Texas Child-Centered Care (T3C)
System Blueprint Change Log
As of October 2025

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1	October, 2025	26	**As a Provider, What Should I Be Doing to Prepare for Transition to the T3C System?** [New bullet point added]	26	***As a Provider, What Should I Be Doing to Prepare for Transition to the T3C System:*** • ***Visit T3C Ready at https://tacfs.org/t3c-ready/ an initiative of the Single Source Continuum Contractors (SSCCs) and the Texas Alliance of Child & Family Services (TACFS). T3C Ready has valuable information to help providers actively prepare for the transition, including a T3C Readiness Assessment tool, learning opportunities, and other resources. Many previously held T3C Learning Sessions have been recorded and are available for providers at the TACFS Online Learning Center. Please watch the website for upcoming planned in person and virtual T3C Readiness Learning Sessions.*** • ***TACFS and DFPS are excited to partner together in virtual T3C Office Hours! T3C Office Hours are regularly scheduled and allow Licensed Providers to drop in and ask any questions about T3C. Whether you have a question about T3C requirements, updated Blueprints, credentialing, FAQs, Rates & Funding, Events & Training, or anything else T3C, drop in and ask us! T3C Office Hours are available for Licensed Providers only and will allow providers to ask burning questions and learn from other's experience. Office Hours occur every other Friday at 11:00 There is no need to register, you can join the call via the link on our website.*** • ***T3C Ready Peer Mentoring: Was your organization an early T3C adopter? Are you***

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					interested in being a paid T3C mentor for one of your peers? Then consider lending your expertise and learning! The goal is to use peer-to-peer learning to support individuals within organizations who are designing and developing their T3C programs and are not yet credentialed. We are looking for individuals who work for a T3C credentialed child placing agency and/or a general residential organization who would mentor a peer from a like organization on specific aspects of T3C requirements. We will pay the mentor for both their time mentoring along with a stipend for preparatory time. The commitment: 10 virtual one-hour virtual mentoring sessions within 6 months of the first session date. T3C Ready will provide an orientation along with support materials to facilitate your success. Mentors will be paid and preparatory time. Additional details are available at https://tacfs.org/t3c-ready/#mentors. Opportunities to apply to connect with a T3C Ready mentor are coming soon. • *Coming in 2026: T3C Ready Accelerator events live across the state. These 2-day workshops will focus on hands-on work to develop organizational T3C readiness. Experts will provide small group learning & application around subjects such as treatment models, policies & procedures, logic models, completing the T3C credentialing application and more. Please stay tuned for additional information regarding dates and locations.*

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2	October, 2025	28	**Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Foster Care Methodological Rates** Some children, youth, and young adults will have multiple needs where they may meet the criteria for more than one Service Package. The primary Service Package will be determined based on discussion and agreement between the SSCC or DFPS (in areas that have not yet moved to the CBC model) and the provider operation accepting and providing services to the child. Payment will be made for the selected primary Service Package the child is receiving – meaning only one primary Service Package rate per day of care will be applied. If the child is receiving a T3C Service Package (except for Short-Term Assessment Support Services) through a Child Placing Agency, and the agency is Credentialed to provide Add-On Service(s), for which the child is eligible, each Add-On Service rate will be paid in addition to the primary Service Package rate for the Service Package. Add-On Service rates do not apply to General Residential Operation Tier I or Tier II settings (as	28	**Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Foster Care Methodological Rates** Some children, youth, and young adults will have multiple needs where they may meet the criteria for more than one Service Package. The primary Service Package will be determined based on discussion and agreement between the SSCC or DFPS (in areas that have not yet moved to the CBC model) and the provider operation accepting and providing services to the child. Payment will be made for the selected primary Service Package the child is receiving – meaning only one primary Service Package rate per day of care will be applied. If the child is receiving a T3C Service Package (except for Short-Term Assessment Support Services) through a Child Placing Agency, and the agency is Credentialed to provide Add-On Service(s), for which the child is eligible, each Add-On Service rate will be paid in addition to the primary Service Package rate for the Service Package. ***The Foster Family Home Pass through Portion of Add-On Service daily rates are still paid to the child's Foster Family Home Caregiver during days taken of Intermittent Alternate Care, but do not have to be paid to the provider of the Intermittent Alternate Care.*** Add-On Service rates do not apply to General Residential Operation Tier I or Tier II settings (as shown in Tables 3 and 4 below).

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	October, 2025	30	**Table 2. Child Placing Agency/Foster Family Home T3C Methodological Rates Community-based Add-On Services** Transition Support Services for Youth & Young Adults Add-On Service – Child Placing Agency Retainage Portion - $11.27	30	**Table 2. Child Placing Agency/Foster Family Home T3C Methodological Rates Community-based Add-On Services** Transition Support Services for Youth & Young Adults Add-On Service – Child Placing Agency Retainage Portion - $~~11.27~~ *11.28*
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5	October, 2025	32	**The Credentialing Process** Information on the Interim Credential was released in the July 2024 edition of the *T3C System Blueprint*. Details on the step-by-step process for the Full Credential were released in the January 2025 edition of the T3C System Blueprint. DFPS anticipates providing updated information regarding the Re-Credentialing process, including the estimated timeline to begin the process and the expected timeline for completing the process, in the July 2025 *T3C System Blueprint.*	33	**The Credentialing Process** Information on the Interim Credential was released in the July 2024 edition of the *T3C System Blueprint*. Details on the step-by-step process for the Full Credential were released in the January 2025 edition of the T3C System Blueprint. DFPS anticipates providing updated information regarding the Re-Credentialing process, including the estimated timeline to begin the process and the expected timeline for completing the process, in ~~the July 2025~~ *an upcoming edition of the* T3C System Blueprint.
6	October, 2025		**The Credentialing Process** [New paragraph added]	33	**The Credentialing Process** ***Non-Financial Providers that are only providing Basic Level of Care residential services at no cost to any DFPS/SSCC children or the state, can apply for the Full Credential in the most applicable Service Package (T3C Basic Child Care Operation for GROs, T3C Basic Foster Family Home Support Services for CPAs) and identify within the Full***

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7	October, 2025	33 & 34	**What is an Interim Credential?** Existing General Residential Operations and Child Placing Agencies that meet certain eligibility criteria will be able to apply for an initial, short-term Interim Credential. The purpose of the Interim Credential is to assist current providers in making the transition between the current foster care system (based largely on the Service Level structure) to the T3C System. Within state and federal statute and regulatory requirements, DFPS-approved providers could start providing T3C Service Packages and Add-On Services based on evaluation of a comprehensive plan and prior to meeting all the requirements to become	34	**What is an Interim Credential?** Existing General Residential Operations and Child Placing Agencies that meet certain eligibility criteria ~~will be~~ *are* able to apply for an initial, short-term Interim Credential. The purpose of the Interim Credential is to assist current providers in making the transition between the current foster care system (based largely on the Service Level structure) to the T3C System. Within state and federal statute and regulatory requirements, DFPS-approved providers could start providing T3C Service Packages and Add-On Services based on evaluation of a comprehensive plan and prior to meeting all the requirements to become fully Credentialed. Providers approved for an Interim Credential to provide a particular Service Package or Add-On Service are required to become fully Credentialed before the Interim Credential expires on the last day of the twelfth calendar month after the issuance of the Active Interim Credential status. The Active Interim Credential for any one Service Package or Add-On Service is issued to the eligible provider one time only and is not renewable. DFPS released the Interim Credential Applications in December 2024 and the Full Credential Applications in

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9	October, 2025	150	**Staffing Requirements** Child Placing Agency must have dedicated Transitional Support/Mentor staff and infrastructure to support youth and young adults while receiving the Transition Support Services for Youth & Young Adults Add-On Service and as a part of the Aftercare plan.	150	**Staffing Requirements** • Child Placing Agency must have dedicated Transitional Support/Mentor staff and infrastructure to support youth and young adults while receiving the Transition Support Services for Youth & Young Adults Add-On Service ~~and as a part of the Aftercare plan~~. • ***Child Placing Agency Aftercare Transitional Support/Mentor Staff.***
10	October, 2025	150	**Generally Appropriate Staff to Youth or Young Adult Ratio Based on Add-On Service** [Added bullet]	150	**Generally Appropriate Staff to Youth or Young Adult Ratio Based on Add-On Service** • *1 Child Placing Agency Aftercare Transitional Support/Mentor Staff for every 20 youth and young adults receiving the Transition Support Services for Youth & Young Adults Add-On Service.*

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2	July, 2025	34	**Provider Eligibility for the Interim Credential** [New statement added under 2. Active Residential Child Care Contract]	35	**Provider Eligibility for the Interim Credential** *Please note for Residential Childcare Contractors seeking an Interim Credential for the T3C Treatment Foster Family Care Service Package, the provider must have an existing actively utilized contract for Treatment Family Foster Care with DFPS and/or an SSCC.*
3	July, 2025	Not Applicable	Not Applicable-new section added	38	*Interim-to-Full-Application* *For providers who have been awarded one or more Active Interim Credentials, a streamlined Interim-to-Full Application has been created that can be utilized for demonstrating completion of all tasks that are "Required submission of a Plan Only @ Time of Application". Since the provider is already serving children under the T3C System via the Active Interim Credential, there is no Inactive Full Credential period.* *There are two conditions that would make a provider with an Active Interim Credential ineligible to use the streamlined Interim-to-Full Application:*

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					1. The provider must not have made any substantive changes to key T3C elements of their program and organization from what was presented in the Interim Credential Application. This includes significant change to the one or more of the following: • *The Treatment Model;* • *Service Package or Add-On Service Logic Models;* • *Staffing structure;* • *Organizational chart; or* • *Other core components.* • *The provider must attest to there being no substantive changes.* *2. A provider may only use the Interim-to-Full Application to apply for Full Credentials for Service Packages where they already hold an Active Interim Credential.* *This application will be provided to eligible providers by the DFPS Credentialing Team upon award of the Active Interim Credential.*
4	July, 2025	250	<u>Service Package Description</u> A trauma-informed facility, that in addition to providing a child's basic living needs, including food, clothing, shelter, education, vocation, transportation, recreation, and extracurricular needs, has a formal treatment program that specializes in providing and coordinating Time-limited Services to support the custom needs of children, youth, and	248	<u>Service Package Description</u> A trauma-informed facility, that in addition to providing a child's basic living needs, including food, clothing, shelter, education, vocation, transportation, recreation, and extracurricular needs, has a formal treatment program that specializes in providing and coordinating Time-limited Services to support the custom needs of children, youth, and young adults who present with or who are pending a DSM-5 diagnosis for an emotional, conduct, or behavioral disorder, and require structured and frequent, ~~*on-site, clinical intervention require structured and frequent,*~~ on-site therapy and clinical intervention, and complex care coordination and case

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5	July, 2025	439	**Appendix II.B: Service Package Dependencies for T3C Interim Credential Requirements** **Aftercare Case Manager:** All Service Packages & Add-On Services except: • T3C Basic Foster Family Home Support Services; • Short-Term Assessment Support Services; • GRO: Tier I T3C Basic Child Care Operation; and • GRO: Tier I Emergency Emotional Support & Assessment Center Services.	444 & 445	**Appendix II.B: Service Package Dependencies for T3C Interim Credential Requirements** **Aftercare Case Manager:** All Service Packages ~~& Add-On Services~~ except: • T3C Basic Foster Family Home Support Services; • Short-Term Assessment Support Services; • GRO: Tier I T3C Basic Child Care Operation; and • GRO: Tier I Emergency Emotional Support & Assessment Center Services.
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7	July, 2025	444 & 445	**Appendix II.B: Service Package Dependencies for T3C Interim Credential Requirements** **Registered Nurse(s) that can be staff or contracts, and plan for on-call availability if applicable to Service Package.** • IDD/Autism Spectrum Disorder Support Services; • GRO: Tier I Substance Use Treatment Services to Support Community Transition; • GRO: Tier I Mental & Behavioral Health Treatment Services to Support Community Transition; • GRO: Tier I IDD/Autism Spectrum Disorder Treatment Services to Support Community Transition; and • All GRO: Tier II Service Packages	450 & 451	**Appendix II.B: Service Package Dependencies for T3C Interim Credential Requirements** **Registered Nurse(s) that can be staff or contracts, and plan for on-call availability if applicable to Service Package.** • IDD/Autism Spectrum Disorder Support Services; • GRO: Tier I Substance Use Treatment Services to Support Community Transition; • GRO: Tier I Mental & Behavioral Health Treatment Services to Support Community Transition; • GRO: Tier I IDD/Autism Spectrum Disorder Treatment Services to Support Community Transition; and • All GRO: Tier II Service Packages***; except for GRO: Tier II Complex Medical Services to Support Stabilization.***

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10	July, 2025	Not Applicable	New Appendix	512	**Appendix IV: T3C TAC Rule Waiver Reference**
1	April, 2025	Not Applicable	**Commonly Used Terms** [new bullet point and term inserted]	15	**Commonly Used Terms** ***Quarterly Status Report: During the Active Interim Credential, Providers are required to submit a Quarterly Status Report (QSR) by the 5th of the month, in the 3rd, 6th, 9th, and 12th months, until the Provider is awarded the Full Credential for all Interim Credential Service Package(s) and/or Add-On(s). The QSR is intended to collect information from the Provider on progress made towards completion of the approved Implementation Plan from the Interim Credential Application and ensure that the Provider remains on track to complete all requirements in preparation to apply for the Full Credential. The QSR format is provided by DFPS upon the Provider being awarded the Active Interim Credential.***
2	April, 2025	19	**System Roles and Responsibilities under T3C** [Image]	20	**System Roles and Responsibilities under T3C** ***Agency Roles and Responsibilities image changed.***
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5	April, 2025	31	**The Credentialing Process** Beginning in 2024, new and existing providers electing to provide one or more of the	32	**The Credentialing Process** ~~Beginning in 2024,~~ *New* and existing providers electing to provide one or more of the T3C Service Packages and/or Add-On Services will need to apply to become

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			to become Re-Credentialed. The timeline and process for Re-Credentialing is currently under development.		The timeline and process for Re-Credentialing is currently under development.
7	April, 2025	Not Applicable	**The Interim Credential** [New section added]	37	**The Interim Credential** *Quarterly Status Report* *During the Active Interim Credential, Providers are required to submit a Quarterly Status Report (QSR) by the 5th of the month, in the 3rd, 6th, 9th, and 12th months, until the Provider is awarded the Full Credential for all Interim Credential Service Package(s) and/or Add-On(s). The QSR is intended to collect information from the Provider on progress made towards completion of the approved Implementation Plan from the Interim Credential Application and ensure that the Provider remains on track to complete all requirements in preparation to apply for the Full Credential. The QSR format is provided by DFPS upon the Provider being awarded the Active Interim Credential.*
8	April, 2025	36	**The Full Credential: What is the Full Credential?** Full Credentialing is the process of submitting an application and supporting documentation in the Credentialing Platform for review by DFPS, to determine if the CPA or GRO has met the qualifications to offer a specific Service Package or Add-On Service (CPAs only). The Active Full Credential is issued when the provider has met all necessary requirements to offer a specific Service	38	**The Full Credential: What is the Full Credential?** Full Credentialing is the process of submitting an application and supporting documentation in the Credentialing Platform for review by DFPS, to determine if the CPA or GRO has met the qualifications to offer a specific Service Package or Add-On Service (CPAs only). The Active Full Credential is issued when the provider has met all necessary requirements to offer a specific Service Package or Add-On Service under the T3C System. Each Active Full Credential is time-limited. The Active Full Credential for a Foster Family Home Service Package and/or Add-On Service is issued to a CPA for a 4-year period. GROs are issued an Active Full Credential for a 3-year period.

