



Meeting Notes
September 10, 2024
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Paso del Norte Health Foundation
221 N. Kansas, 19th Floor
El Paso, Texas 79901
Meeting Room C

Attendees:

Melissa Acosta
Tanya Berry
Sharon Butterworth
Diego Carlos
Luis Cenicerros
Linda Corchado
David Cotchery
Sandra Day
Janine Gallinar
Catherine Garcia
Cathy Gaytan
Gilda Gil
Dr. Carmen Olivas-Graham
Daniely Gutierrez
Emily Hartmann
Cindy Hernandez
Josue Lachica
Vanessa Leon
Ron Long
Enrique Mata

Representing:

NAMI El Paso
Texas Department of Family Protective Services
Paso del Norte Center at Meadows Institute
David Stout El Paso County Commissioner Precinct 2
Aliviane Inc.
Children at Risk
American G.I. Forum
Paso del Norte Health Foundation
El Paso Children's Grief Center
El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department
El Paso Child Guidance Center
Paso del Norte Children's Development Center
Socorro Independent School District/EPCC
Region 19 ESC
Paso del Norte Health Information Exchange (PHIX)
Emergence Health Network
Paso del Norte Center at Meadows Institute
Heart Gallery of El Paso
Strong Families Family Advisory Council
Paso del Norte Center at Meadows Institute

Ivonne Marquez	City of El Paso Department of Public Health
Laura Marquez	Paso del Norte Children's Development Center
Julie Priego	Aliviane Inc.
Andrea Ríos	El Paso Child Guidance Center
Rhonda Russ	Emergence Health Network
Lisa Saucedo	Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) El Paso
Nicole Schiff	Paso del Norte Center of Hope
Beth Senger	El Paso Center for Children
Ivonne Tapia	Aliviane Inc./Chair Family Leadership Council
Yuliana Tarango	Socorro Independent School District
Violeta Lopez-Unzueta	United Way of El Paso
Kathie Valencia	El Paso Center for Children
Krista Wingate	Emergence Health Network
Jennifer Wolf-Williams	Humanitarian Outreach for Migrant Emotional health
Renee Zapien	Heart Gallery of El Paso

Welcome and Introductions

Ivonne Tapia convened the meeting at 8:35 a.m. and called for introductions.

CPS/foster care landscape – Beth Senger, Executive Director of El Paso Center for Children presented on Texas state efforts to address Community Based Care (CBC) through a Single-Source Continuum Contractor (SSCC). Ms Senger shared the Center for Children's efforts to gather information from across the state on communities under an SSCC model. She explained that after careful review, it was not in the best interest of the Center to be a lead SSCC for Region 9. As a result, El Paso and other Region 9 counties are still pending a lead for CBC care reimbursement by the state. Presentation slides are included with these notes.

Crisis Care – YCOT and CIT – Rhonda Russ, LPC-S, LSOTP, Chief of Crisis and Emergency Services at Emergence Health Network provided an update on the progress with crisis intervention teams, school crisis intervention teams, and youth crisis outreach teams. She explained that anyone with a question about the capacity and use of these programs is welcome to contact her at rmruss@EHNELPASO.ORG , or 915-493-3734.

Children at Risk - Linda Corchado, Senior Director of Immigration with Children At Risk and Jennifer Wolf-Williams with Humanitarian Outreach for Migrant Emotional health (HOME) provided a presentation on a 5 year plan to engage with the El Paso Behavioral Health Consortium's Family Leadership Council for information and data sharing, collaboratively identifying a project to pilot within the school districts, and any advocacy needs. The presentation slides are included with these notes.

West Texas Trauma Informed Care Consortium – Cathy Gaytan provided an overview of the WTTICC history and plans to strengthen and expand its trauma informed training efforts. She

recognized Ms Andrea Rios of El Paso Child Guidance Center who commented that in recent weeks thirty individuals have been trained. Ms. Gaytan asked for anyone who is interested in joining the WTTICC to contact her at cgaytan@epcgc.org.

