

CONSORTIUM 2.0 GENERAL MEETING

**8:30 am – 11:30 am,
Friday, December 6, 2024**

**Starlight Event Center
Region 19 Education Services Center 6650 Continental Dr.
El Paso, Texas 79925**

**With Keynote Speaker
Nelson Jarrin, JD Senior Vice President of State Policy**



Nelson is an attorney with more than a decade of experience in health care law and policy. He works with his fellow team members and national experts to design strategies that will deliver more effective and efficient mental health care. He also assists the Institute with regulatory compliance, statutory interpretation, and legal analysis. Nelson previously served as the Vice President of Government Affairs. In that role, he provided data-driven policy and program guidance to legislative leaders, state agencies, and local communities to improve the delivery of mental health services in Texas. Prior to the Meadows Institute, Nelson served as the Legislative Director and General Counsel for Texas State Senator Charles Schwertner. As one of Senator Schwertner's most trusted advisors, Nelson managed the Senator's legislative agenda, specializing in health policy and the state budget. During the 2014-2015 biennium, Nelson oversaw the Sunset Advisory Commission process for Senator Schwertner, which reviewed and reorganized all state health agencies. Before joining Senator Schwertner's team, Nelson worked as an attorney at the Texas Legislative Council, where he drafted legislation and provided legal advice for all 181 members of the Texas Legislature. At Legislative

Council, he drafted over 800 bills and amendments in the areas of health law, hospital law, occupational regulation, and criminal law. Nelson earned his law degree from the University of Notre Dame Law School, where he graduated magna cum laude and served as President of the Hispanic Law Students Association. Before law school and his work in the private sector, Nelson graduated summa cum laude from Texas A&M University with a bachelor's degree in economics.

Agenda

Morning Snacks and Networking

**Welcome: Tracy Yellen, Consortium Chair, CEO,
Paso del Norte Health Foundation/Paso del Norte Community Foundation**

**Keynote: Mental Health Policy and the upcoming 89th Legislative Session
Nelson Jarrin, JD, Senior Vice President Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute**

**Mental Health and National Policy
John Snook, JD, Chief Policy Officer Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute**



**Justice System progress overview
The Honorable Judge Anna Perez, 41st District Court Judge**



**Child, youth and family progress
Carmen Olivas-Graham, PhD, Socorro ISD Director of Administrative Services
Salvador Leos, El Paso County Juvenile Probation Services Director of Intake**

**Paso del Norte Health Foundation Mental Health and Emotional Well-Being
Sandra Day, Paso del Norte Health Foundation Associate Program Officer**

**Heart Gallery of El Paso
Kori Gough, Director, Heart Galleries of Texas**

Closing Remarks and Adjourn

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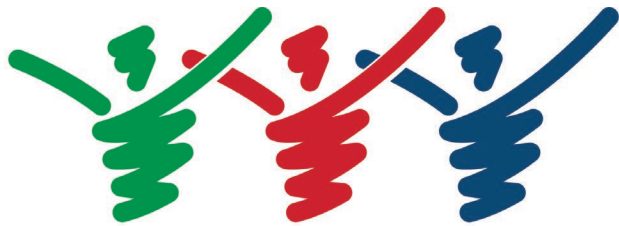


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State Hospitals & SB 30 Projects

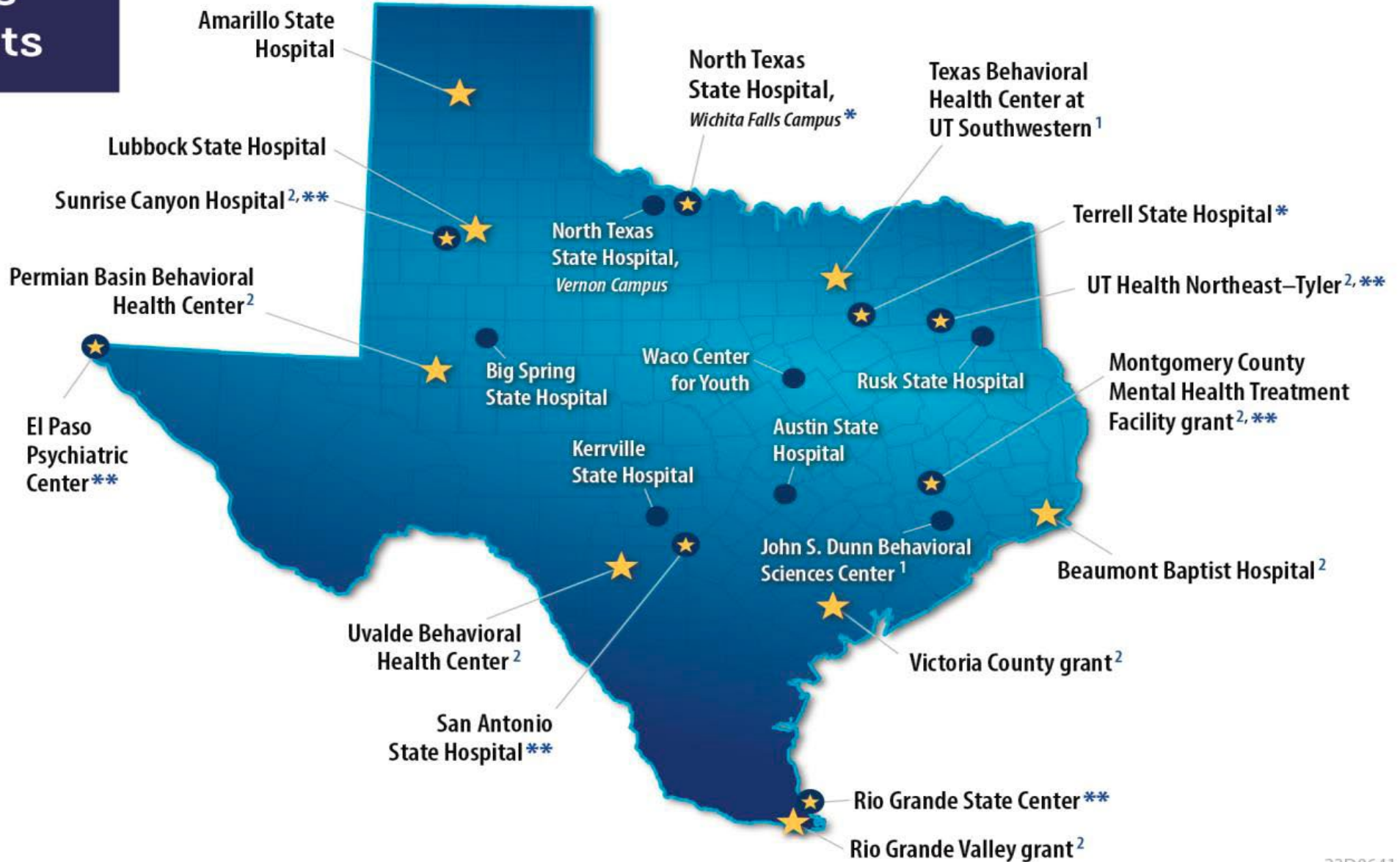
- Current state hospitals
- ★ SB 30 new facility projects
- ★ SB 30 expansion and renovation projects

** Rebuilding existing hospital*

*** Expanding capacity*

¹ Owned by HHSC and operated by an academic partner

² Community mental health hospital



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Sharon Butterworth, Mental Health Advocate
Chair, Paso del Norte Center Leadership Cabinet

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Monica Thyssen,
Senior Vice President of Finance and Implementation

Mental Health Policy and the 89th Texas Legislative Session

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2024 Interim and the 89th Legislative Session

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Meadows Institute – Vision, Mission, Goals

Vision

We envision Texas to be the national leader in treating all people with mental health needs.