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			Package or Add-On Service under the T3C System. Each Active Full Credential is time-limited. The Active Full Credential for a Foster Family Home Service Package and/or Add-On Service is issued to a CPA for a 4-year period. GROs are issued an Active Full Credential for a 3-year period. DFPS anticipates publishing a draft of the Application for the Full Credential in December 2024. New and existing providers will be able to submit completed applications for the Full Credential with the required attachments beginning in January 2025.		~~DFPS anticipates publishing a draft of the Application for the Full Credential in December 2024. New and existing providers will be able to submit completed applications for the Full Credential with the required attachments beginning in January 2025.~~
9	April, 2025	48, 57, 68, 77, 89, 101, 112, 124, & 136	**Service Package Expectation** In collaboration with the Medical Consenter, the Child Placing Agency must document all services the child, youth, or young adult is receiving through STAR Health, HHSC Behavioral Health, Early Childhood Intervention, the education system, and any other county, community, or state agency. Requests for specific	49, 59, 70, 79, 91, 103, 115, 127, & 139	**Service Package Expectation** In collaboration with the Medical Consenter, the Child Placing Agency must document all services the child, youth, or young adult is receiving through STAR Health, HHSC Behavioral Health, Early Childhood Intervention, the education system, and any other county, community, or state agency. Requests for specific services determined necessary as a part of the **CPA's** Service Plan or Service Plan review, and for which the child, youth, or young adult is referred, and the service is not readily available and/or it is determined that the child, youth, or young adult is ineligible for the service must also be documented by the Child Placing Agency in the case record. This documentation should include

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			services determined necessary as a part of the Service Plan or Service Plan review, and for which the child, youth, or young adult is referred, and the service is not readily available and/or it is determined that the child, youth, or young adult is ineligible for the service must also be documented by the Child Placing Agency in the case record. This documentation should include the date the service request, application, or referral was made, the specific type of service being requested, and the status of the service request, including the reason provided for the denial (if applicable), and status of any service request appeals (if applicable). The Child Placing Agency should notify the SSCC or DFPS caseworker of any challenges encountered with access to services, and/or service referral denials within 3 business days.		the date the service request, application, or referral was made, the specific type of service being requested, and the status of the service request, including the reason provided for the denial (if applicable), and status of any service request appeals (if applicable). The Child Placing Agency should notify the SSCC or DFPS caseworker of any challenges encountered with access to services, and/or service referral denials within 3 business days. The Child Placing Agency should seek community resources to obtain any needed services that are not covered through STAR Health. If community resources are not available and/or STAR Health does not cover the needed service(s) ***consistent with the specific Service Package, and as outlined in the CPA's Service Plan or Service Plan Review***, the Child Placing Agency must ensure delivery of, and cover the cost of the needed service(s) ***and related supports***.

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			The Child Placing Agency should seek community resources to obtain any needed services that are not covered through STAR Health. If community resources are not available and/or STAR Health does not cover the needed service(s), the Child Placing Agency must ensure delivery of, and cover the cost of the needed service(s).		
10	April, 2025	128	**Staffing Requirements** All Treatment Director and Case Management functions, and the responsibilities of the Registered Nurse, must be performed by actual employees of the Child Placing Agency.	131	**Staffing Requirements** All Treatment Director and Case Management functions, ~~and the responsibilities of the Registered Nurse,~~ must be performed by actual employees of the Child Placing Agency.
11	April, 2025	163, 177, 192, 206, 222, 234, 249, 263, 279, 295, 312, 328, 345, 362, & 379	**Service Package Expectation** In collaboration with the Medical Consenter, the General Residential Operation must document all services the child, youth, or young adult is receiving through STAR Health, HHSC Behavioral Health, the juvenile justice and education systems, and any other county, community, or state agency. Requests for	167, 181, 196, 211, 226, 239, 254, 269, 284, 301, 317, 334, 350, 367, & 385	**Service Package Expectation** In collaboration with the Medical Consenter, the General Residential Operation must document all services the child, youth, or young adult is receiving through STAR Health, HHSC Behavioral Health, the juvenile justice and education systems, and any other county, community, or state agency. Requests for specific services determined necessary as a part of the *GRO's* Service Plan or Service Plan review, and for which the child, youth, or young adult is referred, and the service is not readily available and/or it is determined that the child, youth, or young adult is ineligible for the service must also be documented by

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			specific services determined necessary as a part of the Service Plan or Service Plan review, and for which the child, youth, or young adult is referred, and the service is not readily available and/or it is determined that the child, youth, or young adult is ineligible for the service must also be documented by the General Residential Operation in the case record. This documentation should include the date the service request, application, or referral was made, the specific type of service being requested, and the status of the service request, including the reason provided for the denial (if applicable), and status of any service request appeals (if applicable). The General Residential Operation should notify the SSCC or DFPS caseworker of any challenges encountered with access to services, and/or service referral denials within 3 business days. The operation should seek community resources to obtain any needed services that are not covered through STAR Health. If community resources are not		the General Residential Operation in the case record. This documentation should include the date the service request, application, or referral was made, the specific type of service being requested, and the status of the service request, including the reason provided for the denial (if applicable), and status of any service request appeals (if applicable). The General Residential Operation should notify the SSCC or DFPS caseworker of any challenges encountered with access to services, and/or service referral denials within 3 business days. The operation should seek community resources to obtain any needed services that are not covered through STAR Health. If community resources are not available and/or STAR Health does not cover the needed service(s) ***consistent with the specific Service Package, and as outlined in the GRO's Service Plan or Service Plan review***, the General Residential Operation must ensure delivery of, and cover the cost of the needed service(s) ***and related supports***.

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			available and/or STAR Health does not cover the needed service(s), the General Residential Operation must ensure delivery of, and cover the cost of the needed service(s).		
12	April, 2025	438 & 439	**Appendix II.B: Service Package Dependencies for T3C Interim Credential Requirements** **Registered Nurse(s) that must be actual staff members, and plan for on-call availability if applicable to Service Package.** • Complex Medical Needs or Medically Fragile Support Services; • IDD/Autism Spectrum Disorder Support Services; and • GRO: Tier I Complex Medical Needs Treatment Services to Support Community Transition.	442 & 443	**Appendix II.B: Service Package Dependencies for T3C Interim Credential Requirements** **Registered Nurse(s) that must be actual staff members, and plan for on-call availability if applicable to Service Package.** • Complex Medical Needs or Medically Fragile Support Services; • ~~IDD/Autism Spectrum Disorder Support Services;~~ and • GRO: Tier I Complex Medical Needs Treatment Services to Support Community Transition.
13	April, 2025	440 & 441	**Appendix II.B: Service Package Dependencies for T3C Interim Credential Requirements** **Registered Nurse(s) that can be staff or contracted, and plan for on-call**	444 & 445	**Appendix II.B: Service Package Dependencies for T3C Interim Credential Requirements** **Registered Nurse(s) that can be staff or contracted, and plan for on-call availability if applicable to Service Package.** ● *IDD/Autism Spectrum Disorder Support Services;*

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			availability if applicable to Service Package. • GRO: Tier I Substance Use Treatment Services to Support Community Transition; • GRO: Tier I Mental & Behavioral Health Treatment Services to Support Community Transition; • GRO: Tier I IDD/Autism Spectrum Disorder Treatment Services to Support Community Transition; and • All GRO: Tier II Service Packages.		• GRO: Tier I Substance Use Treatment Services to Support Community Transition; • GRO: Tier I Mental & Behavioral Health Treatment Services to Support Community Transition; • GRO: Tier I IDD/Autism Spectrum Disorder Treatment Services to Support Community Transition; and • All GRO: Tier II Service Packages.
14	April, 2025	483 & 484	**Appendix III.B: Service Package Dependencies for T3C Full Credential Requirements** **Registered Nurse(s) that must be actual staff members, and plan for on-call availability if applicable to Service Package.** • Complex Medical Needs or Medically Fragile Support Services; • IDD/Autism Spectrum Disorder Support Services; and	488 & 489	**Appendix III.B: Service Package Dependencies for T3C Full Credential Requirements** **Registered Nurse(s) that must be actual staff members, and plan for on-call availability if applicable to Service Package.** • Complex Medical Needs or Medically Fragile Support Services; • ~~IDD/Autism Spectrum Disorder Support Services;~~ and • GRO: Tier I Complex Medical Needs Treatment Services to Support Community Transition.

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			• GRO: Tier I Complex Medical Needs Treatment Services to Support Community Transition.		
15	April, 2025	484 & 485	**Appendix III.B: Service Package Dependencies for T3C Full Credential Requirements** **Registered Nurse(s) that can be staff or contracted, and plan for on-call availability if applicable to Service Package.** • GRO: Tier I Substance Use Treatment Services to Support Community Transition; • GRO: Tier I Mental & Behavioral Health Treatment Services to Support Community Transition; • GRO: Tier I IDD/Autism Spectrum Disorder Treatment Services to Support Community Transition; and • All GRO: Tier II Service Packages.	489 & 490	**Appendix III.B: Service Package Dependencies for T3C Full Credential Requirements** **Registered Nurse(s) that can be staff or contracted, and plan for on-call availability if applicable to Service Package.** • *IDD/Autism Spectrum Disorder Support Services;* • GRO: Tier I Substance Use Treatment Services to Support Community Transition; • GRO: Tier I Mental & Behavioral Health Treatment Services to Support Community Transition; • GRO: Tier I IDD/Autism Spectrum Disorder Treatment Services to Support Community Transition; and • All GRO: Tier II Service Packages.
1	January, 2025	Not Applicable	**Commonly Used Terms** [new bullet point and term inserted]	11	**Commonly Used Terms** *Attestation: An attestation constitutes a formal declaration by the individual, affirming that they understand and meet the pertinent requirement(s). For purposes of the T3C System Credential, attesting to a statement by entering*

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					the initials of the individual responsible for completing the Credential Application confirms that the Provider accurately and truthfully certifies that certain policies, procedures, standards, or documentation requirements have been met. Additionally, the individual certifies that documentation has been or will be uploaded to the T3C Credentialing Platform by the transition milestone indicated.
2	January, 2025	18	**Commonly Used Terms** Universal Human Trafficking Prevention Training: Childcare providers and Caregivers are in a unique position to intervene and educate those vulnerable to becoming victims of human trafficking. DFPS is in the process of developing a Human Trafficking Prevention Training and a companion "Train the Trainer" model, which is anticipated to be released in the fall of 2024. Providers may choose to adopt this model and train their staff and Caregivers, or they may submit, as a part of the Credentialing process, a different model they intend to use to meet this requirement under T3C. It is the Department's intent that relevant information provided in the Universal Human Trafficking Prevention Training be shared with children, youth, and young adults being served	18	**Commonly Used Terms** Universal Human Trafficking Prevention Training: Childcare providers and Caregivers are in a unique position to intervene and educate those vulnerable to becoming victims of human trafficking. DFPS ~~is in the process of developing~~ **has developed** a Human Trafficking Prevention Training and a companion "Train the Trainer" model~~, which is anticipated to be released in the fall of 2024~~. Providers may choose to adopt this model and train their staff and Caregivers, or they may submit, as a part of the Credentialing process, a different model they intend to use to meet this requirement under T3C. It is the Department's intent that relevant information provided in the Universal Human Trafficking Prevention Training be shared with children, youth, and young adults being served by the provider. Each provider will have the flexibility to determine how best to share this information; examples include providing information through service plan meetings, during home visits, or through one-to-one communication between the Caregiver and child. This training is required and funding to support this training has been included in the daily rate for all Service Packages. For providers offering one of the three Service Packages designed specifically to serve victims/survivors of Human Trafficking, the agency or organization will need to use a training that is specific

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			by the provider. Each provider will have the flexibility to determine how best to share this information; examples include providing information through service plan meetings, during home visits, or through one-to-one communication between the Caregiver and child. This training is required and funding to support this training has been included in the daily rate for all Service Packages. For providers offering one of the three Service Packages designed specifically to serve victims/survivors of Human Trafficking, the agency or organization will need to use a training that is specific for prevention for that population of children, youth, and young adults.		for prevention for that population of children, youth, and young adults.
3	January, 2025	20	**CANS Assessment** Under the T3C System, children, youth, and young adults ages 3 through 21 will receive a CANS 3.0 Assessment upon the occurrence of any of the following events: ➢ Within 30 days of removal, or for children turning 3 years old, within 30 days after their third birthday,	20	**CANS Assessment** Under the T3C System, children, youth, and young adults ages 3 through 21 will receive a CANS 3.0 Assessment upon the occurrence of any of the following events: ➢ Within 30 days of removal, or for children turning 3 years old, within 30 days after their third birthday, ➢ ***At Least*** annually, ➢ Every 90 days if they are receiving therapeutic services (dependent on the Service Package for the T3C System), or

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			➢ Annually, ➢ Every 90 days if they are receiving therapeutic services (dependent on the Service Package for the T3C System), or ➢ Upon request of the child's caseworker when the child's needs appear to have changed such that a re-assessment is warranted.		➢ Upon request of the child's caseworker when the child's needs appear to have changed such that a re-assessment is warranted.
4	January, 2025	24	**What is the State Doing to Prepare the System for Transition?** **Timeline** In Fiscal Year 2024, all efforts are dedicated to ensuring the state's infrastructure is built and in place so that children, youth, and young adults in foster care can receive services under the T3C System in January 2025. For a high-level overview of the T3C System implementation deliverables and timeline in FY 2024, please see Appendix I to this report.	24	**What is the State Doing to Prepare the System for Transition?** **Timeline** ~~In Fiscal Year 2024, all efforts are dedicated to ensuring the state's infrastructure is built and in place so that children, youth, and young adults in foster care can receive services under the T3C System in January 2025.~~ For a high-level overview of the T3C System implementation deliverables and timeline ~~in FY 2024~~, please see Appendix I to this report.
5	January, 2025	25	**As a Provider, What Should I Be Doing to Prepare for Transition to the T3C System?**	25	**As a Provider, What Should I Be Doing to Prepare for Transition to the T3C System?** ~~The request for applications for FY 25 T3C Provider Transition Grants has closed. Applications are currently being evaluated. It is anticipated that award~~

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			The request for applications for FY 25 T3C Provider Transition Grants has closed. Applications are currently being evaluated. It is anticipated that award notifications will be made in November 2024, with contracts beginning in December 2024.		~~notifications will be made in November 2024, with contracts beginning in December 2024.~~ ● ***Visit T3C Ready at www.T3CReady.org an initiative of the SSCCs and the Texas Alliance of Child & Family Services. T3C Ready contains valuable information to help providers actively prepare for the transition, including a T3C Readiness Assessment tool, learning opportunities and other resources. Many previously held T3C Learning Sessions have been recorded and are available for providers at the Texas Alliance Online Learning Center.*** ● ***TACFS and DFPS are excited to partner together in virtual T3C Office Hours! T3C Office Hours are regularly scheduled and allow Licensed Providers to drop in and ask any questions about T3C. Whether you've got a question about T3C requirements, updated Blueprints, credentialing, FAQs, Rates & Funding, Events & Training, or anything else T3C, drop in and ask us! T3C Office Hours are available for Licensed Providers only and will allow providers to ask burning questions and learn from other's experience. Office Hours will occur weekly for the first quarter of 2025. There is no need to register, you can join the call via this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81938258228.*** ● ***TACFS hosts a Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Community. New year, new series! In 2024, TACFS offered a monthly training series called CQI Lab, where we covered the fundamentals of conducting CQI in an agency setting through virtual education sessions. Those sessions are available for free on the TACFS Online Learning Center. In 2025, we are re-envisioning our CQI support as a facilitated learning community rather than a training series. If you're interested in being part of the CQI***

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					Community, please register for and attend the first session on February 4th at 9AM. The only agenda for the first session will be brainstorming what you'd like to get from the CQI Community. We're here to support you, so please come tell us how we can best do that. Future sessions will occur on the first Tuesday of each month.
6	January, 2025	32	**What is an Interim Credential?** DFPS released a preview of the draft Application for the Interim Credential in September 2024. In October 2024, DFPS engaged a provider to test the CPA and GRO draft Applications for the Interim Credential. This process resulted in valuable feedback on how to improve the Interim Credential Application and process. The Department is working to incorporate what was learned into an updated final version of the Interim Credential Application. It is anticipated that the final Interim Credential Applications will be released in December 2024. Applications for the Interim Credential will be accepted through the end of December 2025, at which time the Interim Credential will no longer be an option. All providers seeking to offer a	32	**What is an Interim Credential?** ~~DFPS released a preview of the draft Application for the Interim Credential in September 2024. In October 2024, DFPS engaged a provider to test the CPA and GRO draft Applications for the Interim Credential. This process resulted in valuable feedback on how to improve the Interim Credential Application and process. The Department is working to incorporate what was learned into an updated final version of the Interim Credential Application. It is anticipated that the final Interim Credential Applications will be released in December 2024.~~ ***DFPS released the Interim Credential Applications in December 2024 and the Full Credential Applications in January 2025.*** Applications for the Interim Credential will be accepted through the end of December 2025, at which time the Interim Credential will no longer be an option. All providers seeking to offer a T3C System Service Package or Add-On Service after December 2025, will be required to apply for the Full Credential. Additional guides and specific submission instructions for the Credentialing Platform ~~will be provided~~ can be found on the DFPS T3C webpage ~~in December 2024~~, along with the Application.

