**

*Walter Page, Director of Maternal Child Initiatives, Texas A&M University College of Nursing*

*Nydia Garcia, Community Relations & Education Manager, Texas A&M College of Nursing*

This session equips participants to co-create safety plans with survivors of intimate partner violence. It emphasizes personalized, flexible approaches that enhance survivor autonomy and addresses specific risks to survivors and their families.

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2:45 PM – 3:00 PM **Day 1 Wrap-up**

*Tameka Caldwell, Director of Family Strengthening, Texas Center for Child and Family Studies*

**Day 2 Agenda**

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM **Arrival and Check-in**

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9:00 AM – 9:15 AM **Welcome Back!**

*Chelsy Alexander, Family Strengthening Program Manager, Texas Center for Child and Family Studies*

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9:15 AM – 10:15 AM **FRC PEIRS Support**

*FSS Data Team, Family Support Services, Texas Health and Human Services Commission*

The FSS Data Team will deliver a presentation on how to document the great work done at the Family Resource Center into PEIRS so that FSS is able to understand how families engage with the FRC.

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10:15 AM – 11:00 AM **Barriers for FRCs and Families**

**Sha Tisha Rogers**, Program Specialist, Family Support Services, Texas Health and Human Services Commission

**Carol Gordon**, Program Specialist, Family Support Services, Texas Health and Human Services Commission

In supporting Family Resource Centers, Family Support Services staff have heard about barriers that are facing families along with challenges and gaps that are in FRC communities. In this session, attendees will hear about trends faced by multiple FRCs and learn about how some FRCs overcame the barriers they encountered.

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11:00 AM – 11:15 AM **Break**

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11:15 AM – 12:00 PM **Panel on Cross-Program Partnership**

**Chelsy Alexander**, Family Strengthening Program Manager, Texas Center for Child and Family Studies

**Nita Riggins**, Director of the Carver Center for Families, STARRY

**Heather Champion**, Program Director, BCFS Health and Human Services-Abilene

**Kathy Quillens**, Operations Manager, MET Inc.

**Noemi Guerra**, Economic Stability Supervisor, Bastrop County Cares

This panel of FRC grantees will discuss how they have partnered with HHSC and other state programs for opportunities to better serve families together. Attendees will have a chance to hear what the panelist did to initiate the relationship and how the partnership has been maintained.

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12:00 PM – 1:45 PM **Lunch Offsite**

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1:45 PM – 2:45 PM **Leveraging State Programs - Katie Apperson, and couple of other FSS Staff**

**Katie Apperson**, Parent Partner, Family Support Services, Texas Health and Human Services Commission

**Sha Tisha Rogers**, Program Specialist, Family Support Services, Texas Health and Human Services Commission

**Carol Gordon**, Program Specialist, Family Support Services, Texas Health and Human Services Commission

This session will be a small-group discussion focused on how FRCs can effectively utilize and align with other state programs to meet family needs. Attendees will be divided into groups to talk about the partnerships they heard about in the panel discussion and consider additional programs from Family Health Services and Texas Health Human Services.

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2:45 PM – 3:00 PM **Closing Thoughts and Announcements**

**David Bryant**, Division Administrator Early Childhood Programs (HOPES, Family Support Services, Texas Health and Human Services Commission

3:00 PM **Adjourn**