Other Business

Transforming Juvenile Justice – Catherine Garcia, Juvenile Probation Manager at El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department provided a brief update on 3 Capstones where the department is making progress to transform the juvenile justice system. The capstones include efforts to improve the Juvenile Court Committee, Family Violence Cases (e.g., working with CASFV to help divert from JPD), and the efforts with Socorro Independent School District to help divert youth using a first offender program partnership. Dr. Carmen Olivas-Graham elaborated on the concept explaining that each campus will have a campus-based discipline alternative setting. The collaboration started this school year and there are positive responses for collaborating with community agencies. The program will be piloting at Pebble Hills High School.

NAMI El Paso – Melissa Acosta provided several flyers for NAMI educational program opportunities and reminded the group that the NAMI Walk will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2024, at Ascarate Park, 6900 Delta Dr, El Paso, TX 79905 from 8 am - 12 pm. For more information visit [the NAMI El Paso website](#).

Adjourn – Ivonne Tapia Adjourned the meeting at 10:02 am



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FLC September 10 Agenda:

-  **Welcome and Introductions**
-  **CPS/foster care landscape**
-  **Crisis Care – YCOT and CIT**
-  **Children at Risk**
-  **West Texas Trauma Informed Care Consortium**
-  **Other Business**
-  **Adjourn**



CPS/foster care landscape

Changes in Child Welfare in Texas

Terms

CBC – Community-Based Care

- A philosophy that says children who are in the custody of the State of Texas (in the CPS system) should have the opportunity to stay in their local community and that community stakeholders should work together to keep them safe.

SSCC – Single-Source Continuum Contractor

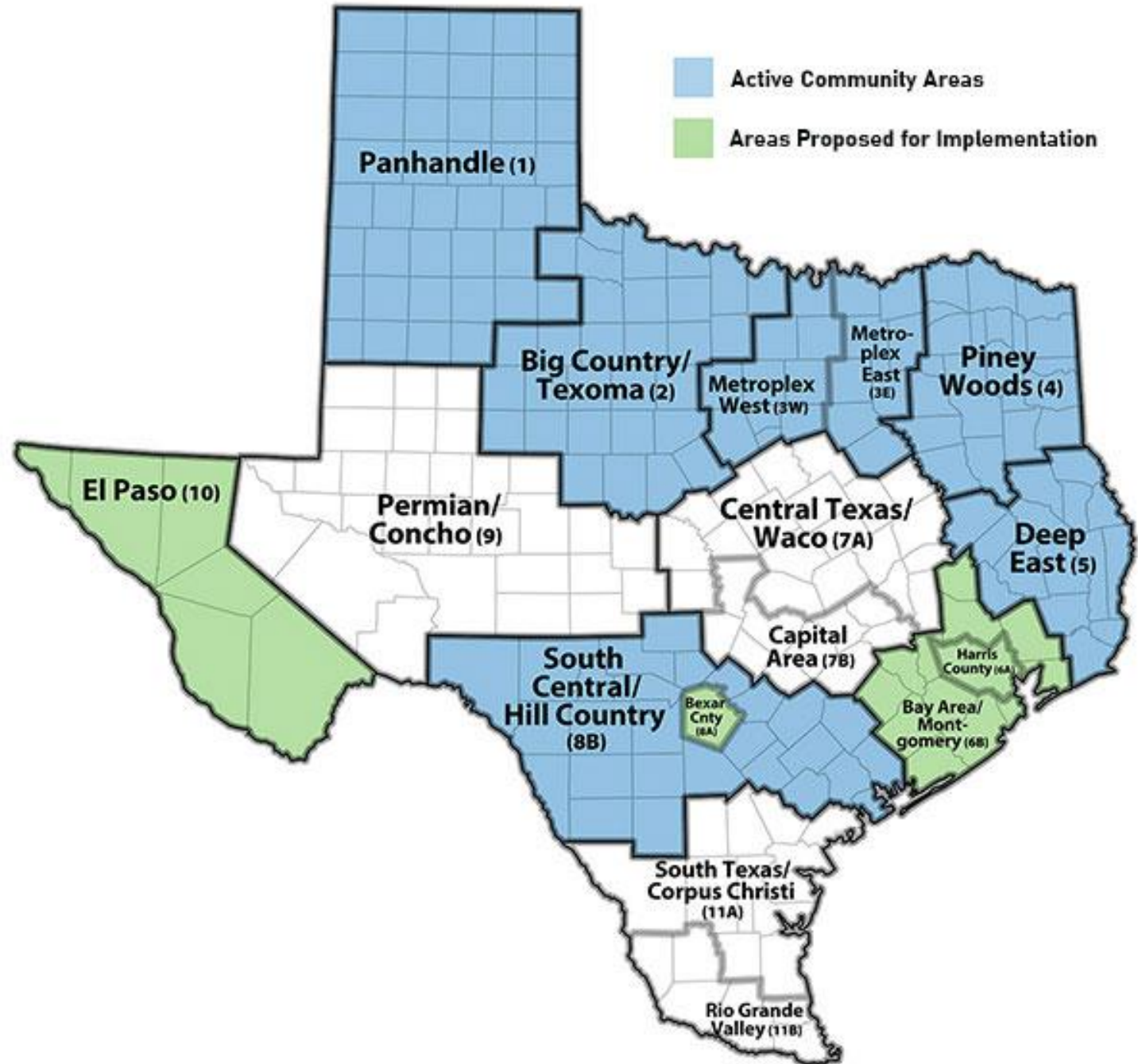
- The State's name for the one (single) vendor who will coordinate all services for a child in the State's custody in that community.