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			T3C System Service Package or Add-On Service after December 2025, will be required to apply for the Full Credential. Additional guides and specific submission instructions for the Credentialing Platform will be provided on the DFPS T3C webpage in December 2024, along with the Application.		
7	January, 2025	33	**Meeting the Programmatic/ Staffing/ Infrastructure Requirements for the Interim Credential** [New paragraph added]	35	**Meeting the Programmatic/ Staffing/ Infrastructure Requirements for the Interim Credential** *As part of the application process for the Interim Credential, the primary individual responsible for completing the application process on behalf of the Provider will be prompted to complete a series of Attestations.*
8	January, 2025	38	**Meeting the Programmatic/ Staffing/ Infrastructure Requirements for the Full Credential** [New paragraph added]	38	**Meeting the Programmatic/ Staffing/ Infrastructure Requirements for the Full Credential** *As part of the application for the Full Credential, the primary individual responsible for completing the application on behalf of the Provider will be prompted to complete a series of Attestations.*
9	January, 2025	41	**Contract Set-Up and Monitoring Under T3C** For existing DFPS Residential Child Care Contractors, DFPS is currently in the process of modifying the Open Enrollment and Contract documents, including a new appendix to the 24-Hour RCC Requirements that will outline the provider's contract	41	**Contract Set-Up and Monitoring Under T3C** For existing DFPS Residential Child Care Contractors, DFPS ~~is currently in the process of modifying~~ **has modified** the Open Enrollment and Contract documents, including ~~a new~~ **the** appendix to the 24-Hour RCC Requirements ~~that will outline the provider's contract obligations in providing the T3C Service Packages and/or Add-On Services~~ **incorporates sections of the T3c System Blueprint by reference, which will be applied** once they become Credentialed. At a yet to be determined time, new

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			obligations in providing the T3C Service Packages and/or Add-On Services once they become Credentialed. At a yet to be determined time, new DFPS Residential Child Care Contractors will need to undergo the Credentialing process during or prior to their new contract application process. As the foster care system transitions to the T3C System, there will be changes to the policy, process, and tools used to monitor SSCC and Residential Child Care Contracts. DFPS will be working internally, and with stakeholders to inform the modifications, and to finalize the new approach to monitoring and oversight. Details on the process will be provided in forthcoming versions of the T3C System Blueprint.		DFPS Residential Child Care Contractors will need to undergo the Credentialing process during or prior to their new contract application process. As the foster care system transitions to the T3C System, ~~there will be~~ **there have been and will continue to be** changes to the policy, process, and tools used to monitor SSCC and Residential Child Care Contracts. DFPS will be working internally, and with stakeholders to inform the modifications, and to finalize the new approach to monitoring and oversight. Details on the process will be provided in forthcoming versions of the T3C System Blueprint.
10	January, 2025	392	**<u>Appendix I: T3C System Implementation Deliverable and Timeline</u>** Implementation Deliverable: Create DFPS Project Management Office Estimated Completion: FY 24 – Quarter 1	392	**<u>Appendix I: T3C System Implementation Deliverable and Timeline</u>** Implementation Deliverable: Create DFPS Project Management Office Estimated Completion: FY 24 – ~~Quarter 1~~ **Completed**

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11	January, 2025	392	**Appendix I: T3C System Implementation Deliverable and Timeline** Implementation Deliverable: CANS 3.0 Assessment Tool Estimated Completion: FY 25 – Quarter 2 & On-going	392	**Appendix I: T3C System Implementation Deliverable and Timeline** Implementation Deliverable: CANS 3.0 Assessment Tool Estimated Completion: FY 25 – Quarter 2 ~~& On-Going~~ ***Completed***
12	January, 2025	392	**Appendix I: T3C System Implementation Deliverable and Timeline** Implementation Deliverable: Universal Human Trafficking Prevention Training Model Estimated Completion: FY 24 – Quarter 4 & On-going	392	**Appendix I: T3C System Implementation Deliverable and Timeline** Implementation Deliverable: Universal Human Trafficking Prevention Training Model Estimated Completion: FY 24 – Quarter 4 ~~& On-going~~ ***Completed***
13	January, 2025	392	**Appendix I: T3C System Implementation Deliverable and Timeline** Implementation Deliverable: T3C Residential Contracts Estimated Completion: FY 25 – Quarter 1 & On-going	392	**Appendix I: T3C System Implementation Deliverable and Timeline** Implementation Deliverable: T3C Residential Contracts Estimated Completion: FY 25 – Quarter 1 ~~& On-going~~ ***Completed***
14	January, 2025	392	**Appendix I: T3C System Implementation Deliverable and Timeline** Implementation Deliverable: T3C SSCC Contracts Estimated Completion: FY 24 – Quarter 4 & On-going	392	**Appendix I: T3C System Implementation Deliverable and Timeline** Implementation Deliverable: T3C SSCC Contracts Estimated Completion: FY 24 – Quarter 4 ~~& On-going~~ ***Completed***

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15	January, 2025	393	**Appendix I: T3C System Implementation Deliverable and Timeline** Implementation Deliverable: Policy, Procedure, Resource Guide, & Joint Protocol Manuals Estimated Completion: FY 24 – Quarter 3 & On-going	393	**Appendix I: T3C System Implementation Deliverable and Timeline** Implementation Deliverable: Policy, Procedure, Resource Guide, & Joint Protocol Manuals Estimated Completion: FY 24 – Quarter 3 ~~& On-going~~ ***Completed***
16	January, 2025	399	**Appendix II.A: Interim Credentialing Requirements IT System** Provider submits Plan, including timeline, for developing policies/processes for new or upgraded IT System requirements, as outlined in the T3C System Blueprint.	Not Applicable	**Appendix II.A: Interim Credentialing Requirements IT System** ~~Provider submits Plan, including timeline, for developing policies/processes for new or upgraded IT System requirements, as outlined in the T3C System Blueprint.~~
17	January, 2025	399	**Appendix II.A: Interim Credentialing Requirements IT System** Provider submits Training Plan to support Staff/Caregiver use of new or upgraded IT System.	Not Applicable	**Appendix II.A: Interim Credentialing Requirements IT System** ~~Provider submits Training Plan to support Staff/Caregiver use of new or upgraded IT System.~~
18	January, 2025	399	**Appendix II.A: Interim Credentialing Requirements IT System** Child Placing Agency's procedures for how billing/invoicing for Add- On Service(s)	399	**Appendix II.A: Interim Credentialing Requirements IT System** Child Placing Agency's ~~procedures~~ ***process*** for how billing/invoicing ~~for Add- On Service(s) (if applicable)~~ will be accommodated under current system upon first T3C child

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			(if applicable) will be accommodated under current system upon first T3C child placement until IT System is customized.		placement until IT System is customized **to apply correct billing/invoicing for Add-On Service(s) (if applicable) and Foster Parent Pass Through, in addition to specific Service Packages**.
19	January, 2025	400	**Appendix II.A: Interim Credentialing Requirements** **IT System** Child Placing Agency's policy and procedures for how billing/invoicing for paid Intermittent Alternate Care (also known as respite) will be accommodated under current system upon first T3C child placement until IT System is customized.	400	**Appendix II.A: Interim Credentialing Requirements** **IT System** Child Placing Agency's ~~policy and procedures~~ **process** for how billing/invoicing for paid Intermittent Alternate Care (also known as respite) will be accommodated under current system upon first T3C child placement until IT System is customized **to apply correct billing/invoicing for primary Service Package and any eligible Add-On Services for both the Foster Parent and Intermittent Alternate Care Provider**.
20	January, 2025	428	**Appendix II.B: Service Package Dependencies for T3C Interim Credential Requirements** **IT System** Child Placing Agency's procedures for how billing/invoicing for Add-On Service(s) (if applicable) will be accommodated under current system upon first T3C child placement until IT System is customized.	428	**Appendix II.B: Service Package Dependencies for T3C Interim Credential Requirements** **IT System** ~~Child Placing Agency's procedures for how billing/invoicing for Add-On Service(s) (if applicable) will be accommodated under current system upon first T3C child placement until IT System is customized.~~ **Child Placing Agency's process for how billing/invoicing for Add-On Service(s) (if applicable) will be accommodated under current system upon first T3C child placement until IT System is customized to apply correct billing/invoicing for Add-On Service(s) Foster Parent Pass Through, in addition to specific Service Packages.**
21	January, 2025	428	**Appendix II.B: Service Package Dependencies for T3C Interim Credential Requirements**	428	**Appendix II.B: Service Package Dependencies for T3C Interim Credential Requirements** **IT System**

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			IT System Child Placing Agency's policy and procedures for how billing/invoicing for paid Intermittent Alternate Care (also known as respite) will be accommodated under current system upon first T3C child placement until IT System is customized.		~~Child Placing Agency's policy and procedures for how billing/invoicing for paid Intermittent Alternate Care (also known as respite) will be accommodated under current system upon first T3C child placement until IT System is customized.~~ ***Child Placing Agency's process for how billing/invoicing for paid Intermittent Alternate Care (also known as respite) will be accommodated under current system upon first T3C child placement until IT System is customized to apply correct billing/invoicing for primary Service Package and any eligible Add-On Services for both the Foster Parent and Intermittent Alternate Care Provider.***
22	January, 2025	453	**Appendix III.A: Full Credentialing Requirements IT System** Provide the policies and processes regarding use of the IT System for the Service Package(s) and Add-On Service(s), as outlined in the T3C System Blueprint.	Not Applicable	**Appendix III.A: Full Credentialing Requirements IT System** ~~Provide the policies and processes regarding use of the IT System for the Service Package(s) and Add-On Service(s), as outlined in the T3C System Blueprint.~~
23	January, 2025	453	**Appendix III.A: Full Credentialing Requirements IT System** Provide proof of completed IT System Training by all Staff/Caregivers, and the Training Plan to support ongoing Staff/Caregiver use of the IT System.	Not Applicable	**Appendix III.A: Full Credentialing Requirements IT System** ~~Provide proof of completed IT System Training by all Staff/Caregivers, and the Training Plan to support ongoing Staff/Caregiver use of the IT System.~~
24	January, 2025	453	**Appendix III.A: Full Credentialing Requirements**	453	**Appendix III.A: Full Credentialing Requirements IT System**

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			IT System Child Placing Agency demonstrates how the IT System will accommodate billing/invoicing for Add-On Service(s), in addition to specific Service Package(s). Provide the policies and procedures specific to the IT System developed to verify correct billing/invoicing for Add-On Service(s).		Child Placing Agency ~~demonstrates how the~~ **has an** IT System **that** will accommodate billing/invoicing for Add-On Service(s), in addition to specific Service Package(s)**, and apply correct billing/invoicing for Foster Parent Pass Through**. ~~Provide the policies and procedures specific to the IT System developed to verify correct billing/invoicing for Add-On Service(s).~~
25	January, 2025	453	**Appendix III.A: Full Credentialing Requirements IT System** Child Placing Agency demonstrates how the IT System will accommodate paid Intermittent Alternate Care (also known as respite). Provide the policies and procedures specific to the IT System developed to verify correct billing/invoicing for Intermittent Alternate Care.	453	**Appendix III.A: Full Credentialing Requirements IT System** Child Placing Agency ~~demonstrates how the~~ **has an** IT System **that** will accommodate paid Intermittent Alternate Care (also known as respite) **and apply correct billing/invoicing for primary Service Package and any eligible Add-On Services for both the foster parent and Intermittent Alternate Care Provider**. ~~Provide the policies and procedures specific to the IT System developed to verify correct billing/invoicing for Intermittent Alternate Care.~~
26	January, 2025	458	**Appendix III.A: Full Credentialing Requirements Caregiver/Staff Recruitment & Retention** Last row on page under Staffing Requirements was Green.	458	**Appendix III.A: Full Credentialing Requirements Caregiver/Staff Recruitment & Retention** *Last row on page under Staffing Requirements has been changed to Red.*
27	January, 2025	475	**Appendix III.B: Service Package Dependencies for**	475	**Appendix III.B: Service Package Dependencies for T3C Full Credential Requirements IT System**

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			T3C Full Credential Requirements **IT System** Child Placing Agency demonstrates how the IT System will accommodate billing/invoicing for Add-On Service(s), in addition to specific Service Package(s). Provide the policies and procedures specific to the IT System developed to verify correct billing/invoicing for Add-On Service(s).		~~Child Placing Agency demonstrates how the IT System will accommodate billing/invoicing for Add-On Service(s), in addition to specific Service Package(s). Provide the policies and procedures specific to the IT System developed to verify correct billing/invoicing for Add-On Service(s).~~ ***Child Placing Agency has an IT System that will accommodate billing/invoicing for Add-On Service(s), in addition to specific Service Package(s), and apply correct billing/invoicing for Foster Parent Pass Through.***
28	January, 2025	475	**Appendix III.B: Service Package Dependencies for T3C Full Credential Requirements** **IT System** Child Placing Agency demonstrates how the IT System will accommodate paid Intermittent Alternate Care (also known as respite). Provide the policies and procedures specific to the IT System developed to verify correct billing/invoicing for Intermittent Alternate	475	**Appendix III.B: Service Package Dependencies for T3C Full Credential Requirements** **IT System** ***Child Placing Agency has an IT System that will accommodate paid Intermittent Alternate Care (also known as respite) and apply correct billing/invoicing for primary Service Package and any eligible Add-On Services for both the foster parent and Intermittent Alternate Care Provider.***

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1.	November, 2024	5	**Letter from the DFPS Commissioner** We are five months away from our anticipated go-live date, when the first child receives services under the modernized system. It is exciting and the Department remains committed to our continued partnership.	5	**Letter from the DFPS Commissioner** We are ~~five~~ *less than two* months away from our anticipated go-live date, when the first child receives services under the modernized system. It is exciting and the Department remains committed to our continued partnership.
2.	November, 2024	Not Applicable	**Commonly Used Terms** [new bullet point and term inserted]	9	**Commonly Used Terms** *Active Full Credential: The provider has met all necessary requirements to operate under the Active Full Credential specific to the approved Service Package or Add-On Service, and contingent on establishment of contract or contract amendment(s), may begin serving children under T3C. The Active Full Credential period starts when the provider receives DFPS' approval that they have satisfied all requirements identified as "Required to be In Place on 1st Day Operating under Active Full Credential" (see APPENDIX III.A: T3C Full Credential Requirements). The Active Full Credential is time-limited. CPAs will remain credentialed for a 4-year period and GROs will remain credentialed for a 3-year period. During the Active Full Credential period, the provider must submit an annual T3C System Credential Report to support accountability between re-credentialing periods.*
3.	November, 2024	Not Applicable	**Commonly Used Terms** [new bullet point and term inserted]	12	**Commonly Used Terms** *Credentialing Platform: A web-based application that requires a provider to register for access based on their HHSC-CCR License number. The platform will allow the provider to upload documentation supporting their application to be*