Mission

Independent and nonpartisan, the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute works at the intersection of policy and programs to create equitable systemic changes so all people in Texas, the nation, and the world can obtain the health care they need.

Long-Term Goals

- Be a driving force on policy and implementation best practices designed to get people the mental health care they need, with **Texas serving as a model for the country**.
- Nationally, the Meadows Institute is a trusted partner and preferred collaborator as a national mental health organization leading this change.

A Sustained Commitment at the Texas Capitol

Session	Medicaid Behavioral Health Budget	Total Behavioral Health Budget	Cumulative Increase	% Increase from 84th
84th (2015)	\$3.00B	\$6.59B	-	-
85th (2017)	\$3.52B	\$7.60B	\$1.01B	15%
86th (2019)	\$3.31B	\$8.23B	\$1.64B	24%
87th (2021)	\$3.68B	\$8.86B	\$2.27B	34%
88th (2023)	\$3.48B	\$11.68B	\$5.09B	77%

- Behavioral health funding in the 2024-25 budget totaled **\$9.37 billion**, an **increase of \$1.25 billion (15.3%)** from the 2022-23 budget.
- The supplemental budget, 88(R) SB 30 (Huffman), included another **\$2.31 billion** for **inpatient facilities and expanded mental health capacity**.

2023-2024 Funding Opportunities

- July 2023: **Rider 52 Needs and Capacity Assessment** - Children's Crisis Respite, Coordinated Specialty Care (CSC), Crisis Facilities and Diversion Centers, Multisystemic Therapy (MST), State Hospital Step-Down Programs, Youth Crisis Outreach Teams (YCOTs)
- November 2023: **Mental Health Grant Program for Justice-Involved Individuals** (85(R) SB 292)
- January 2024: **SMART Innovation Grant Program** (88(R) SB 26)
- January 2024: **Community Mental Health Grant Program** (85(R) HB 13)
- February 2024: **Construction Grant Program for Mental Health Facilities** (88(R) SB 30)
- September 2024: **Children's Hospitals Construction Grant Program** (88(R) SB 30)

2024 Texas Election Cycle

Texas House Revenge Tours 2024

Greg Abbott vs, Ken Paxton March 5 Primary Wins, Losses & Runoffs



Greg Abbott

Challenger Wins

Hickland, Holt, LaHood,
Olcott, Shofner

Challenger Record 5-2-3
Incumbent Record 22-2-3
Open Races Record 3-0-3

Incumbent Runoffs

Kerwin, Schoolcraft,
Spencer, Klick, Stucky, Frazier

Record 30-4-9

Challenger Wins

Hickland, Holt, LaHood, Little,
Luther, Money, Morgan, Olcott

Challenger Record 8-21-7
Incumbent Record 3-1-0
Open Races Record 3-1-1

Incumbent Runoffs

Covey, Hopper, Kerwin, Lowe,
Pierson, Richardson, Schoolcraft

Record 14-23-8



Ken Paxton

- **March 5 Primary:** nine GOP House incumbents lost to challengers
- **May 28 Primary Runoff:** six GOP House incumbents lost to challengers
- With retirements and contested primaries, there will be **33 new House members** and a much more conservative Texas House in 2025.

89th Legislature: Leadership Priorities

On July 25, 2024, Governor Abbott and Lt. Governor Patrick jointly identified the following budget priorities for the 89th Legislature:

- **property tax relief** (\$18 billion in 2023);
- additional funding (\$5 billion) to support construction and modernization of **dispatchable electric generating facilities**;
- operational funding for **mental health facilities** authorized by the 88th Legislature;
- **educational savings accounts** (school choice); and
- **border security**.

2024 Interim Charges & Hearings

House Select Committee on Youth Health & Safety (July 31, 2024):

- Behavioral Health Services for At-Risk Youth

House Committee on Juvenile Justice & Family Issues (August 26, 2024):

- Juvenile Justice System Outcomes

Senate Finance Committee (September 5, 2024):

- Mental Health Services and Inpatient Facilities

Senate Committee on Health & Human Services (September 18, 2024):

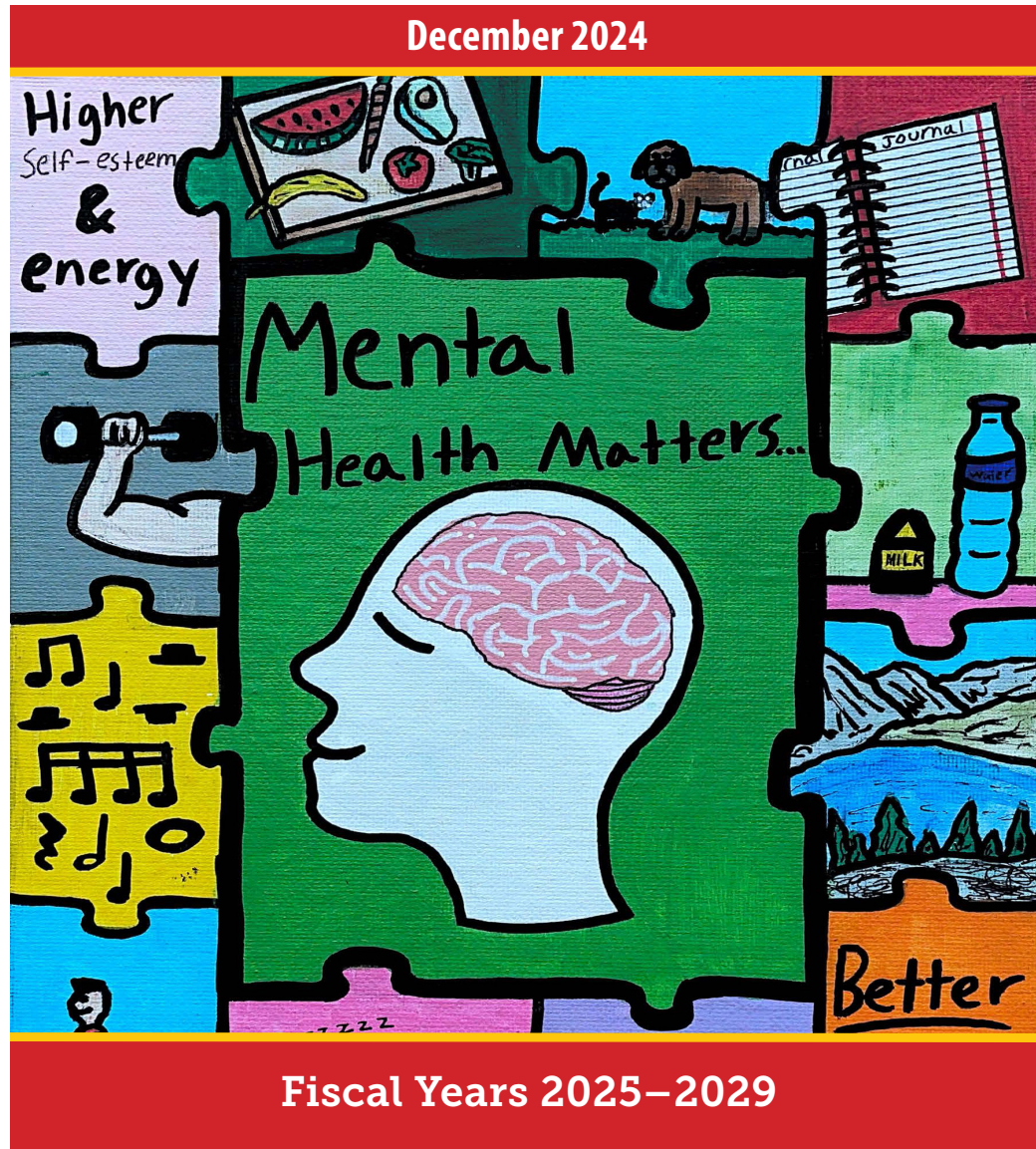
- Children's Mental Health

Senate Committee on State Affairs (October 15, 2024):

