



Quarterly Report

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Introduction and Background

Community-Based Care (CBC) is the Texas foster care model, which gives local communities the flexibility to leverage their strengths and local resources to find innovative ways to meet the unique needs of each child and family. Under a performance-based grant agreement, a single contractor provides services to children and families in their community (also known as “catchments” or “community areas”). The Single Source Continuum Contractor (SSCC) contracts have a term of five years (60-months) with an optional one-time five-year (60-month) term renewal. Additionally, the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) reserves the right to extend the contract as necessary to complete the mission of the procurement.

In Stage I, the SSCC is responsible for ensuring the full continuum of paid foster care placements and other services for children in the state’s legal conservatorship. SSCCs also support adoption recruitment, matching, and home studies. In Stage II, the SSCC expands services to include unverified relative or kinship placements, services to parents, and responsibility for the legal case management function. In Stage III, the SSCC continues the provision of all Stage I and II services and is awarded with financial incentives and assessed financial remedies for permanency outcomes, as well as additional performance measures for child safety and well-being.

For information and data on the performance of SSCC contractors, see the most recent [DFPS Rider 15 Report](#).

Update on Community-Based Care Expansion

On March 1, 2026, 4Kids4Families and Texas Family Care Network moved into Stage III of CBC implementation. TFC 264.155(a)(5) (Acts 2017, 85th 1, Ch. 319 (S.B. 11), Sec. 18(a)(5)) allowed DFPS to begin performance reviews of SSCCs to assess for incentives or remedies – these performance reviews are known as Stage III of CBC contract implementation.

Also on March 1, 2026, SJRC Texas Belong moved into Stage II of CBC implementation and has taken on full case management responsibilities for all children and youth in care in Bexar County, Region 8A.

On March 18, 2026, the court granted DFPS’s request to appoint a receiver for EMPOWER, a division of Texas Family Initiatives (TFI) and single source continuum contractor (SSCC) serving the Metroplex East region.

¹ The required 18 months of Stage II services before an SSCC could progress into Stage III performance reviews was removed from future SSCC contracts based on the legislative amendments to this statute in Acts 2025, 89th Leg., R.S., Ch. 825 (S.B. 1398), Sec. 12.

On May 1, 2026, Texans Together moved out of readiness and into Stage I implementation in Harris County, Region 6A, and the Bay Area/Montgomery catchment, Region 6B.

Since the previous quarterly report, DFPS has awarded contracts to:

- West Texas Community Network (WTXCN), to collaborate with DFPS for the planning and design of a rural pilot program model for CBC in Region 9; and
- Ernst & Young, LLP, to assess the feasibility of transitioning to a capitated model of funding for CBC.

In the near future, DFPS will be expanding CBC by releasing Requests for Applications for CBC providers for Regions 7A, 7B, 11A, and 11B.

Conclusion

DFPS and OCBCT continue to support and sustain the implementation of CBC across the state. The commitment of stakeholders from all facets of the child welfare system is critical to CBC implementation. View the most recent [CBC Implementation Plan](#) for additional information on the expansion of CBC.

Appendix A: Community-Based Care Provider Contract Status

LBB Contract ID	Catchment Area	Awardee	SSCC	Implementation Stage	Contract Award Date	Contract Term Date
HHS0002 98100001	Panhandle (Region 1)	St Francis Community Services, Inc (SFCS)	St Francis Community Services in Texas, Inc	Stage III	July 1, 2019 ²	June 30, 2029
HHS0001 66900001	Big Country/ Texoma (Region 2)	Texas Family Initiative	2INgage	Stage III	May 29, 2018 ³	May 28, 2028
HHS0013 07700001	Metroplex West (Region 3W)	ACH Child and Family Services	Our Community Our Kids (OCOK)	Stage III ⁴	November 1, 2023	October 31, 2028 ⁵
HHS0011 83200003	Metroplex East (Region 3E)	Texas Family Initiative	EMPOWER	Stage II	March 1, 2023	February 29, 2028 ⁴
HHS0011 83200001	Piney Woods (Region 4)	Arrow Child & Family Ministries	4Kids4Families	Stage III	March 1, 2023	February 29, 2028 ⁴
HHS0011 83200002	Deep East (Region 5)	Pressley Ridge	Texas Family Care Network (TFCN)	Stage III	April 1, 2023	March 31, 2028 ⁴
HHS0013 42100002	Harris County (Region 6A)	DePelchin Children's Center	Texans Together SSCC	Stage I	April 1, 2025	April 1, 2030 ⁴
HHS0013 42100003	Bay Area/ Montgomery (Region 6B)	DePelchin Children's Center	Texans Together SSCC	Stage I	April 1, 2025	April 1, 2030 ⁴
HHS0013 42100001	Bexar County (Region 8A)	SJRC Texas	Belong	Stage II	March 12, 2025	March 1, 2030 ⁴
HHS0009 01800001	South Central & Hill Country (Region 8B)	SJRC Texas	Belong	Stage II	April 1, 2021	March 31, 2031 ⁶

² Renewed for 60-month period on July 1, 2024

³ Renewed for 60-month period on May 29, 2023

⁴ Cooke, Denton, and Wise counties are in Stage II implementation as of June 2026

⁵ Date eligible for 60-month renewal

⁶ Renewed for 60-month period on March 31, 2026

Appendix B: Current Community-Based Care Communities

DFPS / CBC Regional Map