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					Credentialed for T3C Service Packages and Add-On Services.
4.	November, 2024	Not Applicable	**Commonly Used Terms** [new bullet point and term inserted]	12	**Commonly Used Terms** *Inactive Full Credential: Provider has met the criteria for the Service Package or Add-On Service based on completion of the requirements that are identified as "Required to be In Place @ Time of Application" (see APPENDIX III.A: T3C Full Credential Requirements). The Inactive Full Credential period starts when the provider receives written confirmation from DFPS that they have satisfied all of the requirements identified as "Required to be In Place @ Time of Application for Full Credential" (see APPENDIX III.A: T3C Full Credential Requirements). The purpose of the Inactive Full Credential is to allow time for the provider to complete all requirements necessary between the time of application to be eligible for the Active Full Credential for the specific Service Package or Add-On Service. The Inactive Full Credential is limited to 120 calendar days. If the provider is unable to meet all of the requirements necessary to move to the Active Full Credential status by the 120th calendar day, they must start the application process for the Full Credential again.*
5.	November, 2024	Not Applicable	**Commonly Used Terms** [new bullet point and term inserted]	17	**Commonly Used Terms** *T3C Verification Form: A form issued to the provider upon being awarded the Inactive Interim or Inactive Full Credential. This form will outline expectations associated with the Active Interim or Active Full Credential, including the time frames, reporting requirements, possible compliance monitoring or other interventions, and consequences of not meeting their specified plans to have all requirements in place by certain milestones. The T3C Verification Form will require the signatures of both the CEO/Chair of the*

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					provider's Governing Body, and their Designee that signed the Application, as applicable. The purpose of the T3C Verification Form is to ensure that all relevant individuals are informed and understand the parameters associated with the Active Interim and Active Full Credential.
6.	November, 2024	16	**Commonly Used Terms** **Trauma-informed agency or organization:** A Child Placing Agency or General Residential Operation that is trauma-informed is an organization or agency that: • Realizes the widespread impact of trauma and the potential paths for recovery; • Recognizes the signs and symptoms of trauma in children, youth, young adults, families, staff, Caregivers, and others involved in the child welfare system; • Responds by fully integrating knowledge about trauma into policies, procedures, and practices; and • Seeks to actively resist re-traumatization.	17	**Commonly Used Terms** **Trauma-informed agency or organization:** A Child Placing Agency or General Residential Operation that is trauma-informed is an organization or agency that: • Realizes the widespread impact of trauma and the potential paths for recovery; • Recognizes the signs and symptoms of trauma in children, youth, young adults, families, staff, Caregivers, and others involved in the child welfare system; • Responds by fully integrating knowledge about trauma into policies, procedures, and practices; • ***Builds healthy, trusting relationships that create mutuality among children, families, caregivers, and professionals at an individual and organizational level;*** and • Seeks to actively resist re-traumatization.
7.	November, 2024	19	**The CANS 3.0 Assessment** ➢ Within 30 days of removal, or for children turning 3 years old, within 30 days after their third birthday,	20	**The CANS 3.0 Assessment** ➢ Within 30 days of removal, or for children turning 3 years old, within 30 days after their third birthday, ➢ Annually,

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			➢ Annually, ➢ At the time of a placement change, ➢ Every 90 days if they are receiving therapeutic services, or ➢ Upon request of the child's Single Source Continuum Contractor (SSCC) or DFPS Caseworker, to ensure appropriate Service Package selection and placement match.		➢ Every 90 days if they are receiving therapeutic services ***(dependent on the Service Package for the T3C System)***, ***or*** ➢ ~~Upon the request of the child's Single Source Continuum Contractor (SSCC) or DFPS Caseworker, to ensure appropriate Service Package selection and placement match.~~ ***Upon request of the child's caseworker when the child's needs appear to have changed such that a re-assessment is warranted.***
8.	November, 2024	24	**As a Provider, What Should I Be Doing to Prepare for Transition to the T3C System?** • Apply for the T3C Provider Transition Grants. In state fiscal year 2024, ACH Child and Family Services-Our Community Our Kids (ACH-OCOK) entered into a contract with DFPS to administer the FY 2024 Provider Transition Grants. The first round of T3C Provider Transition Grants RFA was released on May 8, 2024 and closed on May 24, 2024. Award notifications occurred	25	**As a Provider, What Should I Be Doing to Prepare for Transition to the T3C System?** • ~~Apply for the T3C Provider Transition Grants. In state fiscal year 2024, ACH Child and Family Services-Our Community Our Kids (ACH-OCOK) entered into a contract with DFPS to administer the FY 2024 Provider Transition Grants. The first round of T3C Provider Transition Grants RFA was released on May 8, 2024 and closed on May 24, 2024. Award notifications occurred the week of June 17. 229 applications were received from 143 unique organizations. 80 awards were made of grants ranging from $9,500 to $150,000. Providers from every region and catchment area of the state received awards. Collectively, organizations receiving the grant awards have indicated their intent to Credential across the full array of T3C service packages. There will be additional opportunities for grant funding in state fiscal year 2025. More information is coming soon, so please visit the T3CReady.org website.~~

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9.	November, 2024	Not Applicable	Not Applicable – New Table added under **Rate Tables.**	30	**Table 5. Foster Care Maintenance Payments for Children of Youth and Young Adults in Foster Care** *Under the T3C System, DFPS will reimburse the room and board costs for the child(ren) of a youth or young adult parent, when the parent is in the Department's Conservatorship and is in foster care, or is residing in Extended Foster Care. The daily reimbursement rate to off-set*

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					these room and board costs for Foster Homes and GROs can be found in the table below. **See table below** *These foster care maintenance payments only apply when the child is placed with the youth or young adult parent, and the child is not in the Department's Conservatorship. If the child of the youth or young adult parent in DFPS Conservatorship, they will be assigned a Recommended and Selected Service Package and be reimbursed accordingly.*
10.	November, 2024	29	**The Credentialing Process:** DFPS is currently working with stakeholders to develop the process that will be used to Credential providers, based on one or more of the twenty-four Service Packages and three Add-On Services. Once the process has been finalized, DFPS will release an update to providers outlining the step-by-step process, including a comprehensive list of what providers will need to submit to become Credentialed.	30	**The Credentialing Process:** ~~DFPS is currently working with stakeholders to develop the process that will be used to Credential providers, based on one or more of the twenty-four Service Packages and three Add-On Services. Once the process has been finalized, DFPS will release an update to providers outlining the step-by-step process, including a comprehensive list of what providers will need to submit to become Credentialed. While~~ Information on the Interim Credential ~~is being~~ **was** released in ~~this~~ **the July 2024** edition of the *T3C System Blueprint***.** Details on the step-by-step process for the Full Credential ~~is anticipated to be in the next~~ edition of the *T3C System Blueprint. released in October of 2024. At a minimum, it is anticipated that providers will be required to*

The table referenced in the Revised Language column:

Living Environment	Methodological Daily Rate Total
When Child and Youth Parent are in a Foster Home	$46.90 (The entirety of this amount must be included with the Foster Family Home Pass through Portion)
When Child and Youth Parent are in a GRO	$46.78

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			While information on the Interim Credential is being released in this edition of the *T3C System Blueprint*, details on the step-by-step process for the Full Credential is anticipated to be in the next edition of the *T3C System Blueprint* released in October of 2024. At a minimum, it is anticipated that providers will be required to demonstrate and articulate the ability to provide the distinct Service Package and/or Add-On Service(s) based on the provider's /operation's infrastructure, specific policy, procedures, organization charts, business and training plans, and the Treatment and Logic Models.

Based on the vision for the T3C System and stakeholder feedback, some of the assumptions that are being used to guide the development of this process include:

➢ Establishing a single-streamlined Credentialing process (as opposed to having multiple processes where providers would submit to both DFPS and the SSCCs) for providers, to support efficiency and consistency during | | ~~demonstrate and articulate the ability to provide the distinct Service Package and/or Add-On Service(s) based on the provider's /operation's infrastructure, specific policy, procedures, organization charts, business and training plans, and the Treatment and Logic Models.~~ ***DFPS anticipates providing updated information regarding the Re-Credentialing process, including the estimated timeline in to begin the process and the expected timeline for completing the process, in the July 2025 T3C System Blueprint.***

~~Based on the vision for the T3C System and stakeholder feedback, some of the assumptions that are being used to guide the development of this process include:~~

~~➢ Establishing a single-streamlined Credentialing process (as opposed to having multiple processes where providers would submit to both DFPS and the SSCCs) for providers, to support efficiency and consistency during transition. Providers will only need to submit one application for review, and once Credentialed, make the provider eligible to provide the distinct Service Package(s) and Add-On Service(s) approved to children, youth, and young adults under an SSCC and/or DFPS legacy contract at T3C rates.~~

~~➢ Prioritizing and expediting of applications based on the greatest Service Package and Add-On Service capacity need for the system.~~ |

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			transition. Providers will only need to submit one application for review, and once Credentialed, make the provider eligible to provide the distinct Service Package(s) and Add-On Service(s) approved to children, youth, and young adults under an SSCC and/or DFPS legacy contract at T3C rates. ➢ Prioritizing and expediting of applications based on the greatest Service Package and Add-On Service capacity need for the system.		
11.	November, 2024	30	**The Credentialing Process** DFPS anticipates providing updated information regarding both the Full Credentialing and re-Credentialing process, including the estimated timeline to begin the process and the expected timeline for completing the process, in the October 2024 *T3C System Blueprint*.	Not Applicable	**The Credentialing Process** ~~DFPS anticipates providing updated information regarding both the Full Credentialing and re-Credentialing process, including the estimated timeline to begin the process and the expected timeline for completing the process, in the October 2024 *T3C System Blueprint*.~~
12.	November, 2024	31	**What is an Interim Credential?** DFPS anticipates that the Application for the Interim Credential will be available in September 2024, and providers will be able to submit completed Applications with the required attachments	32	**What is an Interim Credential?** DFPS ~~anticipates that~~ ***released a preview of*** the ***draft*** Application for the Interim Credential ~~will be available~~ in September 2024. ~~and providers will be able to submit completed Applications with the required attachments beginning in October 2024.~~ ***In October 2024, DFPS engaged a provider to test the CPA and GRO draft Applications for the Interim Credential. This process resulted in valuable***

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			beginning in October 2024. Applications for the Interim Credential will be accepted through the end of October 2025, at which time the Interim Credential will no longer be an option. All providers seeking to offer a T3C System Service Package or Add-On Service after October 2025, will be required to apply for the Full Credential. Additional guides and specific submission instructions will be provided on the DFPS T3C webpage in September 2024, along with the Application.		***feedback on how to improve the Interim Credential Application and process. The Department is working to incorporate what was learned into an updated final version of the Interim Credential Application. It is anticipated that the final Interim Credential Applications will be released in December 2024.*** Applications for the Interim Credential will be accepted through the end of ~~October~~ ***December*** 2025, at which time the Interim Credential will no longer be an option. All providers seeking to offer a T3C System Service Package or Add-On Service after ~~October~~ ***December*** 2025, will be required to apply for the Full Credential. Additional guides and specific submission instructions ***for the Credentialing Platform*** will be provided on the DFPS T3C webpage in ~~September~~ ***December*** 2024, along with the Application.
13.	November, 2024	32	**What is an Interim Credential?** Performance Expectations: • The residential child care provider has not been issued notification of intent to Revoke, Deny, or Involuntarily Suspend the license or permit at the time of application. • The residential child care provider is not on Probation (or similar degree of consequence for out of state providers) at the time of application. • The residential child care provider is not currently subject to contractual remedy,	33	**What is an Interim Credential?** Performance Expectations: • The residential child care provider has not been issued notification of intent to Revoke, Deny, or Involuntarily Suspend the license or permit at the time of application. • The residential child care provider is not on Probation (or similar degree of consequence for out of state providers) at the time of application. • The residential child care provider is not currently subject to contractual remedy, or other corrective actions related to placement safety. ~~such as Safety Checks, Placement Suspension, or Corrective Action Plan for Failure to Report Abuse/Neglect without a contractor plan acceptance letter. If a contractor plan acceptance letter issued by the holder of the relevant contract (DFPS and/or SSCC) is in place at the time of application, then this would not be a bar.~~

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			or other corrective actions related to placement safety, such as Safety Checks, Placement Suspension, or Corrective Action Plan for Failure to Report Abuse/Neglect without a contractor plan acceptance letter. If a contractor plan acceptance letter issued by the holder of the relevant contract (DFPS and/or SSCC) is in place at the time of application, then this would not be a bar. • The residential child care provider does not have a history of termination of contract for cause (with DFPS and/or an SSCC), or for convenience initiated by DFPS. • The residential child care provider is not on a vendor hold with the State of Texas at the time of application.		• The residential child care provider does not have a history of termination of contract for cause (with DFPS and/or an SSCC), or for convenience initiated by DFPS. • The residential child care provider is not on a vendor hold with the State of Texas at the time of application.
14.	November, 2024	35	**Prioritization of Interim Credential Applications** DFPS intends to prioritize the review of Interim Credential Applications based on T3C Service Packages that meet the greatest need for capacity at this time. Applying for an Interim Credential in one or more of the following Service Packages	Not Applicable	(Moved and reapplied to both Interim and Full Credential Applications) ~~**Prioritization of Interim Credential Applications**~~ ~~DFPS intends to prioritize the review of Interim Credential Applications based on T3C Service Packages that meet the greatest need for capacity at this time.~~ ~~Applying for an Interim Credential in one or more of the following Service Packages will result in that Application being a higher priority for review:~~

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			will result in that Application being a higher priority for review: • CPA/Foster Family Home: Short-term Assessment Support Services • CPA/Foster Family Home: T3C Treatment Foster Family Care Support Services • CPA/Foster Family Home: Mental & Behavioral Health Support Services • CPA/Foster Family Home: Complex Medical Needs or Medically Fragile Support Services • CPA/Foster Family Home: Sexual Aggression/Sex Offender Support Services • GRO Tier I: Mental & Behavioral Health Treatment Services to Support Community Transition • GRO Tier II: Aggression/Defiant Disorder Services to Support Stabilization • GRO Tier II: Sexual Aggression/Sex Offender Services to Support Stabilization • GRO Tier II: Complex Mental Health Services to Support Stabilization		• ~~CPA/Foster Family Home: Short-term Assessment Support Services~~ • ~~CPA/Foster Family Home: T3C Treatment Foster Family Care Support Services~~ • ~~CPA/Foster Family Home: Mental & Behavioral Health Support Services~~ • ~~CPA/Foster Family Home: Complex Medical Needs or Medically Fragile Support Services~~ • ~~CPA/Foster Family Home: Sexual Aggression/Sex Offender Support Services~~ • ~~GRO Tier I: Mental & Behavioral Health Treatment Services to Support Community Transition~~ • ~~GRO Tier II: Aggression/Defiant Disorder Services to Support Stabilization~~ • ~~GRO Tier II: Sexual Aggression/Sex Offender Services to Support Stabilization~~ • ~~GRO Tier II: Complex Mental Health Services to Support Stabilization~~
15.	November, 2024	Not Applicable	Not Applicable – New Subsection under the new Section **The Full Credential**	36	***The Full Credential*** ***What is Full Credentialing?***