- Addressing Homelessness



Children's Behavioral Health Strategic Plan



- The **Children's Behavioral Health Strategic Plan** includes **31 recommendations** across **eight domains**.
- The **Health and Human Services Commission's (HHSC) legislative appropriations request (LAR)** contains an **exceptional item placeholder (#12)** to fund recommendations from the Strategic Plan.

2025 Legislative Opportunities

1. Expand evidenced-based options to **prevent violence and juvenile justice and child welfare system involvement**, while helping families in **crisis**.
2. Continue the emphasis on early intervention, leveraging the **Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium**, to address the mental health needs of Texas children.
3. Assist the **Department of Family and Protective Services** with targeted opportunities to maximize outcomes for families in the **child welfare system**.
4. Build off the 88th Texas Legislature's investments with targeted opportunities to bolster the **mental health workforce**.
5. Move to the final phase of state-funded **inpatient capacity construction**.
6. Transition to **funding operations** at new inpatient facilities to **bring additional beds online**.
7. Leverage **neuroscience research opportunities** through the Dementia Prevention Research Institute of Texas (DPRIT) and aligned efforts.

Targeted Interventions for High-Needs Youth

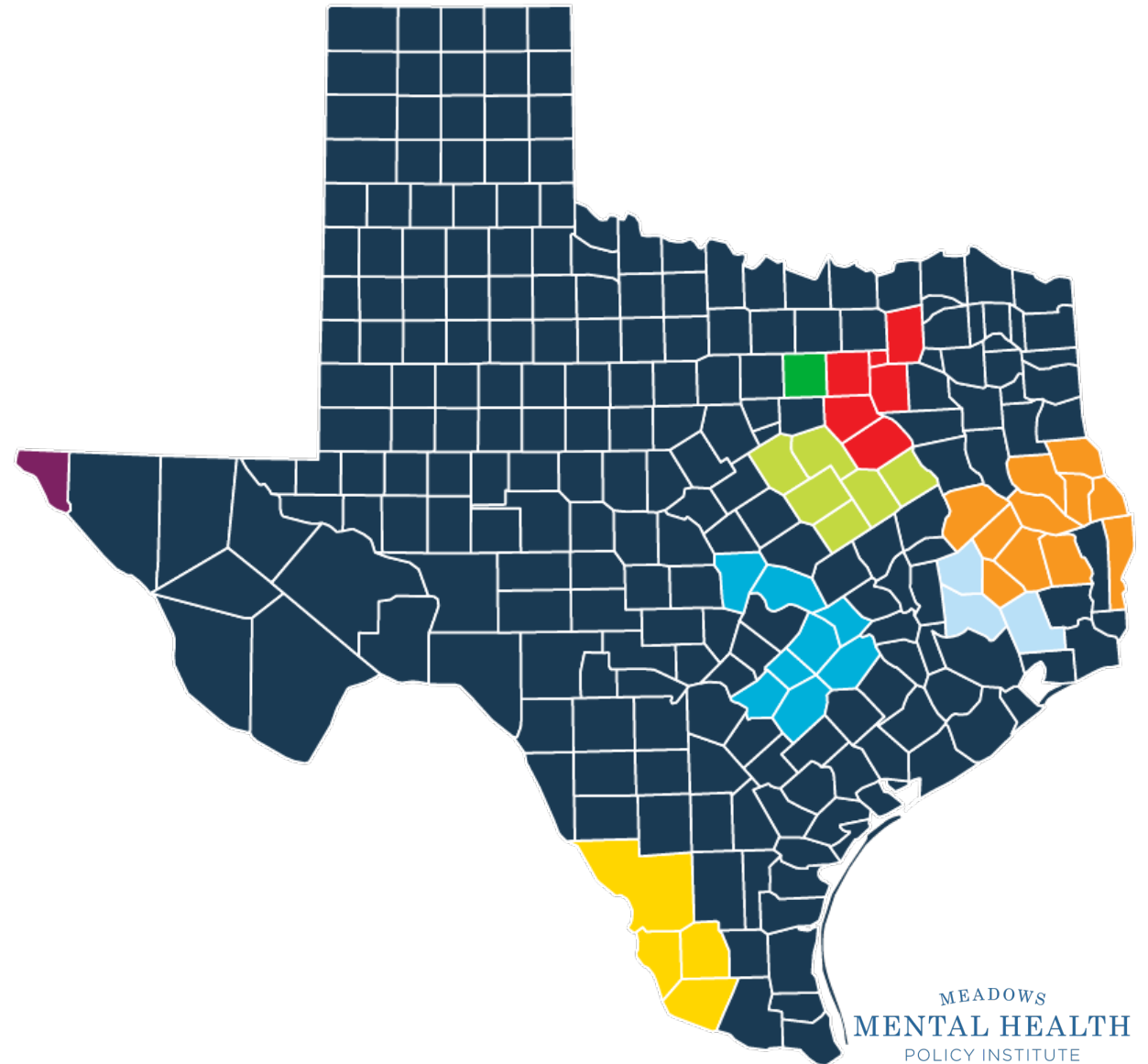
The Texas Legislature continues building out the continuum of care of intensive, evidence-based services for high-needs youth. This includes:

Program	Goal	Capacity	Estimated Need
Youth Crisis Outreach Team (YCOT)	Support youth in crisis and their families, which will reduce pressure on the foster care system and hospital emergency rooms .	8 teams	40 teams
Multisystemic Therapy (MST)	Treat youth who have committed violent offenses , have serious mental health or substance use concerns and/or are at risk of out-of-home placement .	24 teams	140 teams
Coordinated Specialty Care (CSC)	Provide the gold standard of care for people experiencing a first episode of psychosis .	48 teams (mostly funded with federal block grants)	100 teams