SSCC Role and Responsibilities

- Take over many of the responsibilities of CPS in the region.
- Create/develop a service network to provide:
 - Foster care
 - Kinship care
 - Reunification services
 - RTC
 - Emergency Shelter/General Residential Operations
 - Case Management

Regions 9 & 10
Had no bidders
to become
SSCC

Regions that
have CBC: 1, 2,
3W, 8B, 3e, 4, 5



Why didn't anyone bid to become the SSCC in our regions?

- One-size-fits-all design simply isn't working across the state – communities and resources are not comparable
- Formula for funding too complicated and insufficient – SSCCs have each lost millions of dollars
- Punitive federal lawsuit and licensing/investigations have made the climate extremely hostile and high risk for providers for children in care

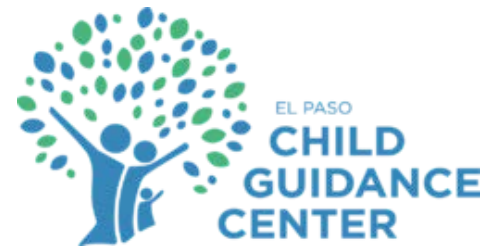


Crisis Care – YCOT and CIT



Children at Risk

EL PASO CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH COLLABORATIVE



OUR GOAL:

Explore a long-term collaboration with the **Family Leadership Council** with a special focus on improving educational outcomes for all El Paso children, through better mental health supports in schools.



RESEARCH



YEAR 1:

DEVELOP RESEARCH QUESTIONS TO UNDERSTAND HOW MENTAL HEALTH CARE ACCESS IN SCHOOLS IMPACT EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES, REVIEWING LOCAL ASSESSMENTS, ARCHIVAL DATA, AND SCHOLARLY JOURNALS.



YEAR 2:

DETERMINE MENTAL HEALTH TRENDS AMONGST EL PASO CHILDREN. COLLABORATIVELY EXPLORE THE NEXUS BETWEEN MENTAL HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES . PUBLISH A SUMMARY OF FINDINGS.

YEAR 3:

EXPLORE A FOCUS GROUP WITH EDUCATORS TO IDENTIFY OBSTACLES IN THE CLASSROOM WHEN IT COMES TO ADDRESSING/COPING WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AS MANIFESTED BY STUDENTS.