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			[Inserted after **The Credentialing Process]**		*Full Credentialing is the process of submitting an application and supporting documentation in the Credentialing Platform for review by DFPS, to determine if the CPA or GRO has met the qualifications to offer a specific Service Package or Add-On Service (CPAs only). The Active Full Credential is issued when the provider has met all necessary requirements to offer a specific Service Package or Add-On Service under the T3C System.* *Each Active Full Credential is time-limited. The Active Full Credential for a Foster Family Home Service Package and/or Add-On Service is issued to a CPA for a 4-year period. GROs are issued an Active Full Credential for a 3-year period.* *DFPS anticipates publishing a draft of the Application for the Full Credential in December 2024. New and existing providers will be able to submit completed applications for the Full Credential with the required attachments beginning in January 2025.*
16.	November, 2024	Not Applicable	Not Applicable – New Subsection under the new Section **The Full Credential** [Inserted after **The Credentialing Process]**	36	<u>**The Full Credential**</u> <u>***New Providers and the Full Credential***</u> *All new providers applying for a Full Credential to deliver one or more of the GRO Tier II Service Packages must maintain a census of 16 or fewer children and youth residing on each premises where services are provided, as a part of the operation's Permit that is attached to the provision of the GRO Tier II services. Used in this context, a "new" provider is defined as an operation that is not currently serving children or youth under an active DFPS or SSCC residential childcare contract. Pending applications to provide GRO services under an SSCC and/or DFPS*

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					contract will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis to determine applicability prior to January 1st, 2025. This provision applies to both in-state and out-of-state operations.
17.	November, 2024	Not Applicable	Not Applicable – New Subsection under the new Section **The Full Credential** [Inserted after **The Credentialing Process**]	36	**The Full Credential** *Provider Eligibility for the Full Credential* *In order for a residential childcare provider to be eligible to apply for the Full Credential, they must meet* <u>*all*</u> *of the following criteria on the day that the Application for the Full Credential (specific to the Service Package or Add-On Service) is submitted:* *Active Permit:* • *The residential child care provider must have been provided a valid acceptance letter from HHSC-CCR, or a "Initial" or "Full" Permit issued by HHSC-CCR (or similar body for out of state providers) to support the Permit Type required for the Service Package. A provider operating under an "Initial" Permit may apply for the Full Credential.* • *The residential child care provider's Permit must include all applicable Treatment, Programmatic, and Special Services required for each Service Package at the time of application for the Full Credential, unless hiring certain staff is the only barrier. If hiring certain staff is the only barrier, the provider will be required to have these staff hired and in place before providing services under an Active Full Credential (see APPENDIX III.A: T3C Full Credential Requirements for more information on staffing requirements).*

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18.	November, 2024	Not Applicable	Not Applicable – New Subsection under the new Section **The Full Credential** [Inserted after **The Credentialing Process]**	37	**The Full Credential** **_Meeting the Programmatic/Staffing/Infrastructure Requirements for the Full Credential_** _The tasks, activities, staffing plans, personnel and infrastructure requirements specific to each Service Package and Add-On Service for the Full Credential are distributed across two categories depending on when they are required to be in place, as indicated in APPENDIX III.A: T3C Full Credential Requirements. Those milestones are:_ ➢ _Required to be In Place @ Time of Application for Full Credential – Any requirement that must be fulfilled at the time of submission of the Application for the Full Credential. Providers will submit documentation supporting that the requirement has been met for review with their application._ ➢ _Required to be In Place on 1st Day Operating under an Active Full Credential – Any requirement that allows the provider to submit a specific plan with a timeline detailing how the requirement will be fulfilled in no more than 120 calendar days after the date that the provider receives notification of the issuance of the Inactive Full Credential. A provider does have the ability to be working towards completion of these plans during the time that the Application for Full Credential is being reviewed, but it is not required. A provider also has the ability to complete and submit any requirement under this milestone and time frame at the time of Application for_

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					Full Credential instead of waiting until after they have been awarded the Inactive Full Credential. If the provider submits plans without the required level of specificity for action steps and time frames, they will have their application returned for enhancements prior to the Inactive Full Credential award. *The T3C System Blueprint, APPENDIX III.B: Service Package Dependencies for T3C Full Credential Requirements can be used to identify which Service Package(s) and Add-On Service(s) a particular requirement is related to, as identified in the "Service Package Dependent" column of APPENDIX III.A.*
19.	November, 2024	Not Applicable	Not Applicable – New Subsection under the new Section **The Full Credential** [Inserted after **The Credentialing Process**]	38	<u>**The Full Credential**</u> <u>***The Inactive and Active Full Credential Status***</u> *The Full Credential is divided into two status periods, starting with the Inactive Full Credential, and followed by the Active Full Credential.* *The Inactive Full Credential is issued to a qualifying provider after it has been determined that they are eligible and meet all of the requirements necessary at the time of application. During the Inactive Full Credential period, the provider must complete all of their plans to fulfill the requirements identified as "Required to be In Place on 1st Day Operating under Active Full Credential" (see APPENDIX III.A: T3C Full Credential Requirements). The Inactive Full Credential is valid for up to 120 calendar days and failure to submit documentation of completion of all required plans to move to the Active Full Credential status by*

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					that deadline may result in the provider having to restart the process and re-submit the Application for Full Credential again. *Once the provider has satisfied all requirements identified as "Required to be in Place on 1st Day Operating under Active Full Credential", the provider will be issued the Active Full Credential, allowing for T3C paid placements into the Credentialed T3C Service Package(s) and Add-On Service(s).*
20.	November, 2024	Not Applicable	Not Applicable – New Subsection under the new Section **The Full Credential** [Inserted after **The Credentialing Process**]	38	**The Full Credential** ***Full Credential T3C Verification Form*** *After the provider has met all requirements of the Inactive Full Credential and before the Active Full Credential is issued, the provider will be provided the T3C Verification Form to review, sign, and return to the Department. This form will outline expectations associated with the Active Full Credential, including the time frames, reporting requirements, and possible consequences of failing to comply.* *The T3C Verification Form will require the signatures of both the CEO/Chair of the provider's Governing Body, and their Designee that signed the Application, as applicable. Once the T3C Verification Form is received by the Department, the provider will be eligible for the Active Full Credential, and subject to contract amendments, can begin providing the specific Service Package(s) and/or Add-On Service(s).*
21.	November, 2024	Not Applicable	Not Applicable – New Subsection under the new Section **The Full Credential** [Inserted after **The Credentialing Process**]	38	**The Full Credential** ***T3C System Annual Credential Report*** *During the Active Full Credential period, the provider must submit an annual T3C System*

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					Credential Report to DFPS to ensure model fidelity between Re-credentialing periods. This report will be data-based and provide details on the organization's operation of the various Service Package(s) and Add-On Service(s) to include reports on workforce, staff/caregiver turnover, staff/caregiver tenure, admission and discharge rates, average length of stay, outcome, and other data. The due date for each provider's T3C System Credential Report will align with the expiration month of the Active Full Credential for each Service Package and Add-On Service. For example, if the Active Full Credential for the CPA's Foster Family Home Service Packages expire in January 2029, then the annual report will always be due in January of each calendar year.
22.	November, 2024	Not Applicable	Not Applicable – New Subsection under the new Section **The Full Credential** [Inserted after **The Credentialing Process]**	39	**The Full Credential** **_Deactivation and/or Revocation of the Interim or Full Credential_** **_DFPS may inactivate or revoke an issued Interim or Full Credential for reasons that include, but are not limited to, the following:_** • **_Provider and/or Foster Caregiver's failure to meet and perform in accordance with the requirements of the specific T3C Service Package(s) or Add-On Service(s)._** • **_Failure to complete and/or submit a Status and/or Annual Credential Report by the required due date._** **_Contents of the Status or Annual Report may trigger ad hoc unscheduled Credentialing reviews, and/or DFPS/SSCC contract monitoring/action._**
23.	November, 2024	Not Applicable	Not Applicable – New Subsection under the new Section **The Full Credential**	39	**The Full Credential** **_Prioritization of Interim and Full Credential Applications_**

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			[Inserted after **The Credentialing Process**]		*DFPS intends to prioritize the review of Interim and Full Credential Applications based on T3C Service Packages that meet the greatest need for capacity at this time.* *Applying for an Interim and/or Full Credential in one or more of the following Service Packages will result in that Application being a higher priority for review:* • *CPA/Foster Family Home: Short-term Assessment Support Services* • *CPA/Foster Family Home: T3C Treatment Foster Family Care Support Services* • *CPA/Foster Family Home: Mental & Behavioral Health Support Services* • *CPA/Foster Family Home: Complex Medical Needs or Medically Fragile Support Services* • *CPA/Foster Family Home: Sexual Aggression/Sex Offender Support Services* • *GRO Tier I: Mental & Behavioral Health Treatment Services to Support Community Transition* • *GRO Tier II: Aggression/Defiant Disorder Services to Support Stabilization* • *GRO Tier II: Sexual Aggression/Sex Offender Services to Support Stabilization* • *GRO Tier II: Complex Mental Health Services to Support Stabilization*
24.	November, 2024	Not Applicable	Not Applicable – New [Inserted after **The Full Credential**]	40	***Transition of Children and Youth From Current to T3C System After A Provider Becomes Credentialed** Once a provider is awarded their initial Active Interim Credential or their initial Active Full Credential, and the DFPS or SSCC Residential Contract(s) has been updated accordingly, the provider can begin delivering T3C services. DFPS*

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					has worked with stakeholders to develop a centralized process to support the transition of children, youth, and young adults already in the provider's care to the T3C System. A high-level overview of the process includes the following: • *DFPS will provide a template to the Credentialed provider to complete.* • *The Credentialed provider's Program Director, as well as Treatment Director and other clinical staff as applicable to the Services Packages Credentialed, who are responsible for certifying a child's Continued Stay, as required in the T3C System Blueprint, will assess the provider's current child census.* • *Using the Service Package Description section for each Credentialed Service Package as the guide to determine need, the provider's team will propose a Recommended Service Package for each child.* • *The provider will return the completed template to the Department and will document in the child's record, justification for the Recommended Service Package, as well as the provider staff that participated in the process for making the recommendation.* • *DFPS Staff will work with the provider and the SSCC, as applicable, to review and approve for a child's Selected Service Package. DFPS and/or the SSCC reserve the right to override the Recommended Service Package, and will provide documentation to support the override reason.*

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					• *Upon approval, each child will be manually moved within the DFPS IMPACT database, and a Service Package start date will be established on the 1st of the month.* *This process will only be applied to Foster Family Home and GRO Tier I Service Packages. Children, youth, and young adults that require GRO Tier II Service Packages will receive a CANS 3.0 Assessment to determine transition. The only exception is for children, youth, and young adults transitioning from the QRTP Pilot program.* *If there are children currently placed with the provider that have needs that the programmatic/clinical staff cannot comfortably certify are aligned with any of the Service Packages for which the organization is Credentialed, the child must be identified on the report as requiring a CANS 3.0 Assessment. Once the child's needs have been assessed using the CANS 3.0 to determine the appropriate Recommended Service Package, next steps will be determined by the child's Service Planning team.* *The transition of children, youth, and young adults to the T3C System is not intended to extend the time needed to successfully complete the program, as defined in Minimum Standards or by the DFPS or SSCC Residential Contract.*
25.	November, 2024	38	**Service Package and Add-On Service Descriptions** [Added new bullet]	44	**Service Package and Add-On Service Descriptions** *12. Interns and associates can be used to fulfill Therapist functions that are needed to support a provider's therapeutic milieu but should not be used to provide services that are allowable under Medicaid. Interns and associates used to support*

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					the therapeutic milieu must perform work under the supervision of a fully licensed professional. As noted in number 10 above, all Medicaid eligible services should be sought through STAR Health.
26.	November, 2024	104	**Service Package Expectations** Child Placing Agency must ensure that child receives regular and frequent individual, family, and group therapy (dependent on eligibility, therapy services should be authorized and paid for through STAR Health). The Service Planning team and Licensed Therapist will determine the frequency which will be customized to align with the child's individual needs, and authorization requests will be sent to STAR Health as needed for Medicaid-covered services. The Child Placing Agency will ensure that written justification of assessed need (to include frequency of therapeutic services) is included in the Service Plan. Therapy services should be provided by a Licensed Therapist, that specializes in sex trafficking (all forms: no broker, gang, third-party [aka pimp], organized crime, familial), labor trafficking, and/or complex trauma, unless the	110	**Service Package Expectations** Child Placing Agency must ensure that child receives regular and frequent individual, family, and group therapy (dependent on eligibility, therapy services should be authorized and paid for through STAR Health). The Service Planning team and Licensed Therapist will determine the frequency which will be customized to align with the child's individual needs, and authorization requests will be sent to STAR Health as needed for Medicaid-covered services. The Child Placing Agency will ensure that written justification of assessed need (to include frequency of therapeutic services) is included in the Service Plan. Therapy services should be provided by a Licensed Therapist, ***with enhanced training in all forms of sex and labor trafficking,*** that specializes in ***treating complex trauma with experience in, and/or specialization in, treating children that require this Service Package,*** ~~sex trafficking (all forms: no broker, gang, third-party [aka pimp], organized crime, familial), labor trafficking, and/or complex trauma,~~ unless the Service Planning team determines a different type of therapist is needed to meet the child's custom needs. If services are Medicaid-covered services, therapy providers must be credentialed and contracted with the STAR Health managed care organization.

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			Service Planning team determines a different type of therapist is needed to meet the child's custom needs. If services are Medicaid-covered services, therapy providers must be credentialed and contracted with the STAR Health managed care organization.		
27.	November, 2024	109	**Staffing Requirements** Licensed Therapist, that specializes in sex trafficking (all forms: no broker, gang, third-party [aka pimp], organized crime, familial), labor trafficking, and /or complex trauma, to oversee treatment and service planning for children, youth, and young adults	115	**Staffing Requirements** Licensed Therapist, ***with enhanced training in all forms of*** ~~that specializes in~~ sex ***and labor*** trafficking, ~~(all forms: no broker, gang, third-party [aka pimp], organized crime, familial), labor trafficking, and /or~~ ***that specializes in treating*** complex trauma ***with experience in, and/or specialization in, treating children that require this Service Package***, to oversee treatment and service planning for children, youth, and young adults
28.	November, 2024	159, 172, 188, 202, 217, 230, 244, 259, 275, 291, 307, 323, 340, 357, 374	**Service Package Expectations** The General Residential Operation must have at least one awake night Direct Delivery Caregiver for every 7 children and youth in DFPS conservatorship and at least one awake night Direct Delivery Caregiver in every separate cottage or building that has at least 1 child or youth in DFPS conservatorship.	165, 178, 194, 208, 223, 236, 250, 265, 281, 298, 314, 330, 347, 364, 381	**Service Package Expectations** The General Residential Operation must have ~~at least one~~ awake night Direct Delivery Caregiver ***staff*** for ~~every 7~~ children and youth in DFPS conservatorship and at least one awake night Direct Delivery Caregiver in every separate cottage or building that has at least 1 child or youth in DFPS conservatorship.
29.	November, 2024	270	**Service Package Expectations**	276	**Service Package Expectations**

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			The General Residential Operation must ensure that the child receives regular and frequent individual, family, and group therapy (dependent on eligibility, therapy services should be authorized and paid for through STAR Health). The Service Planning team and Licensed Therapist will determine the frequency, which will be customized to align with the child's individual needs, and authorization requests will be sent to STAR Health as needed for Medicaid-covered services. The General Residential Operation will ensure that written justification of assessed need (to include frequency of therapeutic services) is included in the Service Plan. Therapy services should be provided by a Licensed Therapist, that specialized in sex trafficking (all forms: no broker, gang, third-party [aka pimp], organized crime, familial), labor trafficking, and /or complex trauma, unless the Service Planning team determines a different type of therapist is needed to meet the child's custom needs. If services are Medicaid-covered services, therapy providers		The General Residential Operation must ensure that the child receives regular and frequent individual, family, and group therapy (dependent on eligibility, therapy services should be authorized and paid for through STAR Health). The Service Planning team and Licensed Therapist will determine the frequency, which will be customized to align with the child's individual needs, and authorization requests will be sent to STAR Health as needed for Medicaid-covered services. The General Residential Operation will ensure that written justification of assessed need (to include frequency of therapeutic services) is included in the Service Plan. Therapy services should be provided by a Licensed Therapist, ***with enhanced training in all forms of*** ~~that specialized in~~ sex ***and labor*** trafficking, ~~(all forms: no broker, gang, third-party [aka pimp], organized crime, familial), labor trafficking, and /or~~ ***that specializes in treating*** complex trauma ***with experience in, and/or specialization in, treating children that require this Service Package***, unless the Service Planning team determines a different type of therapist is needed to meet the child's custom needs. If services are Medicaid-covered services, therapy providers must be credentialed and contracted with the STAR Health managed care organization.