YCOT Capacity in Texas

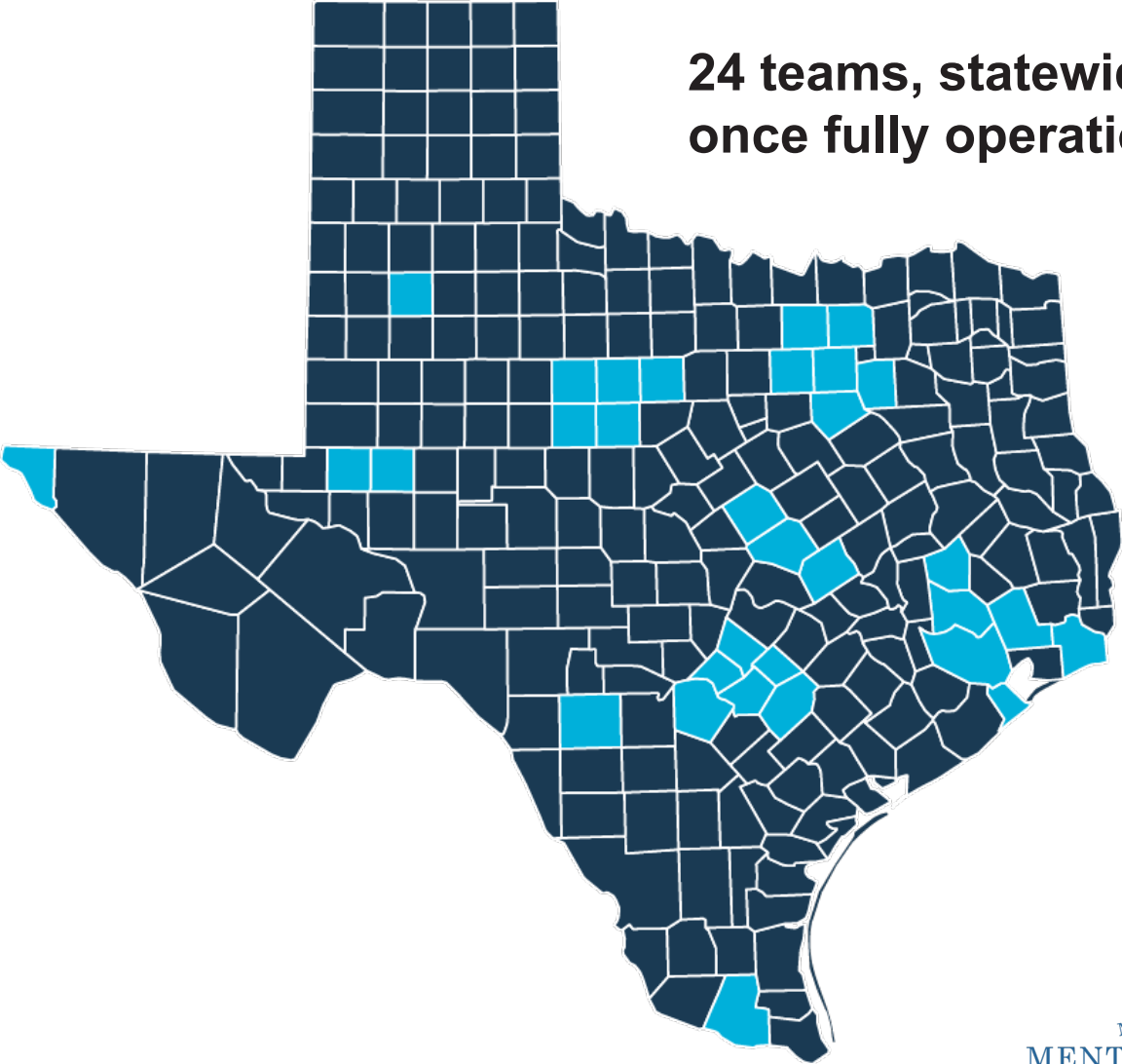
Eight new HHSC-funded teams

- Bluebonnet Trails:**
 - Bastrop County
 - Burnet County
 - Caldwell County
 - Fayette County
 - Gonzales County
 - Guadalupe County
 - Lee County
 - Williamson County
- Border Region Behavioral Health Center:**
 - Jim Hogg County
 - Starr County
 - Zapata County
 - Webb County
- Burke Center:**
 - Angelina County
 - Houston County
 - Nacogdoches County
 - Newton County
 - Polk County
 - Sabine County
 - San Augustine County
 - San Jacinto County
 - Shelby County
 - Trinity County
 - Tyler County
- Emergence Health Network:**
 - El Paso County
- Heart of Texas:**
 - Bosque County
 - Falls County
 - Freestone County
 - Hill County
 - Limestone County
 - McLennan County
- My Health My Resources of Tarrant County:**
 - Tarrant County
- North Texas Behavioral Health Authority (NTBHA):**
 - Dallas County
 - Ellis County
 - Hunt County
 - Kaufman County
 - Navarro County
 - Rockwall County
- Tri-County Behavioral Healthcare:**
 - Liberty County
 - Montgomery County
 - Walker County



MST Capacity in Texas

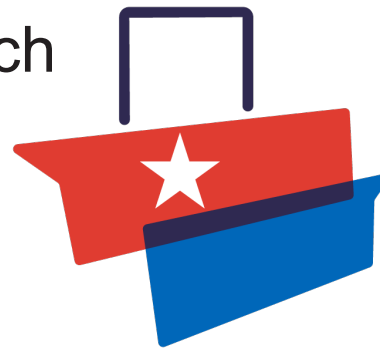
Reporting Period Summary:	
September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2024	
Number of Referrals Received	549
Number of Cases Served	403
Total number of cases with opportunity for full course of treatment	232
Number of Discharges	277
Percent of youth living at home	84.91%
Percent of youth in school/working	87.07%
Percent of youth with no new arrests	89.66%



Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium

In 2019, the Texas Legislature passed 86(R) SB 11 to create the Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium. The Consortium's biennial budget has increased from an initial \$99 million investment to \$337.1 million in the 88th Legislature.

- 1) Child Psychiatry Access Network
- 2) Texas Child Health Access Through Telemedicine (TCHATT)
- 3) Community Psychiatry Workforce Expansion
- 4) Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (CAP) Fellowships
- 5) Mental Health Research