YEAR 4:

CONTINUE REDEFINING EFFORTS TO APPLY OUR RESEARCH QUESTION IN THE EL PASO LANDSCAPE AS WE INFUSE OUR UNDERSTANDING WITH EDUCATIONAL LANDSCAPE FINDINGS.

YEAR 5:

CREATE OUR END OF PROJECT MENTAL HEALTH REPORT USING THE DATA COLLECTED, STRATEGIES IMPLEMENTED AND NEXT STEPS.



COLLABORATION:

YEAR 1:

DEFINE OUR COLLABORATIVE VISION STATEMENT WITH THE FLC.



YEAR 2:

BEGIN EXPLORING WAYS TO INCORPORATE EDUCATION LEADERS, INCLUDING UNIVERSITY PARTNERS AND SUPERINTENDENTS INTO THE WORK GROUP TO CREATE A MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL SPACE.

YEAR 3:

PLAN A SUMMIT TO STRENGTHEN PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS, LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS, AND EDUCATORS, FOCUSING ON WRAPAROUND SERVICES AND ALIGNING WITH THE WEST TEXAS TRAUMA INFORMED CARE CONSORTIUM.



YEAR 4:

LAUNCH OUR FIRST COLLABORATIVE SUMMIT.

YEAR 5:

PLAN OUR STATEWIDE MENTAL HEALTH SUMMIT ALONGSIDE STAKEHOLDERS.





ADVOCACY:

YEAR 1:

PROVIDE REGULAR UPDATES TO THE COLLABORATIVE ON THE 89TH SESSION AS IT PERTAINS TO MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES IN EL PASO AND EXPLORE WAYS TO ENSURE EL PASO VOICES ARE LIFTED TO ELECTED OFFICIALS.

YEAR 2:

LAUNCH A MEDIA STRATEGY ON EDUCATION AND MENTAL HEALTH, HIGHLIGHTING OUR DATA REPORT, OP/EDS, AND/OR SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS, AND DISSEMINATE FINDINGS TO LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS.

YEAR 3:

ORGANIZE AND HOLD A KIDS' MENTAL HEALTH DAY AT THE CAPITOL, INVITING ALL EL PASO COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS TO MEET WITH STRATEGIC STAFFERS AND ELECTED MEMBERS.

YEAR 4:

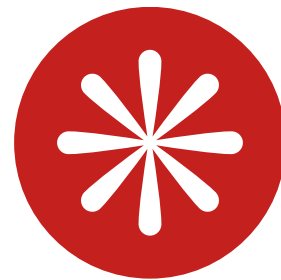
EVALUATE POLICIES PASSED IN THE 90TH. PUSH FOR INTERIM CONVERSATION TO EXPLORE WAYS TO STUDY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED TO CHILDREN IN TEXAS.

YEAR 5:

ADVOCATE AT THE STATE LEVEL FOR CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH FOR THE 91ST TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION IN 2029.



QUESTIONS?

