

Court and Stakeholder

Update

8.1.2022



Stage 1 Updates

CBC progresses in stages, moving responsibility for foster care placement, case management and services from the state to Belong.

Start Up

April 2021

Stage I

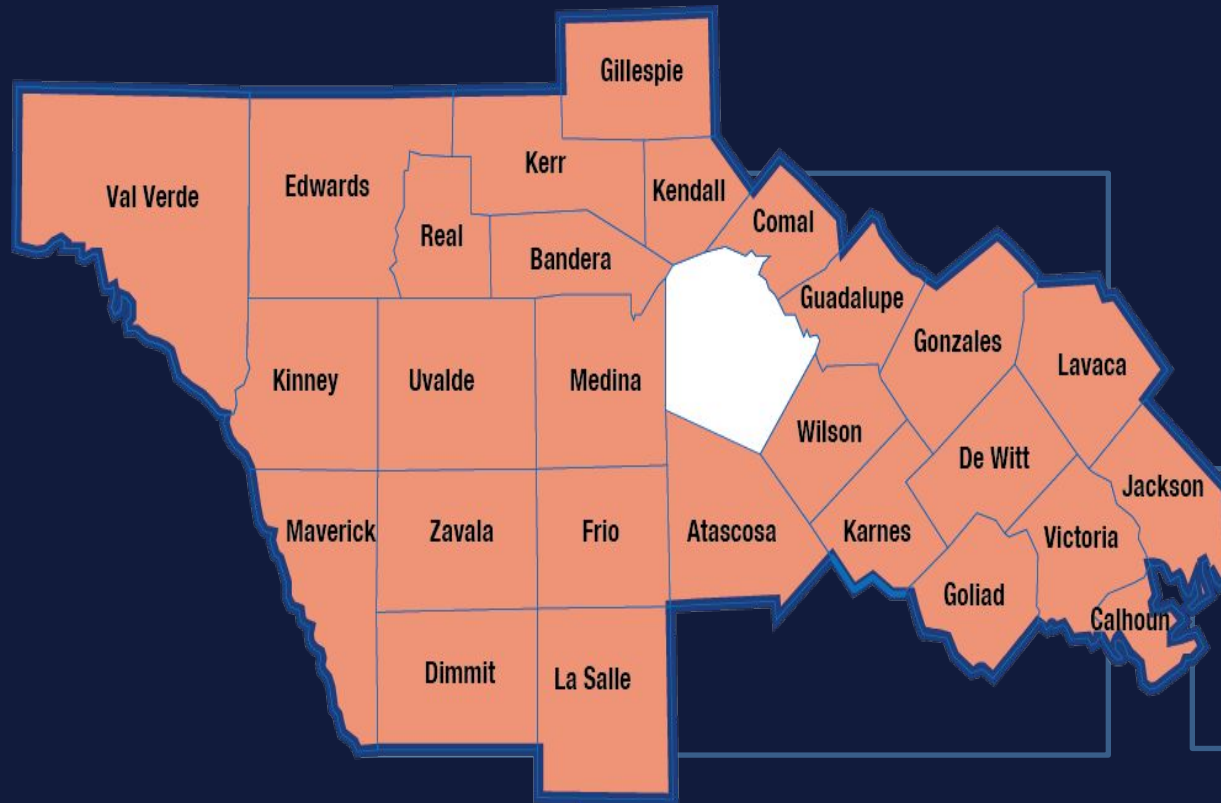
October
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Stage II

October
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Region 8b: Belong



Placement Progress

Since launching services,
we have
safely placed
984 youth.

Nearly **70%** of South Central & Hill Country
Region children
are placed in a foster home
or residential operation within
Region 8 (including Bexar Co.).

Of youth currently in Belong network,
77%
of paid placement days are spent in a
family setting.



Placement of Youth in Belong Network by Location

| Placement Location | Number of Placements |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| North | 297 |
| East | 90 |
| South | 43 |
| West | 47 |
| Region 8a | 255 |
| Out of Catchment | 246 |
| Out of State | 6 |
| Grand Total | 984 |

Stage I Placement Activities

- Placement for Children New to Foster Care and for Placement Disruptions.
- Disruption Mitigation Staffings.
- Services utilized to *preserve* placement –
 - Chosen
 - Renewing Family Strengths
 - Educational Supports
 - C.A.R.E. Program
 - Exceptional Care
 - Transportation Support
 - Nursing Services
 - YES Waiver
 - Mentor Programs



Other Stage I Activities

- Ongoing Capacity Preservation and Capacity Building Efforts

Belong has contracted with 128 providers and 181 programs in network.