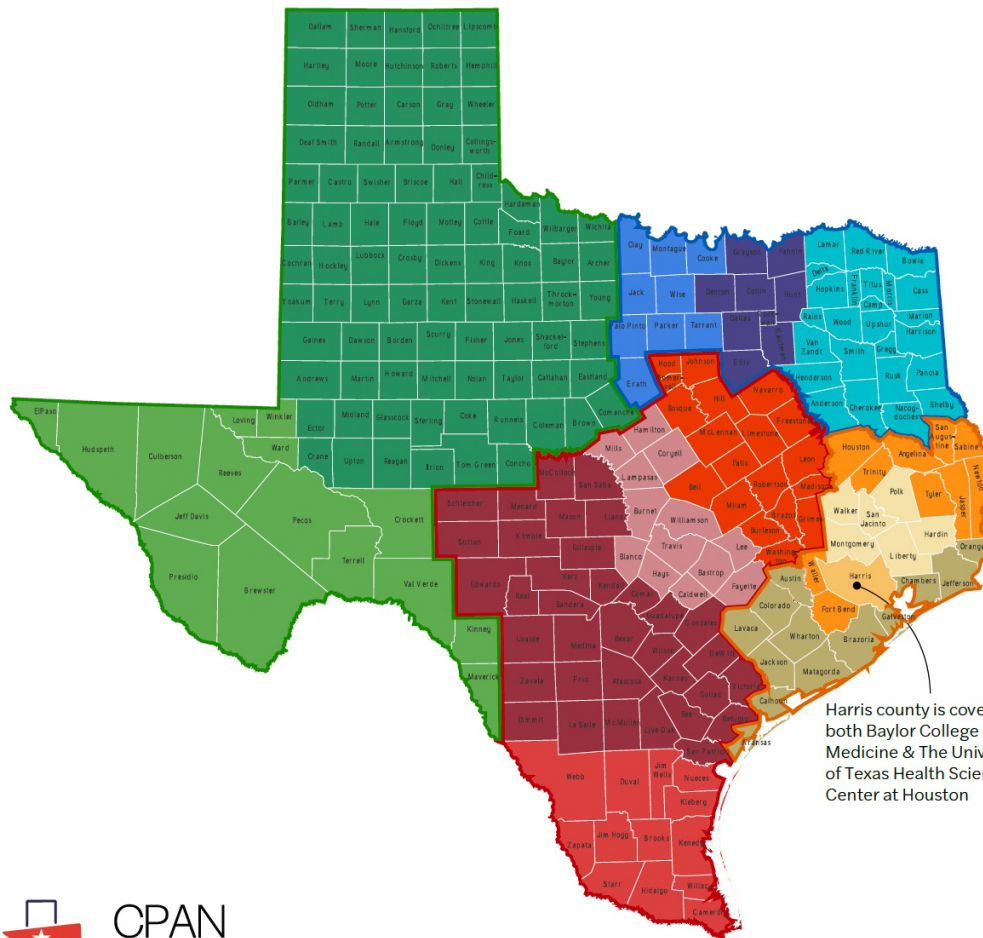


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Child Psychiatry Access Network (CPAN)

Dial (888)901-2726 to reach CPAN

Then dial the numbers below for region and institution



Dial 1 North and Northeast Region

- 1 University of North Texas Health Science Center
- 2 The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
- 3 The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler

Dial 2 South and Southeast Regions

- 1 Baylor College of Medicine
- 2 The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
- 3 The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston

Dial 3 Valley and Central Regions

- 1 Dell Medical School at The University of Texas at Austin
- 2 The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio
- 3 The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine
- 4 Texas A&M University System Health Science Center

Dial 4 West Region

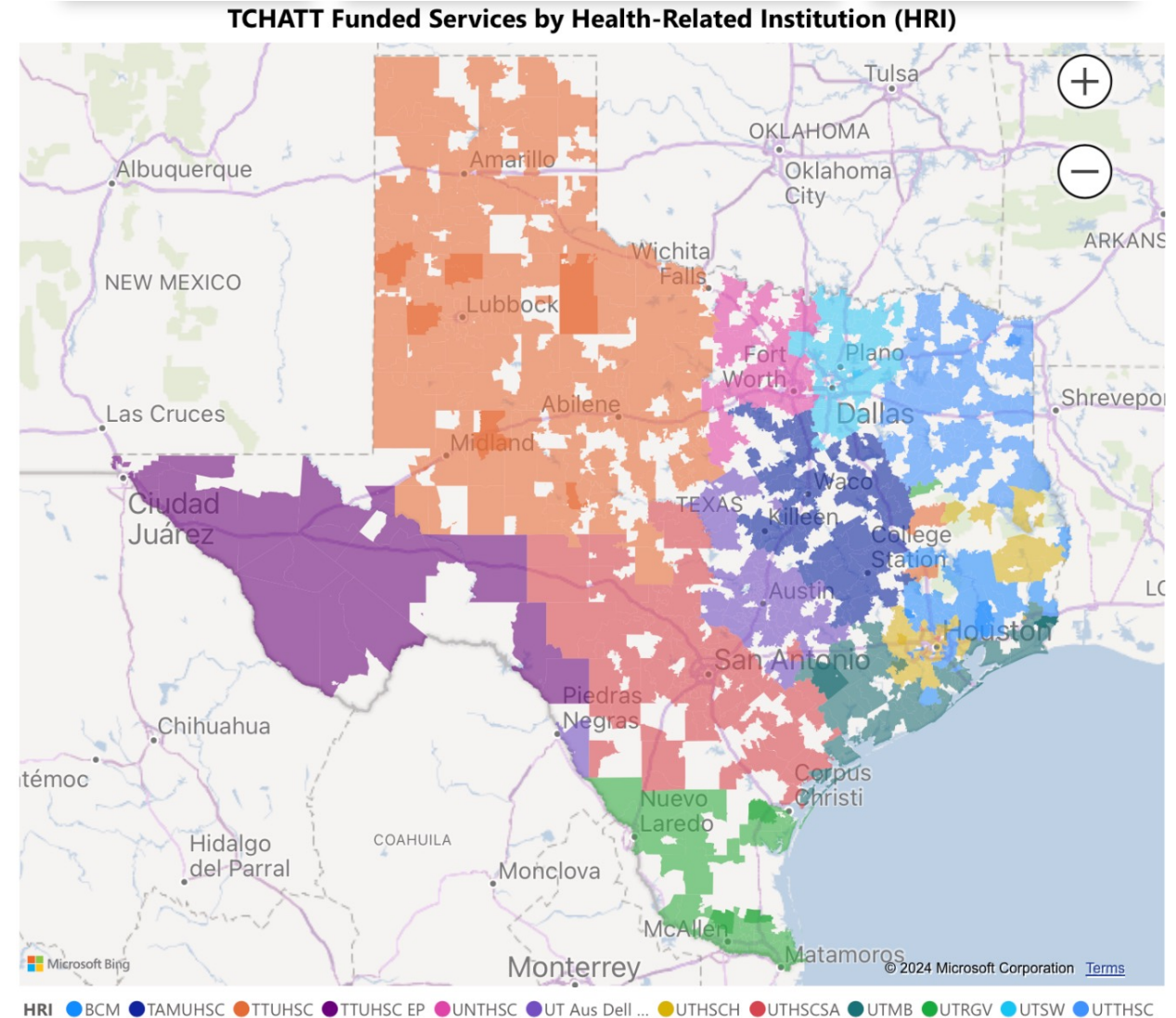
- 1 Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
- 2 Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso

Harris county is covered by both Baylor College of Medicine & The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston



Texas Child Health Care Access Through Telemedicine (TCHATT) Coverage

- Currently available on **6,852 school campuses**, covering more than **4.2 million Texas students**.
- Goal is to cover **5 million Texas students** by the end of the 2024-25 school year.
- Schools are not health care providers but are **well-positioned to connect families to care**.



Mental Health Workforce

Texas has always faced a mental health professional workforce shortage. Due to COVID-19, inflation, and opportunities in other industries, the shortage has become a crisis.