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			must be credentialed and contracted with the STAR Health managed care organization.		
30.	November, 2024	271	**Service Package Expectations** The General Residential Operation must ensure that a therapist that specializes in sex trafficking (all forms: no broker, gang, third-party [aka pimp], organized crime, familial), labor trafficking, and /or complex trauma, is always available by phone or video conference to provide consultation and/or respond in-person in the event of a crisis, if needed.	277	**Service Package Expectations** The General Residential Operation must ensure that a therapist ***with enhanced training in all forms of*** ~~that specializes in~~ sex ***and labor*** trafficking, ~~(all forms: no broker, gang, third-party [aka pimp], organized crime, familial), labor trafficking, and /or~~ ***that specializes in treating*** complex trauma ***with experience in, and/or specialization in, treating children that require this Service Package***, is always available by phone or video conference to provide consultation and/or respond in-person in the event of a crisis, if needed.
31.	November, 2024	278, 377	**Staffing Requirements** Licensed Therapist, that specializes in sex trafficking (all forms: no broker, gang, third-party [aka pimp], organized crime, familial), labor trafficking, and /or complex trauma, to oversee treatment and Service Planning	284, 384	**Staffing Requirements** Licensed Therapist, ***with enhanced training in all forms of*** ~~that specializes in~~ sex ***and labor*** trafficking, ~~(all forms: no broker, gang, third-party [aka pimp], organized crime, familial), labor trafficking, and /or~~ ***that specializes in treating*** complex trauma ***with experience in, and/or specialization in, treating children that require this Service Package***, to oversee treatment and Service Planning
32.	November, 2024	369	**Service Package Expectations** The General Residential Operation must ensure that the child receives regular and frequent individual, family,	376	**Service Package Expectations** The General Residential Operation must ensure that the child receives regular and frequent individual, family, and group therapy (dependent on eligibility, therapy services should be authorized and paid for through STAR Health). The Service Planning team, Licensed

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			and group therapy (dependent on eligibility, therapy services should be authorized and paid for through STAR Health). The Service Planning team, Licensed Therapist, Registered Nurse, and other clinicians (if applicable) will determine the frequency, which will be customized to align with the child's individual needs, and authorization requests will be sent to STAR Health as needed for Medicaid-covered services. The General Residential Operation will ensure that written justification of assessed need (to include frequency of therapeutic services) is included in the Service Plan. Therapy services must be provided by a Licensed Therapist, that specializes in treating victims/survivors of sex trafficking (all forms: no broker, gang, third-party [aka pimp], organized crime, familial), labor trafficking, and /or complex trauma, unless the Service Planning team determines a different type of therapist is needed to meet the child's custom needs. If services are Medicaid-covered services, therapy providers must be credentialed and contracted with the STAR		Therapist, Registered Nurse, and other clinicians (if applicable) will determine the frequency, which will be customized to align with the child's individual needs, and authorization requests will be sent to STAR Health as needed for Medicaid-covered services. The General Residential Operation will ensure that written justification of assessed need (to include frequency of therapeutic services) is included in the Service Plan. Therapy services must be provided by a Licensed Therapist, ***with enhanced training in all forms*** ~~that specializes in treating victims/survivors~~ of sex ***and labor*** trafficking ~~(all forms: no broker, gang, third-party [aka pimp], organized crime, familial), labor trafficking, and /or~~ complex trauma ***with experience in, and/or specialization in, treating children that require this Service Package***, unless the Service Planning team determines a different type of therapist is needed to meet the child's custom needs. If services are Medicaid-covered services, therapy providers must be credentialed and contracted with the STAR Heath managed care organization.

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			Heath managed care organization.		
33.		370	**Service Package Expectations** The General Residential Operation must ensure that a Licensed Therapist, that specializes in sex trafficking (all forms: no broker, gang, third-party [aka pimp], organized crime, familial), labor trafficking, and /or complex trauma, is always available by phone or video conference to provide consultation and/or respond in-person in the event of a crisis, if needed.	377	**Service Package Expectations** The General Residential Operation must ensure that a Licensed Therapist, ***with enhanced training in all forms of*** ~~that specializes in~~ sex ***and labor*** trafficking, ~~(all forms: no broker, gang, third-party [aka pimp], organized crime, familial), labor trafficking, and /or~~ ***that specializes in treating*** complex trauma ***with experience in, and/or specialization in, treating children that require this Service Package***, is always available by phone or video conference to provide consultation and/or respond in-person in the event of a crisis, if needed.
34.	November, 2024	388	**Appendix II.A: Interim Credentialing Requirements**	395	**Appendix II.A: Interim Credentialing Requirements** *{The format of the tables has been changed; however, the content is still the same.}*
35.	November, 2024	390	**Appendix II.A: Interim Credentialing Requirements** **New Policies & Procedures** Child Placing Agency's policy and procedures specific to the Service Package(s) and Add-On Service(s), to support program's Aftercare Services, as outlined in the *T3C System Blueprint*.	397	**Appendix II.A: Interim Credentialing Requirements** **New Policies & Procedures** **Provider's** ~~Child Placing Agency's~~ policy and **procedures** specific to the Service Package(s) and Add-On Service(s), to support program's Aftercare Services, as outlined in the *T3C System Blueprint*.
36.	November, 2024	394	**Appendix II.A: Interim Credentialing Requirements**	401	**Appendix II.A: Interim Credentialing Requirements**

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			Program Director & Licensed Child Placing Agency or Child Care Administrator If provider has not identified a Program Director, the provider must submit a Plan, including a timeline, for identifying a Program Director, who meets the qualifications specific to the Service Package(s)- the provider's Plan must address the training plan and establishment of new policies/procedures related to the roles and responsibilities of the Program Director position in accordance with the specific Service Package(s), as outlined in the *T3C System Blueprint*.		**Program Director & Licensed Child Placing Agency or Child Care Administrator** ~~If provider has not identified a Program Director, the provider~~ ~~must submit a Plan, including a timeline, for identifying a~~ ~~Program Director, who meets the qualifications specific to the~~ ~~Service Package(s)- the provider's Plan must address the training~~ ~~plan and establishment of new policies/procedures related to the~~ ~~roles and responsibilities of the Program Director position in~~ ~~accordance with the specific Service Package(s), as outlined in~~ ~~the T3C System Blueprint.~~ **The provider must submit a plan, including a timeline, to present a training plan and establishment of new policies/procedures related to the roles and responsibilities of the Program Director position, in accordance with the specific Service Package(s), as outlined in the *T3C System Blueprint*.**
37.	November, 2024	398	**Appendix II.A: Interim Credentialing Requirements** **Treatment Director** If provider has not identified a Treatment Director, the provider must submit a Plan, including a timeline, for identifying a Treatment Director, who meets the qualifications specific to the Service Package(s)- the provider's Plan must address the training plan and establishment of new	404	**Appendix II.A: Interim Credentialing Requirements** **Treatment Director** ~~If provider has not identified a Treatment Director, the~~ ~~provider must submit a Plan, including a timeline, for~~ ~~identifying a~~ ~~Treatment Director, who meets the qualifications~~ ~~specific to the Service Package(s)- the provider's Plan~~ ~~must address the training plan and establishment of~~ ~~new policies/procedures related to the roles and~~ ~~responsibilities of the Treatment Director position, in~~ ~~accordance with the specific Service Package(s) as~~ ~~outlined in~~ ~~the T3C System Blueprint.~~

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			policies/procedures related to the roles and responsibilities of the Treatment Director position, in accordance with the specific Service Package(s) as outlined in the *T3C System Blueprint*.		**The provider must submit a plan, including a timeline, to present a training plan and establishment of new policies/procedures related to the roles and responsibilities of the Treatment Director position, in accordance with the specific Service Package(s), as outlined in the *T3C System Blueprint*.**
38.	November, 2024	428	**Appendix II.B: Service Package Dependencies for T3C Interim Credential Requirements** **New Policies & Procedures** Child Placing Agency's policy and procedures specific to the Service Package(s) and Add-On Service(s), to support program's Aftercare Services, as outlined in the *T3C System Blueprint*.	427	**Appendix II.B: Service Package Dependencies for T3C Interim Credential Requirements** **New Policies & Procedures** **Provider's** ~~Child Placing Agency's~~ policy and procedures specific to the Service Package(s) and Add-On Service(s), to support program's Aftercare Services, as outlined in the *T3C System Blueprint*.
39.	November, 2024	431	**Appendix II.B: Service Package Dependencies for T3C Interim Credential Requirements** **Treatment Director** If provider has not identified a Treatment Director, the provider must submit a Plan, including a timeline, for identifying a Treatment Director, who meets the qualifications specific to the Service Package(s)- the provider's Plan must address the training plan and establishment of new policies/procedures related to the roles and responsibilities of	430	**Appendix II.B: Service Package Dependencies for T3C Interim Credential Requirements** **Treatment Director** ~~If provider has not identified a Treatment Director, the provider must submit a Plan, including a timeline, for identifying a Treatment Director, who meets the qualifications specific to the Service Package(s)- the provider's Plan must address the training plan and establishment of new policies/procedures related to the roles and responsibilities of the Treatment Director position, in accordance with the specific Service Package(s) as outlined in the T3C System Blueprint.~~ **The provider must submit a plan, including a timeline, to present a training plan and establishment of new policies/procedures related to the roles and responsibilities of the Treatment**

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			the Treatment Director position, in accordance with the specific Service Package(s) as outlined in the *T3C System Blueprint*.		**Director position, in accordance with the specific Service Package(s), as outlined in the *T3C System Blueprint*.**
40.	November, 2024	Not Applicable	Not Applicable – New Appendices added [inserted after APPENDIX II.B: Service Package Dependencies for T3C Interim Credential Requirements]	449	**APPENDIX III.A: T3C Full Credential Requirements** [new graphic matrix added] **APPENDIX III.B: Service Package Dependencies for T3C Full Credential Requirements** [new graphic matrix added]

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1.	July, 2024	4	**Letter from the DFPS Commissioner**	5	[updated to reflect progression of transition since *T3C System Blueprint* was published in February, 2024]
2.	July, 2024	Not Applicable	**Commonly Used Terms** [new bullet point and term inserted]	9	**Commonly Used Terms** ➢ *Active Interim Credential: The provider has met all necessary requirements to operate under the Active Interim Credential specific to the approved Service Package or Add-On Service, and contingent on contract amendment(s), may begin serving children under T3C. The Active Interim Credential period starts when the provider receives DFPS' approval that they have satisfied all requirements identified as "Required to be In Place on 1st Day Operating under Active Interim Credential" (see APPENDIX II.A: T3C Interim Credential Requirements). The Active Interim Credential period expires on the last day of the twelfth calendar month after the date that DFPS issues initial approval. To avoid a lapse in service and for the provider to continue to provide the specific Service Package or Add-On Service to children and youth in DFPS conservatorship, the provider must meet all requirements, apply for, and obtain the Full Credential by the time the Active Interim Credential expires. During the Active Interim Credential period, the provider must supply status reports on their progress towards meeting*

						all of the requirements to obtain the Full Credential for the Service Package or Add-On Service.
3.	July, 2024	Not Applicable	**Commonly Used Terms** [new bullet point and term inserted]	12	**Commonly Used Terms** ➢ ***Inactive Interim Credential: Provider has met the criteria for the Service Package or Add-On Service based on completion of the requirements that are identified as "Required to be In Place @ Time of Application for Interim Credential" (see APPENDIX II.A: T3C Interim Credential Requirements). The Inactive Interim Credential period starts when the provider receives written confirmation from DFPS that they have satisfied all of the requirements identified as "Required to be In Place @ Time of Application for Interim Credential" (see APPENDIX II.A: T3C Interim Credential Requirements). The purpose of the Inactive Interim Credential is to allow time for the provider to complete all requirements that need to be "In Place on 1st Day Operating under Active Interim Credential" for the specific Service Package or Add-On Service. The Inactive Interim Credential is limited to 120 calendar days. If the provider is unable to meet all of the requirements necessary to move to the Active Interim Credential status by the 120th calendar day, they must start the application process for the Interim Credential again.***
4.	July, 2024	11	**Commonly Used Terms** • **Interim Credential:** An initial, short-term Credential that can be applied for	13	**Commonly Used Terms** • **Interim Credential:** An initial, short-term Credential that can be applied for

			by General Residential Operations and Child Placing Agencies that meet certain eligibility requirements. Within state and federal statute and regulatory requirements, DFPS-approved providers could start providing T3C Service Packages and Add-On Services based on evaluation of a comprehensive plan, but prior to meeting all of the requirements to become fully Credentialed. Providers approved for the Interim Credential would subsequently be required to become fully Credentialed within a set time frame. The Interim Credentialing process will be time-limited and will be eliminated as an option to providers during the latter part of the transition to T3C.		by General Residential Operations and Child Placing Agencies that **currently have a Residential Childcare Contract with either DFPS or with at least one SSCC, and** meet certain eligibility requirements. Within state and federal statute and regulatory requirements, DFPS-approved providers could start providing T3C Service Packages and Add-On Services based on evaluation of a comprehensive plan, but prior to meeting all of the requirements to become fully Credentialed. Providers approved for the Interim Credential **in a particular Service Package or Add-On Service are** ~~would~~ subsequently ~~be~~ required to become ~~f~~**F**ully Credentialed **before the Interim Credential expires on the last day of the twelfth calendar month after the date of issuance for the Active Interim Credential. The Interim Credential for any one Service Package is issued to an eligible provider one time only and is not renewable.** The Interim Credentialing process will be time-limited **during the transition** and **DFPS anticipates that it** will be eliminated as an option to providers **after October 2025**. **The Interim Credential is divided into two status periods, starting with the Inactive Interim Credential, and followed by the Active Interim Credential.**
5.	July, 2024	17	**The CANS 3.0 Assessment** Under the T3C System, children ages 3 and up will receive a CANS 3.0 Assessment upon the occurrence of any of the following events:…	19	**The CANS 3.0 Assessment** Under the T3C System, children**, youth, and young adults** ages 3 **through 21** ~~and up~~ will receive a CANS 3.0 Assessment upon the occurrence of any of the following events:…

| 6. | July, 2024 | 21 | **What is the State Doing to Prepare for Transition?**
For a high-level overview of the T3C System implementation deliverables and timeline in FY 2024, please see the appendix to this report. | 23 | **What is the State Doing to Prepare for Transition?**
For a high-level overview of the T3C System implementation deliverables and timeline in FY 2024, please see ~~the appendix~~ ***Appendix I*** to this report. |
| 7. | July, 2024 | 22 | **As a Provider, What Should I Be Doing to Prepare for Transition to the T3C System?**
• Visit T3C Ready at www.T3CReady.org an initiative of the SSCCs and the Texas Alliance of Child & Family Services. T3C Ready contains valuable information to help providers actively prepare for the transition, including details on the two types of grant funds available for Fiscal Year 2024 to be utilized for T3C transition needs. ACH Child and Family Services-Our Community Our Kids (ACH-OCOK) has entered into a contract with DFPS to administer the FY 2024 funds. ACH-OCOK anticipates releasing a Request for Applications (RFA) in early May 2024, notify grant awardees in mid-June 2024, and to distribute grant funds early July 2024. Please watch the website for additional information. | 24 | **As a Provider, What Should I Be Doing to Prepare for Transition to the T3C System?**
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• ***Apply for the T3C Provider Transition Grants. In state fiscal year 2024 ACH Child and Family Services-Our Community Our Kids (ACH-OCOK) entered into a contract with DFPS to administer the FY 2024 Provider Transition Grants. The first round of T3C Provider Transition Grants RFA*** |

					was released on May 8, 2024 and closed on May 24, 2024. Award notifications occurred the week of June 17. 229 applications were received from 143 unique organizations. 80 awards were made of grants ranging from $9,500 to $150,000. Providers from every region and catchment area of the state are receiving awards. Collectively, organizations receiving the grant awards have indicated their intent to Credential across the full array of T3C service packages. There will be additional opportunities for grant funding in state fiscal year 2025. More information is coming soon, so please visit the T3CReady.org website.
8.	July, 2024	27	**The Credentialing Process** This list and step-by-step process is anticipated to be released in the summer of 2024.	29	**The Credentialing Process** *While information on the Interim Credential is being released in this edition of the T3C System Blueprint, details on* ~~This list and~~ **the** step-by-step process **for the Full Credential** is anticipated to be ~~released~~ in the **next edition of the T3C System Blueprint released in October** ~~summer~~ of 2024.
9.	July, 2024	28	**The Credentialing Process** DFPS anticipates providing updated information regarding both the Credentialing and re-Credentialing process, including the estimated timeline to begin the process and the expected timeline for completing the process, in the July 2024 *T3C System Blueprint*.	30	**The Credentialing Process** DFPS anticipates providing updated information regarding both the **Full** Credentialing and re-Credentialing process, including the estimated timeline to begin the process and the expected timeline for completing the process, in the **October** ~~July~~ 2024 *T3C System Blueprint*.
10.	July, 2024	27	**The Credentialing Process** DFPS anticipates establishment of an Interim Credentialing process. It is	30	[information moved out from under **The Credentialing Process**, and edited to

