



# Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) is providing clarification regarding the Partners for Children and Families Committee (PCFC) membership announcement shared yesterday. The announcement did not include members of the PCFC Core Committee or individual subcommittees whose terms have not yet expired and who therefore remain active members of the committee. DFPS apologizes for the confusion caused by yesterday's announcement. The full Partners for Children and Families Committee (PCFC) - Core Committee and Subcommittees Membership Roster is provided below.

(\* indicates term concluded – reappointed)

(^ indicates newly appointed)

(bold indicates core committee members)

## **Full Core Committee Roster:**

- Ashleigh Wilkes, A World for Children\*
- Brandon Logan, One Accord for Kids\*
- Chelsea Churchill-Woodworth, Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas, Inc
- Hon. Delia Gonzales, Associate Judge^
- Denise Blakney, Building Future Families
- Fedora Galasso, Texas Network of Youth Services/ Lived Experience\*
- Jamie Bernstein, Supreme Court of Texas Children's Commission
- Megan Ransom, Texas Alliance of Child and Family Services\*
- Melanie Shannon, Region 4 Education Service Center / Lived Experience^
- Michael Redden, New Horizons Ranch & Center, Inc.
- Mike Maples, Blue Bonnet Trails Community Services\*
- Robbie Callis, Casey Family Programs
- Scott Lundy, Arrow Child & Family Ministries^
- Dr. Tabitha Charlton, Kidsave TX
- Vicki Spriggs, Texas CASA

## **Full Subcommittee Rosters:**

Community-Based Care Subcommittee:

- **Brandon Logan, One Accord for Kids**
- Dan Powers, Colin County CAC^
- Daniel Lund, CK Family Services
- Hon. David Barkley, Associate Judge
- Jessica Benavides, Lifeworks^

- Kate Murphy, Texans Care for Children
- Kathleen LaValle, Dallas CASA\*
- Mackenzie Hughes, Baylor College of Medicine/Texas Children's Hospital^
- **Megan Ransom, Texas Alliance of Child and Family Services**
- Rocky Hensarling, Texas Family Care Network^
- **Scott Lundy, Arrow Child & Family Ministries^**
- Traci Wagner, Methodist Children's Home^

Contract Oversight and Regulatory Subcommittee:

- Amanda Boyd, The Sanctuary Foster Care Services\*
- **Ashleigh Wilkes, A World For Children**
- Debbie Sceroler, Buckner Children and Family Services
- Hon. Elizabeth Watkins, Associate Judge^
- LeAnna McKinney, Boysville, Inc.^
- Melissa Opheim, ACH Child and Family Services
- **Michael Redden, New Horizons Ranch & Center, Inc.**
- Sandra Daniels, Youth in View\*
- Tiffany Roper, Texas Alliance of Child & Family Services^

Foster Care and Kinship Policy Subcommittee:

- Andi Harrison, Buckner Children and Family Services^
- Angelica Hamm, Beacon of Hope – Brownsville^
- Brad Brush, Pathways Youth and Family Services^
- Carolyn Bishop, Arrow Child & Family Ministries^
- Jessica Hoskins, St. Francis Ministries Texas
- Joni Yount, Texas Family Care Network^
- Lucia Muniz, Wendy's Wonderful Kids^
- **Robbie Callis, Casey Family Programs**
- Robyn Gambrel, Boysville, Inc.^
- Sarah E. Borszich, Education Space, LLC-Child Care^
- Scott Cooley, Supreme Court of Texas Children's Commission^
- Teresa Andresen, Foster-Adopt Parent

Intake and Investigations Subcommittee:

- Anna Ford, SJRC Texas / Belong
- Chelci Wright, District Attorney\*
- **Chelsea Churchill-Woodworth, Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas, Inc**
- Fiona Remko, Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas, Inc
- Lisa Bennett, Advent Health^
- Michael Martinez, Casey Family Programs^
- Michael Strickland, Jonathan's Place^
- Olivia Gibson, Tarleton State Instructor/ Foster- Adopt Parent^
- Rachel Mack, Family Alliance Network, LLC
- Renee Castillo-De La Cruz, Supreme Court of Texas Children's Commission^

- **Vicki Spriggs, Texas CASA**
- Whitney Nash, Foster Parent

Placement Subcommittee:

- Chelsey Castro, Wendy's Wonderful Kids^
- **Hon. Delia Gonzales, Associate Judge^**
- LaRhesa Moon, The Children's Shelter of San Antonio
- Lorra Lierly, CASA of Red River^
- Luevenia Chapman, Hearts with Hope Foundation^
- Mari Johnson, Community Network Alliance Group, LLC
- **Megan Ransom, Texas Alliance of Child and Family Service**
- Mike Bahnks, Acadia Healthcare\*
- Scott Ryan, Educator-The University of Texas at Arlington School of Social Work^
- Shelda Anglin, Child Advocate, Lived Experience^
- Tara Roussett, SJRC Texas / Belong
- Wanda Davis, The Ark RTC, LLC.^

Services and Support Subcommittee:

- Amber White, Fostering Independence^
- Angela Rios, Southwest Key Programs, Inc.
- **Hon. Cheryl Vaughan, Associate Judge^**
- DeJuana Jernigan, Spaulding for Children- Arms Wide\*
- **Fedora Galasso, Texas Network of Youth Services/ Lived Experience\***
- Gaetina Cummings-Stahl, Emerging Grace Ministries^
- Hilda Loria, UT Southwestern Medical Center/ Rees Jones Center for Foster Care Excellence^
- Jaci Gonzales, SJRC Texas / Belong
- Jennifer Lisson, WHIT Program^
- **Melanie Shannon, Region 4 Education Service Center / Lived Experience^**
- Mercedes Bristol, Texas Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
- **Mike Maples, Blue Bonnet Trails Community Services\***

**Next Meeting:** The next core committee meeting is scheduled for May 14th, 2026, in the Brown-Heatly Building Public Hearing Room (4900 N. Lamar Blvd, Austin, Texas 78756) starting at 9am. The agenda is posted on the DFPS [website](#). The meeting will be streamed live on the [website](#).

**Co-Chair Selection:** The Co-Chairs will continue to be selected by committee member vote. Subcommittee chairs will be selected by the Chairs in consultation with DFPS staff.

**Subcommittees:** Subcommittees will meet as needed to accomplish the goals of the committee. DFPS will continue to work with subcommittee chairs to ensure membership reflects a balance of expertise, experience, and perspective.

**Point of Contact:** Roman Lomas serves as a liaison to the Committee. He can be reached at [dfpspcfc@dfps.texas.gov](mailto:dfpspcfc@dfps.texas.gov)