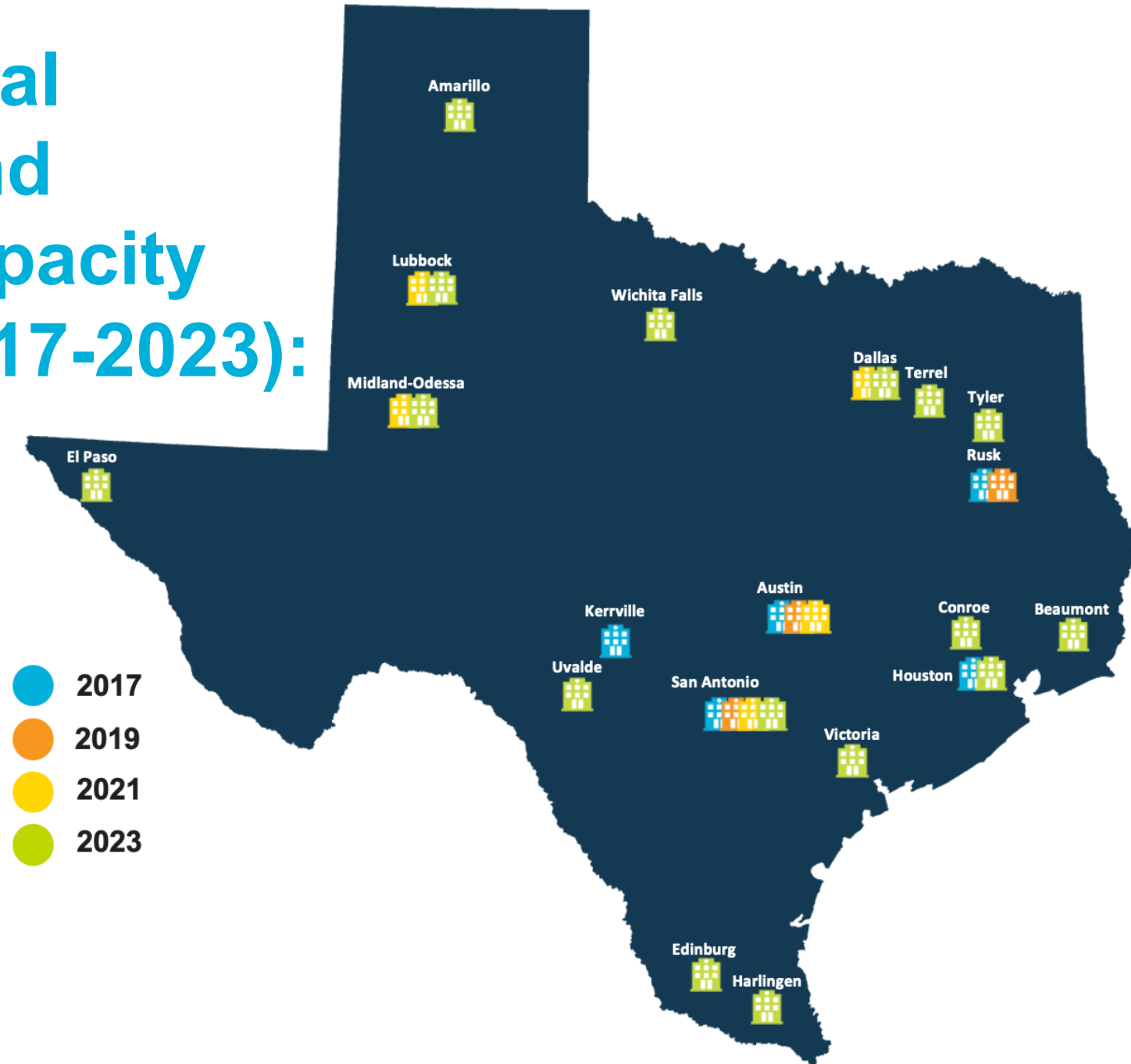
- 89(R) SB 469 – authorizes Medicaid reimbursement for **LPC Associates, LMFT Associates, and LMSWs** while completing their clinical supervision hours.
- 89(R) SB 498 – adds Texas to the **Counseling Compact**.
- Funding for 88(R) HB 400, the **Behavioral and Psychiatric Innovation Grants Programs** at the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.
- HHSC is expected to publish rules in January to expand the qualifications required to serve as a **Qualified Mental Health Professional-Community Services**.

State Hospital Redesign and Inpatient Capacity Investments: 2017-2023

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- In 2017, the **85th Texas Legislature** committed to an ambitious **three-phase plan**, beginning with an **initial \$300 million** for the planning and implementation of new state hospital construction projects.
- The Texas Legislature has approved funding for state hospital and inpatient facility projects in **four successive legislative sessions**, including a historic **\$2.3 billion investment** by the 88th Texas Legislature.
- To date, **total investment** in modernizing Texas' state hospital system and expanding inpatient capacity **exceeds \$3.6 billion**.

State Hospital Redesign and Inpatient Capacity Projects (2017-2023):





Questions?

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An Overview of Mental Health Policy at the National Level

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119th Congress Will See Change & Opportunity

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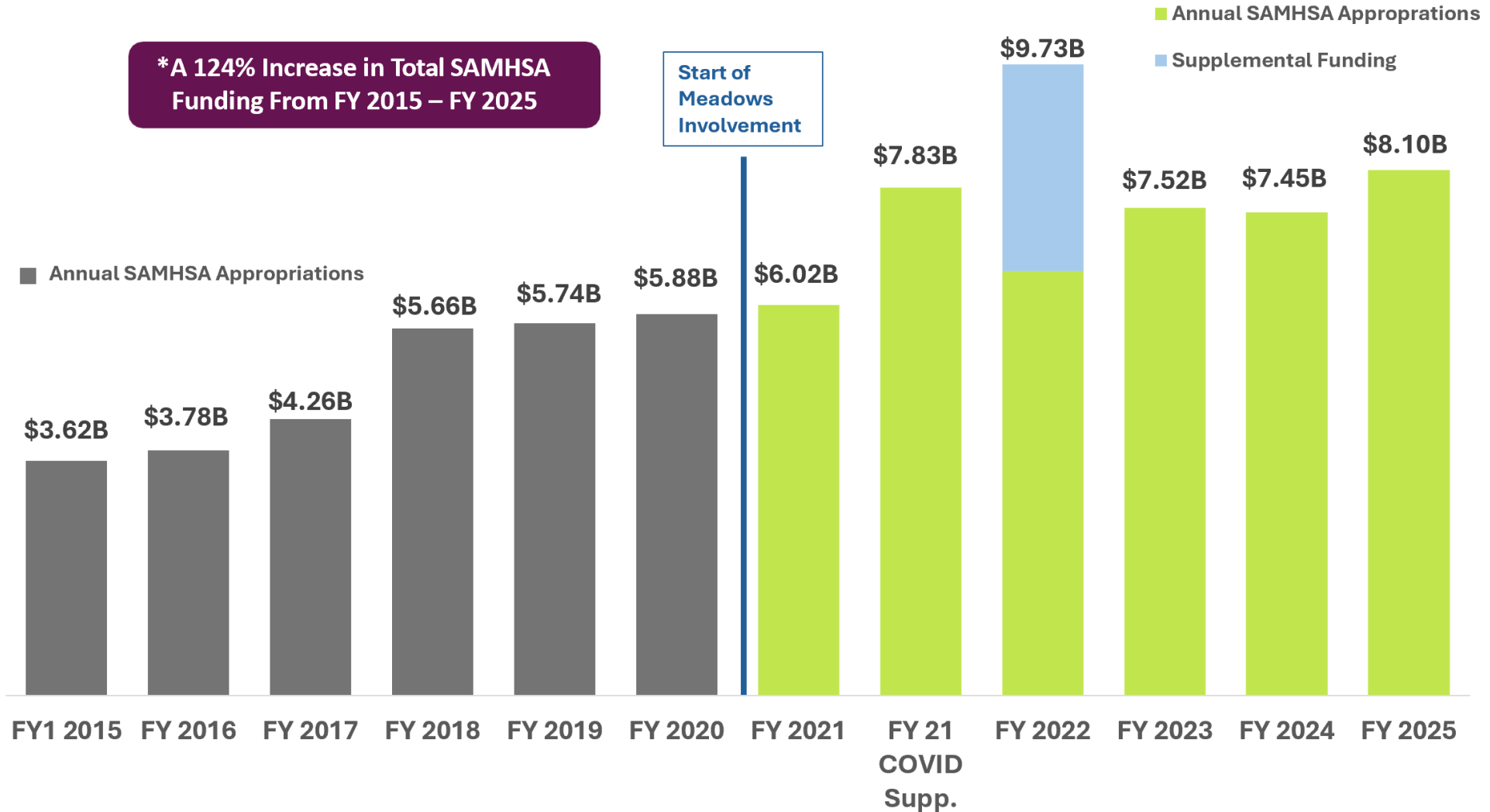
- **Retirements:** Key committee chairs & health care leaders are stepping down.
- **Leadership:** New Senate leadership & reshaped power structures.
- **Opportunities:** Republican behavioral and brain health champions are identifying avenues to step up. Democrats are seeing a changing of the guard.