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 Existing General Residential Operations and Child Placing Agencies that meet certain eligibility criteria will be able to apply for an initial, short-term Interim Credential. The purpose of the Interim Credential is to assist current providers in making the transition between the current foster care system (based largely on the Service Level structure) to the T3C System. ~~*DFPS anticipates establishment of an Interim Credentialing process. It is anticipated that providers will have the ability to apply for the Interim Credential if they have experience operating in Texas, meet performance expectations as defined by DFPS, and have a demonstrated record of serving children with like needs to the Service Package(s) and/or Add-On Service(s) for which they are applying.*~~ Within state and federal statute and regulatory requirements, DFPS-approved providers could start providing T3C Service Packages and Add-On Services based on evaluation of a comprehensive plan and prior to meeting all the requirements to become fully Credentialed.
 Providers approved for ~~the~~**an** Interim Credential **to provide a particular Service Package or Add-On Service are** ~~would subsequently be~~ required to become **F**~~f~~ully Credentialed **before the Interim Credential expires on the last day of the twelfth calendar month after the issuance of the Active Interim Credential status** ~~within a set time frame~~. **The Active Interim Credential for any one Service Package or Add-On Service is issued to the eligible provider one** |

						time only and is not renewable. ~~The Interim Credentialing process will be time-limited and will be eliminated as an option to providers~~ *~~during the latter part of the transition to T3C~~*. ***DFPS anticipates that the Application for Interim Credential will be available in September 2024, and providers will be able to submit completed Applications with the required attachments beginning in October 2024. Applications for the Interim Credential will be accepted through the end of October 2025, at which time the Interim Credential will no longer be an option. All providers seeking to offer a T3C System Service Package or Add-On Service after October 2025, will be required to apply for the Full Credential. Additional guides and specific submission instructions will be provided on the DFPS T3C webpage in September 2024 along with the Application.***
11.	July, 2024	Not Applicable	Not Applicable – New Subsection under the new Section **The Interim Credential** [inserted after **The Credentialing Process**]		31	**The Interim Credential** ***Provider Eligibility for the Interim Credential*** ***In order for a residential childcare provider to be eligible to apply for the Interim Credential, they must meet <u>all</u> of the following criteria on the day that the Application for the Interim Credential (specific to the Service Package or Add-On Service) is submitted:*** ***1. Active Permit:*** ● ***The residential child care provider must have a "Full" Permit issued by HHSC-CCR (or similar body for out of state providers) to support the Permit Type required for the Service***

Package. A provider operating under an "Initial" Permit may qualify for the Interim Credential if that same provider already holds a "Full" Permit for another similar type of operation.

- *The residential child care provider's Permit must include all applicable Treatment Services required for each Service Package at the time of application for the Interim Credential, unless hiring certain staff is the only barrier. If hiring certain staff is the only barrier, the provider will be required to have these staff hired and in place before providing services under an active T3C Interim Credential (see APPENDIX II.A: T3C Interim Credential Requirements for more information on staffing requirements).*
- *The provider may be issued an Interim Credential if the Programmatic and Special Services required for each Service Package or Add-On Service is in process of being added to the Permit by HHS-CCR at the time of application for the Interim Credential. If HHS-CCR denies the addition of services to the Permit, the provider's Interim Credential will subsequently be revoked.*

2. Active Residential Child Care Contract:

- *The residential child care provider must have an actively utilized standard residential child care contract with DFPS and/or an SSCC at the time of application.*

- *The residential child care provider may be serving children under "child-specific contract(s)" only at the time of application, but in addition must maintain a standard residential child care contract(s) with DFPS and/or an SSCC.*

3. Performance Expectations:
- *The residential child care provider has not been issued notification of intent to Revoke, Deny, or Involuntarily Suspend the license or permit at the time of application.*
- *The residential child care provider is not on Probation (or similar degree of consequence for out of state providers) at the time of application.*
- *The residential child care provider is not currently subject to contractual remedy, or other corrective actions related to placement safety, such as Safety Checks, Placement Suspension, or Corrective Action Plan for Failure to Report Abuse/Neglect without a contractor plan acceptance letter. If a contractor plan acceptance letter issued by the holder of the relevant contract (DFPS and/or SSCC) is in place at the time of application, then this would not be a bar.*
- *The residential child care provider does not have a history of termination of contract for cause (with DFPS and/or an SSCC), or for convenience initiated by DFPS.*
- *The residential child care provider is not on a vendor hold with the State of Texas at the time of application.*

					4. Experience serving children with like needs: ● **The residential child care provider has at least six months of experience actively caring for children with like needs to those identified in the Service Package Description section for the specific Service Package, based on history of Service Levels of Care provided and/or consideration of historical Permit Type and Permitted Services offered.**
12.	July, 2024	Not Applicable	Not Applicable – New Subsection under the new Section **The Interim Credential** [inserted after **The Credentialing Process**]	32	**The Interim Credential** ***Meeting the Programmatic/ Staffing/ Infrastructure Requirements for the Interim Credential*** **The tasks, activities, staffing plans, personnel and infrastructure requirements specific to each Service Package and Add-On Service for the Interim Credential are distributed across three categories depending on when they are required to be in place, as indicated in APPENDIX II.A: T3C Interim Credential Requirements. Those milestones are:** ➢ **Required to be In Place @ Time of Application for Interim Credential – Any requirement that must be fulfilled at the time of submission of the Application for the Interim Credential. Providers will submit documentation supporting that the requirement has been met for review with their Application.** ➢ **Required to be In Place on 1st Day Operating under an Active Interim Credential – Any requirement that allows the provider to submit a**

specific plan with a timeline detailing how the requirement will be fulfilled in no more than 120 calendar days after the date that the provider receives notification of the issuance of the Inactive Interim Credential. A provider does have the ability to be working towards completion of these plans during the time that the Application for Interim Credential is being reviewed, but it is not required. A provider also has the ability to complete and submit any requirement under this milestone and time frame at the time of Application for Interim Credential instead of waiting until after they have been awarded the Interim Credential. If the provider submits plans without the required level of specificity for action steps and time frames, they will have their Application returned for enhancements prior to Interim Credential award.

➢ *Required submission of a Plan Only @ Time of Application – Any requirement that allows the provider to submit a specific plan with a timeline detailing how the requirement will be fulfilled between the time that the Inactive Interim Credential is issued, and when the provider will submit the Application for Full Credential with documentation of all required items for review. The provider's plan can indicate submission for the Full Credential review any time before the expiration of the Active Interim*

					Credential on the last day of the twelfth calendar month following issuance. *The T3C System Blueprint, APPENDIX II.B: Service Package Dependencies for T3C Interim Credential Requirements can be used to identify which Service Package(s) and Add-On Service(s) a particular requirement is related to, as identified in the "Service Package Dependent" column of APPENDIX II.A.*
13.	July, 2024	Not Applicable	Not Applicable – New Subsection under the new Section **The Interim Credential** [inserted after **The Credentialing Process**]	33	**The Interim Credential** ***The Inactive and Active Credential Status*** *The Interim Credential is divided into two status periods, starting with the Inactive Interim Credential, and followed by the Active Interim Credential.* *The Inactive Interim Credential is issued to a qualifying provider after it has been determined that they are eligible and meet all of the requirements necessary at the time of application. During the Inactive Interim Credential period, the provider must complete all of their plans to fulfill the requirements identified as "Required to be In Place on 1st Day Operating under Active Interim Credential" (see APPENDIX II.A: T3C Interim Credential Requirements).* *The Inactive Interim Credential is valid for up to 120 calendar days and failure to submit documentation of completion of all required plans to move to the Active Interim Credential status by that deadline will result in the provider losing their Interim Credential, and having to re-apply for a new Interim*

Credential with an updated eligibility review.

Once the provider has satisfied all requirements identified as "Required to be in Place on 1st Day Operating under Active Interim Credential", the provider will be issued the Active Interim Credential, allowing for T3C paid placements into the Credentialed T3C Service Package(s) and Add-On Service(s) to be entered for children currently in placement, as well as acceptance of new placements into the Credentialed Service Packages. The Active Interim Credential status period must end by the expiration of the Interim Credential on the last day of the twelfth calendar month after the Active Interim Credential is issued.

The provider does not need to wait the entire term of the Active Interim Credential to apply for and obtain the Full Credential for the Service Packages awarded the Interim Credential. There should be no expectation of extensions or renewals to the Active Interim Credential, although DFPS reserves the right to, for good cause as determined by the Department, issue one extension of up to six months. Failure to meet the requirements and obtain the Full Credential by the deadline will result in the loss of the Interim Credential and it's resulting ability to offer T3C services, as well as one or more Contract Actions, up to and including Contract Termination.

In order to ensure that providers are making sufficient timely progress towards submission for and award of the Full Credential, the provider will be

					required to submit status assessment reports during the Active Interim Credential period until the Full Credential is issued. A provider's failure to submit a report timely, and/or if the provider reports insufficient progress on the plan or is having difficulties meeting the timelines established in their submitted plan will result in follow up and potential interventions with the provider, up to and including the possibility of contract action.
14.	July, 2024	Not Applicable	Not Applicable – New Subsection under the new Section **The Interim Credential** [inserted after **The Credentialing Process**]	34	**The Interim Credential** *Interim Credential T3C Verification Form* *After the provider has met all requirements of Inactive Interim Credential and before the Active Interim Credential is issued, the provider will be provided the T3C Verification form to review, sign, and return to the Department. This form will outline expectations associated with the Active Interim Credential, including the time frames, reporting requirements, possible compliance monitoring or other interventions, and consequences of not meeting their specified plans to have all requirements in place by certain milestones.* *The T3C Verification Form will require the signatures of both the CEO/Chair of the provider's Governing Body, and their Designee that signed the Application, as applicable. The purpose of the T3C Verification Form is to ensure that all relevant individuals are informed and understand the parameters associated with the Active Interim Credential. Once the T3C Verification Form is received by the*

						Department, the provider will be eligible for the Active Interim Credential, and subject to contract amendments, can begin providing the specific Service Package(s) and/or Add-On Service(s).
15.	July, 2024	Not Applicable	Not Applicable – New Subsection under the new Section **The Interim Credential** [inserted after **The Credentialing Process**]	35		**The Interim Credential** ***Prioritization of Interim Credential Applications*** ***DFPS intends to prioritize the review of Interim Credential Applications based on a T3C Service Packages that meet the greatest need for capacity at this time.*** ***Applying for an Interim Credential in one or more of the following Service Packages will result in that Application being a higher priority for review:*** • ***CPA/Foster Family Home: Short-term Assessment Support Services*** • ***CPA/Foster Family Home: T3C Treatment Foster Family Care Support Services*** • ***CPA/Foster Family Home: Mental & Behavioral Health Support Services*** • ***CPA/Foster Family Home: Complex Medical Needs or Medically Fragile Support Services*** • ***CPA/Foster Family Home: Sexual Aggression/Sex Offender Support Services*** • ***GRO Tier I: Mental & Behavioral Health Treatment Services to Support Community Transition*** • ***GRO Tier II: Aggression/Defiant Disorder Services to Support Stabilization*** • ***GRO Tier II: Sexual Aggression/Sex Offender Services to Support Stabilization***

					• ***GRO Tier II: Complex Mental Health Services to Support Stabilization***
16.	July, 2024	252	**Service Package Expectations** [new bullet point inserted]		**Service Package Expectations** • ***The Tier I: Intellectual or Developmental Disability (IDD)/Autism Spectrum Disorder Treatment Services to Support Community Transition Service Package necessitates a custom care plan for the child that should incorporate support and guidance from a Registered Nurse on how to care for the individual medical needs of the child, to include administering medication and the use of medically necessary equipment.***
17.	July, 2024	262	**Quality Assurance and Continued Stay Guidelines** • The services continue to support the child's individual need for safety, improved well-being, and permanency in accordance with the child and family Service Plans.		**Quality Assurance and Continued Stay Guidelines** • The services continue to support the child's individual need for safety, improved well-being, and permanency in accordance with **the child's care plan**, **and** the child and family Service Plans.
18.	July, 2024	Not Applicable	Not Applicable – New Appendices added [inserted after APPENDIX: T3C System Implementation Deliverable and Timeline, which has been renamed APPENDIX I: T3C System Implementation Deliverable and Timeline]		**APPENDIX II.A: T3C Interim Credential Requirements** [new graphic matrix added] **APPENDIX II.B: Service Package Dependencies for T3C Interim Credential Requirements** [new graphic matrix added]

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1.	April, 2024	5	**Purpose of the Blueprint** … DFPS will include a summary of changes and a redlined version to show modifications made between versions for ease and to ensure transparency.	5	**Purpose of the Blueprint** … DFPS will include the ***T3C System Blueprint Change Log*** ~~*a summary of changes and a redlined version*~~ to show modifications made between versions for ease in tracking and to ensure transparency.
2.	April, 2024	11	**Commonly Used Terms** [new bullet point and term inserted]	11	**Commonly Used Terms** ➢ ***Interim Credential: An initial, short-term Credential that can be applied for by General Residential Operations and Child Placing Agencies that meet certain eligibility requirements. Within state and federal statute and regulatory requirements, DFPS-approved providers could start providing T3C Service Packages and Add-On Services based on evaluation of a comprehensive plan, but prior to meeting all of the requirements to become fully Credentialed. Providers approved for the Interim Credential would subsequently be required to become fully Credentialed within a set time frame. The Interim Credentialing process will be time-limited and will be eliminated as an option to providers during the latter part of the transition to T3C.***
3.	April, 2024	14	**Commonly Used Terms** ➢ **Treatment Model:**… Except for the General Residential Operation Tier II Service Packages, the provider's Treatment Model can be one they	14	**Commonly Used Terms** ➢ **Treatment Model:**… ~~*Except for the General Residential Operation Tier II Service Packages,*~~ The provider's Treatment Model can be one they

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			have developed independently or one they have purchased, so long as it meets the core elements listed above and is Evidence-informed…		have developed independently or one that they have purchased, so long as it meets the core elements listed above and is Evidence-informed**, or a Promising Practice, or is Evidence-based**…
4.	April, 2024	Not Applicable	Not Applicable – New Section [inserted after Commonly Used Terms]	16	***System Roles and Responsibilities Under T3C*** ***The Texas foster care system is an inter-agency and interdependent system. Each agency has a unique and specific role in the system that is defined by law, rule, statute or contract, and the T3C system strives to ensure that roles and responsibilities remain clearly defined. Most of the responsibilities identified are consistent with previously established responsibilities for each entity, however, a few have been added that are specific to the T3C credentialing, service delivery, and oversight processes.*** [new graphic illustration inserted]
5.	April, 2024	16	**Selecting a Placement Under the T3C System** While the CANS 3.0 Assessment ***recommended*** Service Package, and other supporting documentation will be used to inform the process, the knowledge and professional judgement of the SSCC or DFPS staff working to secure placement based on the individual child's needs and best interest will be the basis for the selection of the ***actual*** Service Package and placement type.	18	**Selecting a Placement Under the T3C System** While the CANS 3.0 Assessment ***recommended*** Service Package, and other supporting documentation will be used to inform the process, the knowledge and professional judgement of the SSCC or DFPS staff working to secure placement based on the individual child's needs and best interest will be the basis for the ***selected*** ~~*of the actual*~~ Service Package and placement type.

