Introduction

Texas Department of Family and Protective and Services

Annual Report 2003

The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) serves the state's children, youth, families, the elderly, and people with disabilities. We accomplish our mission – to protect the unprotected – through our Child Protective Services, Adult Protective Services, Child Care Licensing, and Prevention and Early Intervention programs.

The 2003 Annual Report is an overview of the agency's programs, services, performance, and accomplishments. This report covers the fiscal year beginning Sept. 1, 2002, through Aug. 31, 2003 when the agency was known as the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (PRS). The companion to this report, the 2003 DFPS Data Book, is a descriptive statistical resource of the agency's services. The 2003 Annual Report and Data Book can be found on the agency's web site at www.dfps.state.tx.us.

Statewide, our dedicated DFPS employees make tremendous contributions every day, in cooperation with a vast network of public and private partners, to fulfill our mission. We are pleased to present this summary of the services we provide, as well as highlight the agency's performance and accomplishments.

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