Mental Health Remains a Bipartisan Federal Priority³



Change Over Time in SAMHSA Funding Annually: FY2015 – FY2025 | 24

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Final Budget



Federal Progress: Collaborative Care (CoCM)

Collaborative Care Appropriations: Provides **\$55,877,000** in annual federal grant and technical assistance funding to support the implementation of collaborative care across the nation.

National Center of Excellence for Integrated Solutions: Establishes a **national technical assistance center** for CoCM with \$3,000,000 in annual federal funding. Center will be led by Meadows Institute in partnership with the National Council for Mental Wellbeing.

COMPLETE Care Act: Provides **Medicare funding** to establish collaborative care programs, at **\$50,000,000 annually**. Legislation is led by Senator Cornyn (R-TX) and Cortez Masto (D-NV) and is supported by more than 50 national organizations.

Building Support for CoCM: CMS recently released “**historic**” **guidance** supporting CoCM for youth; CDC reorganized its structure to incorporate integrated care; and agencies such as CMS and NCQA launched important new CoCM initiatives. Meadows also assisted states in establishing billing codes to implement CoCM, including DC, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Oklahoma, and Virginia.

Federal Progress: Crisis Response and Criminal Justice

Crisis Care Access Act: Bipartisan legislation introduced by Senator Cornyn (R-TX) and Cortez Masto (D-NV) to expand access to crisis stabilization services and provide groundbreaking insurance coverage for crisis response introduced with Meadows Institute support.

Law Enforcement De-Escalation Training Act: Meadows Institute was part of the first stakeholder group to provide implementation guidance to the Department of Justice that will establish standards for DOJ funding going forward and **\$34 million** in direct grants over 4 years.

9-8-8 Lifeline: FCC establishes Meadows-supported 988 geo-location requirements. SAMHSA provided \$519.6 million for crisis response initiatives (a \$20 million increase from FY 2023 and **\$420 million increase** from FY 2022 levels).

Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, more than \$10 billion in grants for mental health and crisis response is now flowing to communities. Texas is now distributing **\$21 million in Byrne-SCIP crisis funding** annually to establish and support crisis intervention programs.

2025 National Legislative Opportunities

1. As Congress expands **mental health funding**, the Meadows Institute is **centrally positioned** as a resource for decision-makers with on-the-ground examples and data.
2. Leveraging our **Path Forward** leadership to shape the national narrative around **parity implementation**. Establishing **collaborative care** and measurement-based care as parity compliance solutions with industry partners and agency leaders.
3. Prioritizing the role of **integration and behavioral health technology** to advance the cutting edge of mental health care.
4. Continuing to expand our role in leading crisis response and criminal justice policy – Meadows Institute is seen as **the bridge between mental health and law enforcement**.
5. Further establishing Texas as a **leader in providing mental health resources for youth**, in partnership with leaders such as Senator Cornyn.
6. Expanding our **workforce solutions** as a model for the nation. Leveraging partners such as the Florida Chamber of Commerce, Bipartisan Policy Center, National Governors Association, and industry partners such as Going Digital Behavioral Health Tech, Headway, and Neuroflow.

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The Goal of Health Care: **LIVING YOUR LIFE** in the COMMUNITY



WORK



SCHOOL



HOME



FAITH



FAMILY

HEALTH CARE

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE

Integrated Primary Care



Measurement Based Care ↔ Collaborative Care

SPECIALTY CARE



Outpatient



Rehabilitative Care



Inpatient Care



Best Practice Anchor

e.g., Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

SPECIALTY CARE

Sufficient Network Capacity

Sufficient Networks



Outpatient



Rehabilitative Care



Inpatient Care



Best Practice Anchor

e.g., UT Health Austin Mulva Clinic for Neurosciences, UTSW O'Donnell Brain Institute



The best Behavioral Health Care is like the best Health Care



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**The Honorable Judge Anna Perez,
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Jail Diversion Committee
SIM Intercepts 0,1,2



Justice Leadership
Coordinating Committee



Reentry Task Force (BJA)
SIM Intercepts 3,4,5

New Initiatives That Have Occurred Over The Years



Continued expansion of CIT

- EPPD added 4 more teams
- Implementation of School based CIT, which is in most school districts with the exception of YISD

New Initiatives That Have Occurred Over The Years



New Programing on the Horizon

- Jail Based Competency Restoration
- Diversion Center: will focusing on low level contact with law enforcement and sobering services



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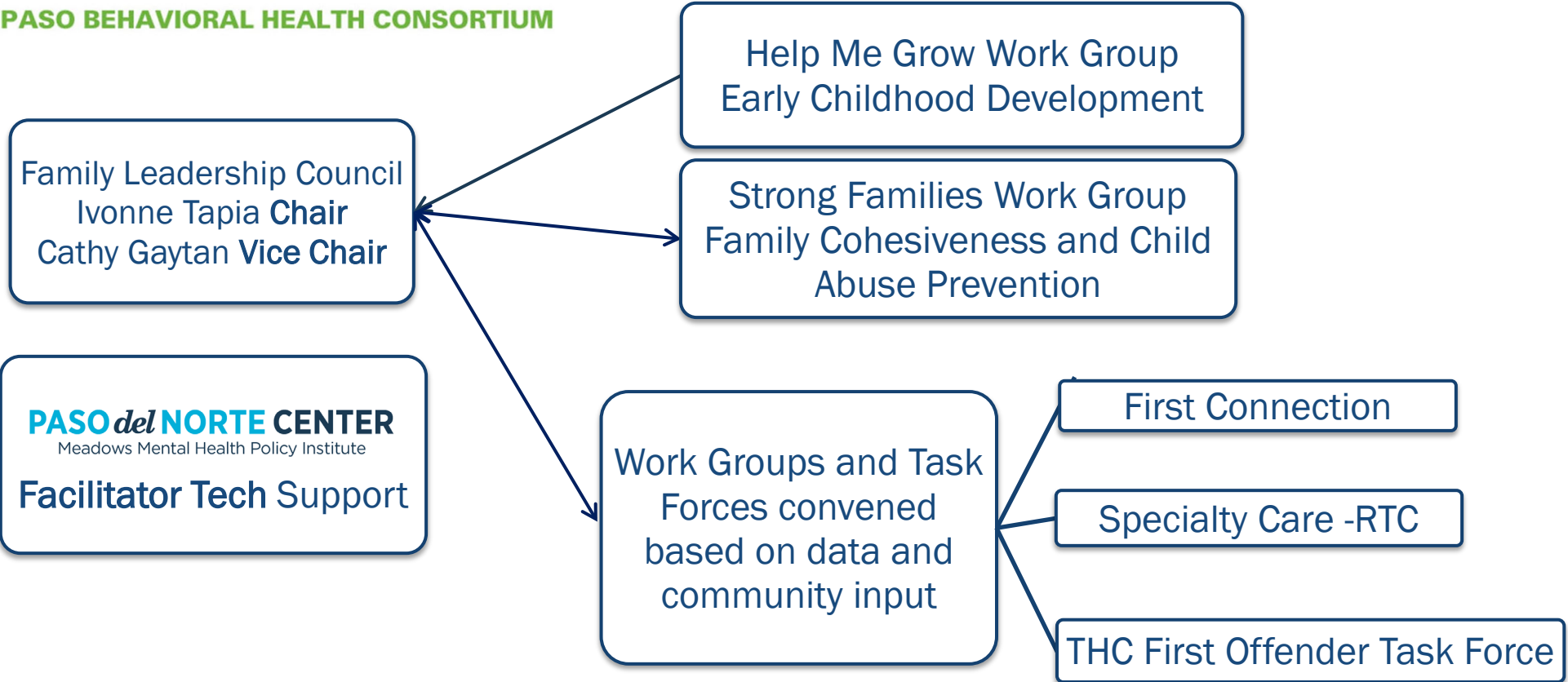