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6.	April, 2024	18	**Example of the Placement Selection Process Under the T3C System** While the CANS 3.0 Assessment ***recommended*** Service Package, and other supporting documentation will be used to inform the process, the knowledge and professional judgement of the SSCC or DFPS staff working to secure placement based on the individual child's needs and best interest will be the basis for the selection of the ***actual*** Service Package and placement type.	19	**Example of the Placement Selection Process Under the T3C System** While the CANS 3.0 Assessment ***recommended*** Service Package, and other supporting documentation will be used to inform the process, the knowledge and professional judgement of the SSCC or DFPS staff working to secure placement based on the individual child's needs and best interest will be the basis for the ***selected*** ~~of the actual~~ Service Package and placement type.
7.	April, 2024	21	**As a Provider, What Should I Be Doing to Prepare for Transition to the T3C System?** [new bullet point inserted]	22	**As a Provider, What Should I Be Doing to Prepare for Transition to the T3C System?** • Visit T3C Ready at www.T3CReady.org an initiative of the SSCCs and the Texas Alliance of Child & Family Services. T3C Ready contains valuable information to help providers actively prepare for the transition, including details on the two types of grant funds available for Fiscal Year 2024 to be utilized for T3C transition needs. ACH Child and Family Services-Our Community Our Kids (ACH-OCOK) has entered into a contract with DFPS to administer the FY 2024 funds. ACH-OCOK anticipates releasing a Request for Applications (RFA) in early May 2024, notify grant awardees in mid-June 2024, and to distribute grant funds early July 2024. Please watch the website for additional information.

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8.	April, 2024	25-26	**The Credentialing Process** Based on the vision for the T3C System and stakeholder feedback, some of the assumptions that are being used to guide the development of this process include:… ➢Considering establishment of an initial short-term alternate Credentialing process for providers that have experience operating in Texas, are in good standing with CCR and SSCC/DFPS Contracts and have a demonstrated record of serving children with like needs to the Service Package(s) and/or Add-On Service(s) for which they are applying. Within state and federal statute and regulatory requirements, providers qualifying under this short-term, alternate process could start providing T3C Service Packages and Add-On Services based on evaluation of a comprehensive plan and prior to meeting all the requirements to become fully Credentialed. If approved, these providers would be required to become fully Credentialed within a set time frame. The initial short-term alternate Credentialing process would be time-limited and would be eliminated as an option to providers during the transition to T3C.	27	**The Credentialing Process** [information moved out of bulleted area, up to become its own reformatted paragraph] ***DFPS anticipates*** ~~considering~~ establishment of an ***Interim*** ~~initial short-term alternate~~ Credentialing process. ***It is anticipated that providers will have the ability to apply for the Interim Credential if they*** have experience operating in Texas, ***meet performance expectations as defined by DFPS,*** ~~are in good standing with CCR and SSCC/DFPS Contracts~~ and have a demonstrated record of serving children with like needs to the Service Package(s) and/or Add-On Service(s) for which they are applying. Within state and federal statute and regulatory requirements, ***DFPS-approved providers*** could start providing T3C Service Packages and Add-On Services based on evaluation of a comprehensive plan, but prior to meeting all of the requirements to become fully Credentialed. ***Providers approved for the Interim Credential*** would ***subsequently*** be required to become fully Credentialed within a set time frame. The ***Interim*** ~~initial short-term alternate~~ Credentialing process will be time-limited and will be eliminated as an option to providers during ***the latter part of the*** transition to T3C.
9.	April, 2024	27	**The Credentialing Process**	28	**The Credentialing Process**

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			… DFPS anticipates providing updated information regarding both the Credentialing and re-Credentialing process, including the estimated timeline to begin the process and the expected timeline for completing the process, in the next iteration of the *T3C System Blueprint*.		… DFPS anticipates providing updated information regarding both the Credentialing and re-Credentialing process, including the estimated timeline to begin the process and the expected timeline for completing the process, in the ***July 2024*** ~~next iteration of the~~ *T3C System Blueprint*.
10.	April, 2024	29	**Service Package and Add-On Service Descriptions** [new #7 added, renumbered subsequent numbers]		**Service Package and Add-On Service Descriptions** ***7. For all Service Packages, the Child Placing Agency or General Residential Operation must be licensed for all of the Permit Services listed. General Residential Operations have two possible Permit Types listed for each Service Package, but the provider is only required to have one or the other of them.***
11.	April, 2024	37, 48, 52, 58, 60, 68, 72, 80, 84, 91, 95, 103, 106, 115, 119, 127, 156, 185, 288, 304, 320, 336, 353, 371	**Admission Guidelines** and **Service Package Expectations** In addition to and/or consistent with Statutory and Minimum Standards Requirements:…	38, 49, 53, 59, 61, 69, 73, 81, 85, 92, 96, 104, 108, 117, 121, 129, 159, 188, 293, 309, 325, 341, 358, 376	**Admission Guidelines** and **Service Package Expectations** In addition to***,*** and/or consistent with Statutory and Minimum Standards Requirements:…
12.	April, 2024	38, 48, 68, 80, 92, 104, 115, 127, 156, 171, 186, 200, 228, 242, 257, 272, 289, 305,	**Quality Assurance and Continued Stay Guidelines** [new introduction to bullet points inserted]	39, 49, 69, 81, 93, 105, 117, 129, 159, 174, 189, 203, 231, 246, 262, 277, 294, 310,	**Quality Assurance and Continued Stay Guidelines** ***Quality Assurance and Continued Stay Guidelines incorporated in the provider's policy and procedures, that include:*** • On-going review and…

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		321, 337, 354, 372		326, 342, 359, 376	
13.	April, 2024	47, 57, 67, 79, 102, 125	**Staffing Requirements** … All Case Management functions must be performed by an employee of the Child Placing Agency.	48, 58, 68, 80, 103, 127	**Staffing Requirements** … All ***Treatment Director and*** Case Management functions must be performed by ***actual employees*** ~~an employee~~ of the Child Placing Agency.
14.	April, 2024	48	**Admission Guidelines** • Child Placing Agency admissions staff have reviewed the child's information and determined that the child's needs align with services offered by the Child Placing Agency and selected Caregivers. The Child Placing Agency and Foster Family Home are Credentialed to provide the Substance Use Support Services Package.	49	**Admission Guidelines** [bullet points were separated] • Child Placing Agency admissions staff have reviewed the child's information and determined that the child's needs align with services offered by the Child Placing Agency and selected Caregivers. • The Child Placing Agency and Foster Family Home are Credentialed to provide the Substance Use Support Services Package.
15.	April, 2024	52	**Service Package Expectations** • Child Placing Agency must coordinate and ensure that comprehensive assessments, evaluations, screenings, and treatment services are provided within 21 days of admission (for children aged 5 and under) and 30 days of admission (for children aged 5 and older) and be based on the child's individual need(s) (dependent on eligibility, services should be authorized and paid for through STAR Health.)…	53	**Service Package Expectations** • Child Placing Agency must coordinate and ensure that comprehensive assessments, evaluations, screenings, and treatment services are provided within 21 days of admission (for children aged 5 and under) and 30 days of admission (for children aged ***6*** ~~5~~ and over), and be based on the child's individual need(s) (dependent on eligibility, services should be authorized and paid for through STAR Health.)…
16.	April, 2024	53	**Service Package Expectations** • The child's CANS 3.0 Assessment must be administered in accordance with the requirements, but no later than 21 days (for children between	54	**Service Package Expectations** • The child's CANS 3.0 Assessment must be administered in accordance with the requirements, but no later than 21 days (for children between

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			the ages of 3 and 5) 30 days (for children aged 5 and older) after entering the placement…		the ages of 3 and 5) or 30 days (for children aged **6** ~~5~~ and older) after entering the placement…
17.	April, 2024	91, 113	**Staffing Requirements** … All Case Management functions, and the responsibilities of the Registered Nurse, must be performed by actual employees of the Child Placing Agency.	92, 115	**Staffing Requirements** … All **Treatment Director and** Case Management functions, and the responsibilities of the Registered Nurse, must be performed by actual employees of the Child Placing Agency.
18.	April, 2024	101	**Staffing Requirements** • Child Placing Agency must have a Treatment Director whose responsibilities include supervision of Licensed Therapist(s) on staff.	102	**Staffing Requirements** • **The** Child Placing Agency must have a Treatment Director whose responsibilities include supervision of Licensed **Therapists** ~~Therapist(s)~~ on staff.
19.	April, 2024	108	**Service Package Expectations** [new bullet point inserted]	109	**Service Package Expectations** • **The Intellectual or Developmental Disability (IDD)/Autism Spectrum Disorder Support Services Package necessitates a custom care plan for the child that should incorporate support and guidance from a Registered Nurse on how to care for the individual medical needs of the child, to include administering medication and the use of medically necessary equipment.** • Child Placing Agency must have case manager level…
20.	April, 2024	153	**Staffing Requirements** • The General Residential Operation must have a Treatment Director that is responsible for evaluating, assessing, and providing direction to the Child Placing Agency's Case Management staff on necessary	156	**Staffing Requirements** • The General Residential Operation must have a Treatment Director that is responsible for evaluating, assessing, and providing direction to the **General Residential Operation's** ~~Child Placing Agency's~~

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			services that the child, youth, or young adult receiving the Tier I: Basic Child Care Operation Service Package may require as a part of his or her Service Plan.		Case Management staff on necessary services that the child, youth, or young adult receiving the Tier I: Basic Child Care Operation Service Package may require as a part of his or her Service Plan.
21.	April, 2024	154	**Staffing Requirements** … All Direct Delivery Caregiver and/or Cottage Parent and Case Management functions must be performed by an employee of the operation.	157	**Staffing Requirements** … All ***Treatment Director,*** Direct Delivery Caregiver and/or Cottage Parent***,*** and Case Management functions must be performed by ***actual employees*** ~~an employee~~ of the operation.
22.	April, 2024	168, 184, 198, 213, 239, 254, 270, 287, 302, 318, 335, 369	**Staffing Requirements** … All Direct Delivery Caregiver and Case Management functions must be performed by an employee of the operation.	171, 187, 201, 216, 243, 259, 274, 291, 307, 323, 339, 374	**Staffing Requirements** … All ***Treatment Director,*** Direct Delivery Caregiver***,*** and Case Management functions must be performed by ***actual employees*** ~~an employee~~ of the operation.
23.	April, 2024	170	**Admission Guidelines** In addition to Statutory and Minimum Standards Requirements:…	173	**Admission Guidelines** In addition to***, and/or consistent with*** Statutory and Minimum Standards Requirements:…
24.	April, 2024	205	**Service Package Expectations** • The General Residential Operation must coordinate and ensure that comprehensive assessments, evaluations, screenings, and treatment services are provided within 30 days of admission; services should be customized based on individual strengths and needs (dependent on eligibility, services should be authorized and paid for through STAR Health)…	208	**Service Package Expectations** • The General Residential Operation must coordinate and ensure that comprehensive assessments, evaluations, screenings, and treatment services are provided within ***21 days of admission (for children aged 5 and under) and*** 30 days of admission ***(for children aged 6 and over);*** services should be customized based on individual strengths and needs (dependent on eligibility, services should be authorized and paid for through STAR Health)…

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25.	April, 2024	206	**Service Package Expectations** • The child's CANS 3.0 Assessment must be administered in accordance with the requirements, but no later than 30 days after entering the placement (unless a CANS 3.0 Assessment was completed within the prior 90-day period and remains valid)…	209	**Service Package Expectations** • The child's CANS 3.0 Assessment must be administered in accordance with the requirements, but no later than ***21 days after admission (for children between the ages of 3 and 5) and*** 30 days after ***admission*** ~~entering the placement~~ ***(for children aged 6 and over),*** unless a CANS 3.0 Assessment was completed within the prior 90-day period and remains valid…
26.	April, 2024	219	**Service Package Expectations** [new bullet point inserted]	222	**Service Package Expectations** • ***The Tier I: Complex Medical Needs Treatment to Support Community Transition Service Package necessitates a custom care plan for the child that should incorporate support and guidance from a Registered Nurse on how to care for the individual medical needs of the child, to include administering medication and the use of medically necessary equipment.*** • The child's CANS 3.0 Assessment…
27.	April, 2024	226	**Staffing Requirements** … All Direct Delivery Caregiver and Case Management functions, and the responsibilities of the Registered Nurse, must be performed by actual employees of the agency.	229	**Staffing Requirements** … All ***Treatment Director,*** Direct Delivery Caregiver***,*** and Case Management functions, and the responsibilities of the Registered Nurse, must be performed by actual employees of the ***operation*** ~~agency~~.
28.	April, 2024	244	**Treatment Services** Intellectual or Development Disability Autism Spectrum Disorder	249	**Treatment Services** Intellectual or ***Developmental*** ~~Development~~ Disability Autism Spectrum Disorder

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			Emotional Disorders		Emotional Disorders
29.	April, 2024	253	**Staffing Requirements** • The General Residential Operation must have a Treatment Director whose responsibilities include supervision of the Licensed Therapist(s) on staff.	258	**Staffing Requirements** • The General Residential Operation must have a Treatment Director whose responsibilities include supervision of the Licensed ***Therapists*** ~~*Therapist(s)*~~ on staff.
30.	April, 2024	273	**Aftercare Services** • The Tier I: Human Trafficking Victim Treatment Services to Support Community Transition Service Package requires the planning and provision of Aftercare Services.	278	**Aftercare Services** • The Tier I: Human Trafficking Victim**/Survivor** Treatment Services to Support Community Transition Service Package requires the planning and provision of Aftercare Services.
31.	April, 2024	277	**Service Package Expectations** • … Therapy services must be provided by a Licensed Sex Offender Treatment Provider (LSOTP) or Qualified Credentialed Counselor (QCC), unless the Service Planning team determines a different type of therapist is needed to meet the child's custom needs…	282	**Service Package Expectations** • … Therapy services must be provided by a Licensed Sex Offender Treatment Provider (LSOTP) ~~*or Qualified Credentialed Counselor (QCC)*~~, unless the Service Planning team determines a different type of therapist is needed to meet the child's custom needs…
32.	April, 2024	286	**Staffing Requirements** o Licensed Sex Offender Treatment Provider (LSOTP) or Qualified Credentialed Counselor (QCC) to oversee treatment and service planning for children, youth, and young adults	291	**Staffing Requirements** o Licensed Sex Offender Treatment Provider (LSOTP) ~~*or Qualified Credentialed Counselor (QCC)*~~ to oversee treatment and service planning for children, youth, and young adults
33.	April, 2024	352	**Staffing Requirements** … All Direct Delivery Caregiver and Case Management functions, and the responsibilities of the Registered Nurse, must be performed by an employee of the operation.	356	**Staffing Requirements** … All ***Treatment Director,*** Direct Delivery Caregiver**,** and Case Management functions, and the responsibilities of the Registered Nurse, must be performed by ***actual***

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					employees ~~an employee~~ of the operation.
34.	April, 2024	357	**Treatment Services** Emotional Disorders Intellectual or Development Disability Autism Spectrum Disorder	362	**Treatment Services** Emotional Disorders Intellectual or ***Developmental*** ~~Development~~ Disability Autism Spectrum Disorder