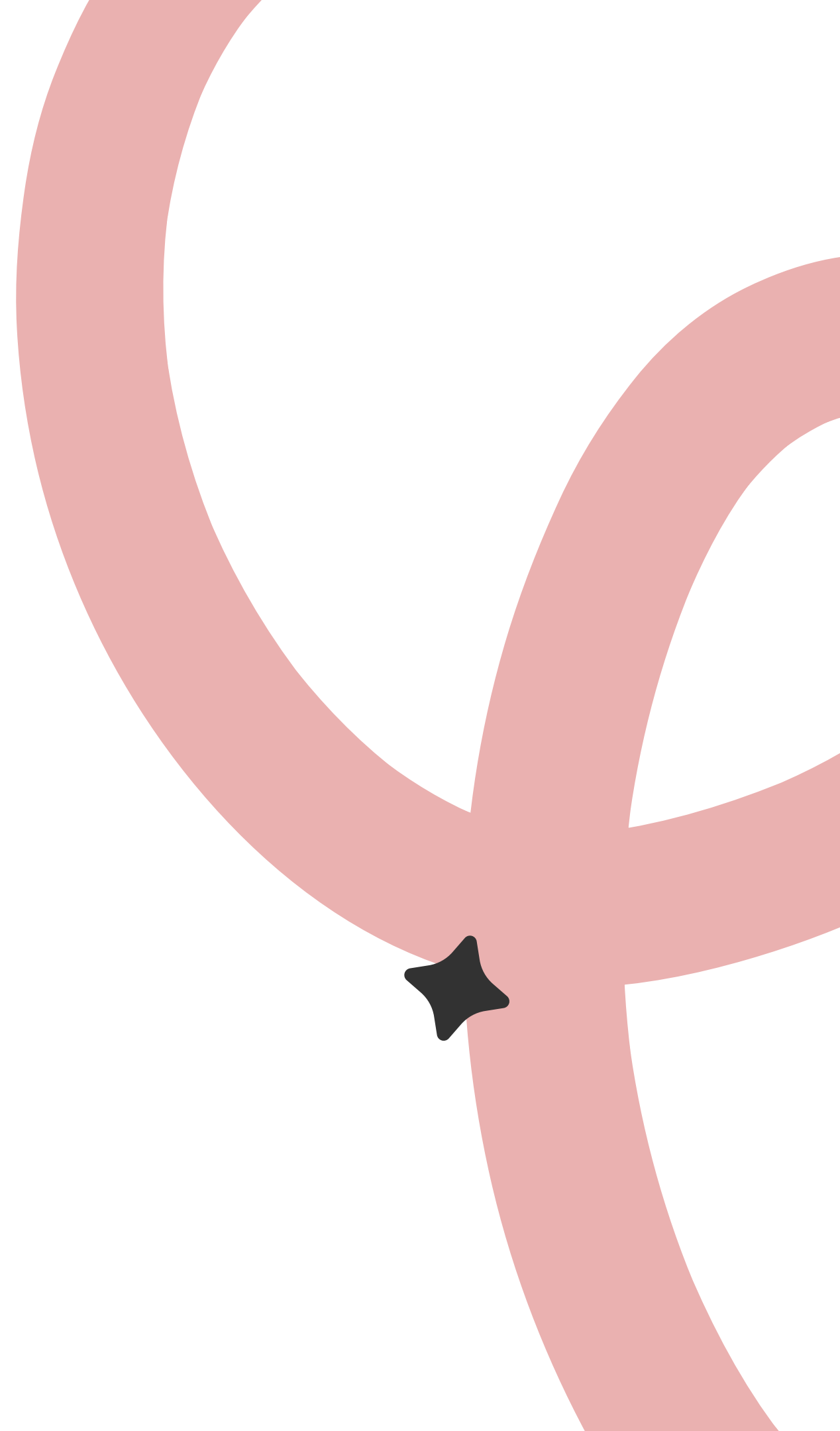


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West Texas Trauma Informed Care Consortium



LOGO DESCRIPTION

Hummingbirds are an important and symbolic bird in our region. They symbolize life and rebirth.

The logo uses different colors to show the movement of the bird to reflect how West Texas Trauma Informed Care Consortium continues to move forward to help children and families suffering from trauma-related issues. It also symbolizes the benefits of treatment children and families get from the services provided by West Texas Trauma Informed Care Consortium.

The West Texas Trauma Informed Consortium, is a hub for trauma- and grief-informed care in the western region of Texas that disseminates best practice knowledge and skills, training, consultation, technical assistance, and opportunities for professional and systems collaboration.

- The orange and yellow in the wings symbolize who the community is coming together to help children and families suffering from trauma-related issues. Both colors represent the poppies that have become a symbol of our community.
- Yellow also represents joy and happiness, while orange represents health and regeneration.
- The solo pink wing symbolizes the community coming together as one to work for our fellow community members



Other Business



Next Meeting

Adjourn