- Services Offered Include:
 - Chosen
 - Renewing Family Strengths
 - Belong C.A.R.E. Services
 - South Texas Alliance for Orphans
 - Wendy's Wonderful Kids
- Provider Support and Consumer Affairs
- Community Engagement Activities
- Collaborative Efforts with DFPS





Transforming Foster Care Together

Tuesday, April 19
10-11:30AM
SSGT Willie De Leon Civic Center
300 E Main St, Uvalde, TX 78801

Program Topics
Introductions
Belong Overview & Presentation
SJRC Texas | Belong Parenting & Prevention Overview
Federal Legislative Update & Discussion
~Office of U.S. Rep. Tony Gonzales

Register today at
sjrcbelong.org/events



CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Belong
Lunch + Learn
Virtual Series

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 12:00-1:15 PM
Catholic Charities - St. PJ's Children's Home
Child Abuse and Neglect: Importance of Reporting
Overview of Texas reporting laws and the overall process and resources on how to make a report.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 12:00-1:00 PM
Jaci Gonzales
SJRC Texas | Belong Chief Prevention Officer
Parenting & Prevention Overview
Learn more about the free, available resources and support groups for caregivers like the Parents as Teachers program, CARE, and more.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 12:00-2:30 PM
Christian Benavides
Office of the Governor, Child Sex Trafficking Team
CSE-IT Training
Learn more about the Commercial Sexual Exploitation Identification Tool (CSE-IT) that has the potential to help us better understand — at the agency, county, or state level — the prevalence and particular characteristics of young people who experience sexual exploitation.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 12:00-1:15 PM
ChildSafe
NetSmartz
NetSmartz Internet Safety curriculum is from the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children aimed at providing adult caregivers ways to keep children safe online.

THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 12:00-1:15 PM
Dr. Helen Mireles
On behalf of Coalition to Combat Human Trafficking
Characteristics of Human Trafficking
Gain an understanding of Human Trafficking including red flags, who is vulnerable and why, and explore myths involving human trafficking. Recognize factors that lead to an increased risk, trauma associated with victims, its impact and available resources to assist.

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“Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.” - Helen Keller



Program Updates

Prevention
Touchstone



Prevention Updates



- Family Preservation Pilot
- Community Events
- Family Resource Center Launch
- NBPL Play & Learns
- Infant Massage Classes
- Celebration of Moms Event
- Support Groups
- Family Success Stories



"This program has helped me to understand that yes, as a teenager it is hard to parent, but it's okay to take chances and take time for myself. I learned you can't spoil babies. This program taught me there are different ways to parent and I decided to parent with a gentle parenting approach instead of the hard way I was raised," said Nyah H. (PAT Participant, teen parent)



Touchstone Program

Touchstone Alliance is partnering with SJRC Texas to provide behavioral, mental and physical support services for high-acuity youth in the form of a Stabilization and Assessment Center.

- Specialize in serving females ages 15-19
- Works with Belong to provide care for youth needing SSCC Supervision
 - Partnership with UT Wellness 360 to provide medical care
 - Full Time Nurse Practitioner on staff to provide healthcare services
 - Medical and Clinical Directors on staff
 - Education/Recreation Coordinator on staff

There have been **FIVE** youth in SSCC Supervision **since January 2022**.



Stage II Planning





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TRANSITION

Office of Community-Based Care Transition

Stacy Russell
Community-Based Care Administrator
South Central & Hill Country Region, 8b

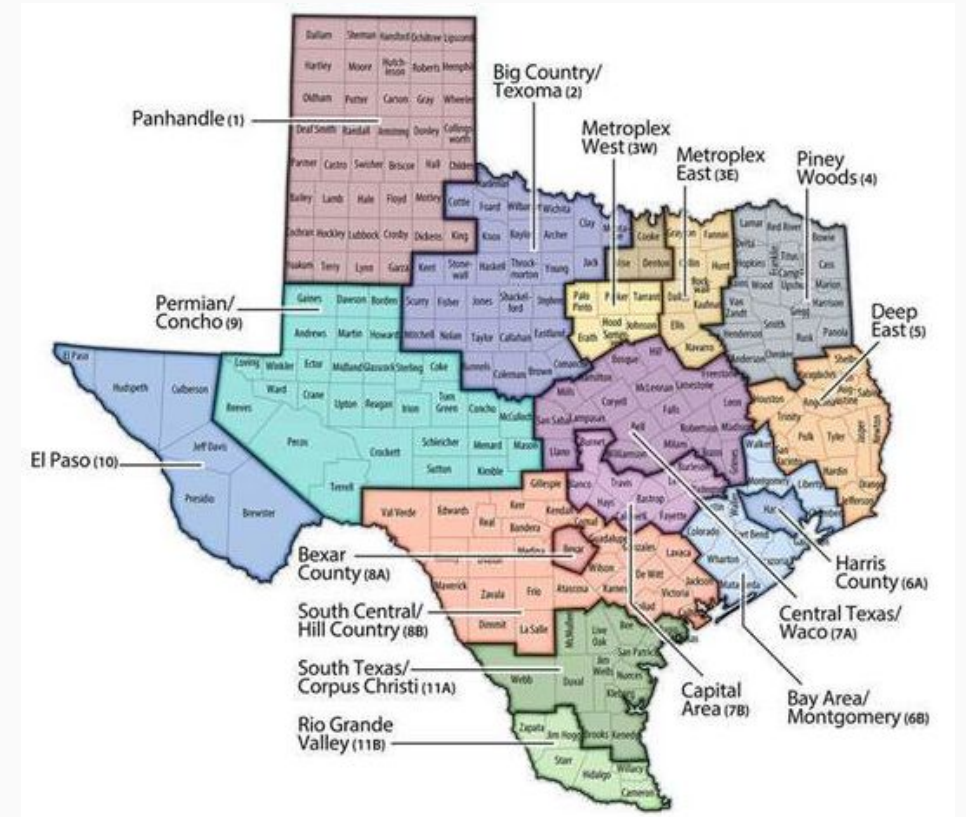
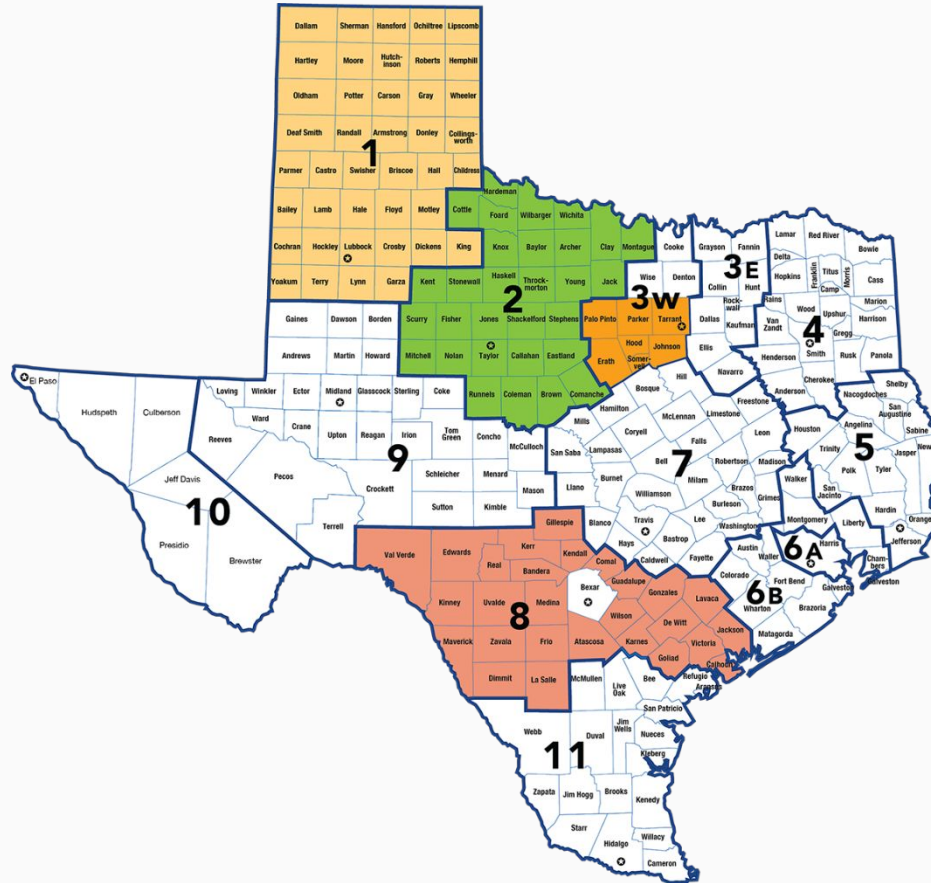
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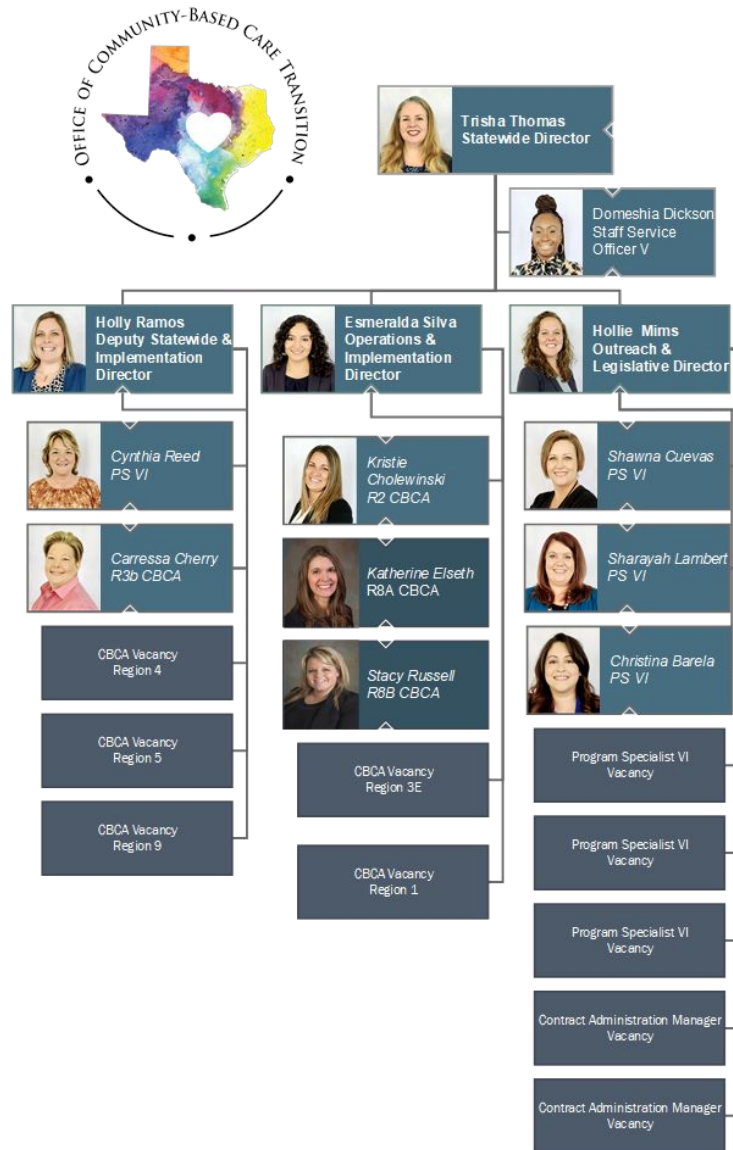


- With SB1896 – a new Office of Community-Based Care Transition was created. Director appointed and reports to the Governor.
- Setting up new independent office structure (that is administratively attached to DFPS) along with reviewing what has been done to better implement CBC.
- The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee with three members of the senate, three members of the house and two co-chairs.



Statewide Implementation







How can the OCBCT help?

Please complete the survey below.

Survey Link

<https://forms.office.com/r/XPJLaQyejb>

Survey QR Code





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Stage II Workgroups



- Administrative
- Case Transition
- CMO, Compliance, Performance
- Communications
- Financial Resource Network
- IT Transition
- Joint Operations Manual
- Personnel Transition
- Training Transition



Hiring Fairs

- In-person Hiring Fairs began in **June 2022** and were held in 6 locations. Virtual interviews were also conducted.
- As a result, 106 Letters of Intent went out, with 91 returned, or 86% of staff committed to SJRC Belong.
- Those staff will begin the HR Process for October 1, 2022 start date.
- Focus on filling supervisor and worker vacancies.



Questions?

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Thank You!