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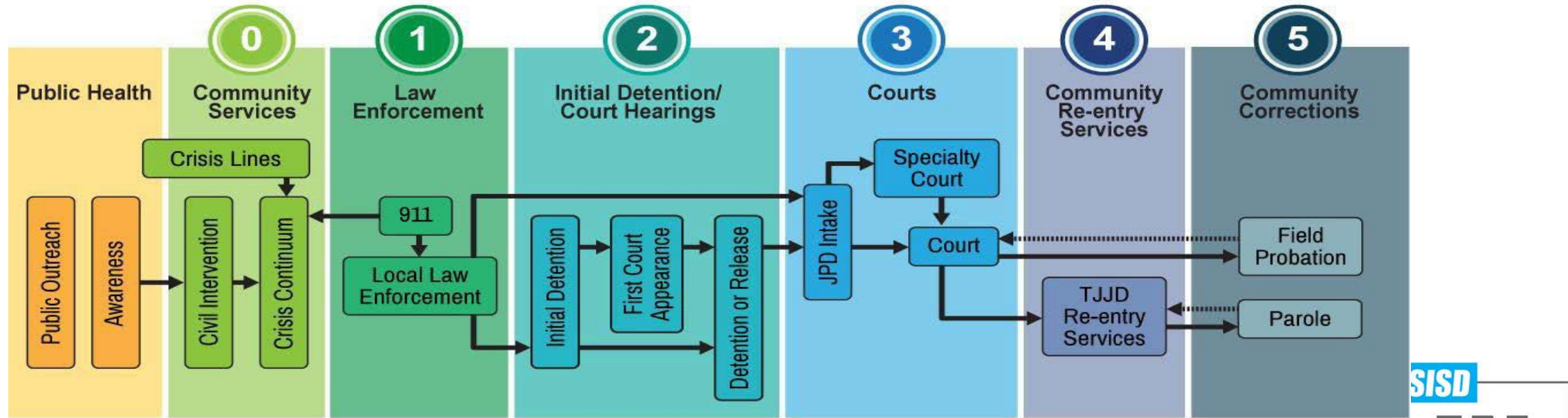


First Offenders Program

December 6, 2024

Sequential Intercept Model (SIM Project)

- **October 2023-** The Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute and the Paso Del Norte Health Foundation convened a group of community Stakeholders to discuss and formulate plans to prevent youth from entering the juvenile justice system. Focused on Intercept points 0-1.



Background

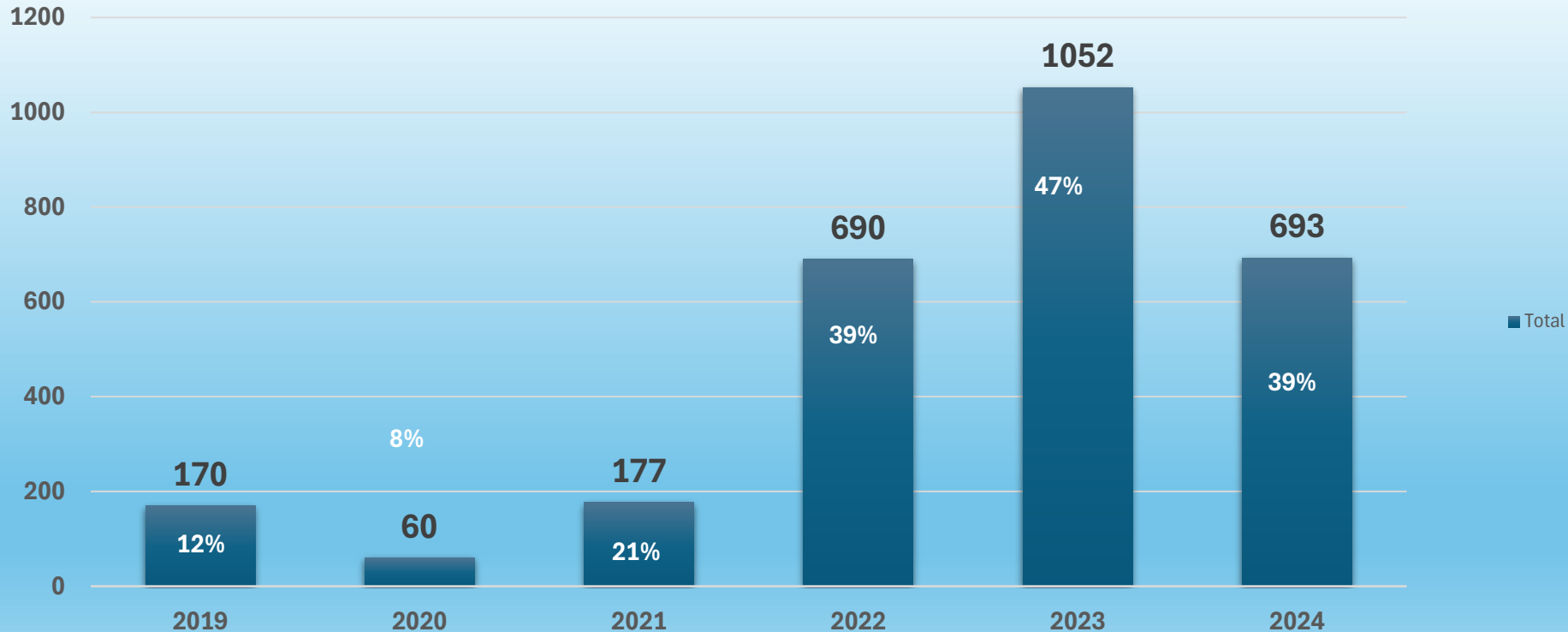
- One of the 5 plans was to:
- **Enhance Prevention and Intervention Services:**
- Goal: Establishing a First offender and Pre-Arrest Diversion Program targeting Felony THC offenses.
- Year-long monthly meetings between SISD, SISD PD, JPD, and several community agencies.
- Concurrently, SISD created a District Discipline Task Force
- **On-Campus Alternative Education Programs (CAEP) were initiated**
- Socorro ISD in collaboration with JPD and SISD PD developed and finalized the First Offender Program Policy.

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Total Felony THC (PG2) Offense Referrals Data For CY 19-24 (Jan 1-Dec. 31)

Number of Felony THC Referrals CY 2019-2024



Approximately 80% of THC referrals have been diverted from the Juvenile Justice system.

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Offense Referrals by Socorro ISD Police Dept. Data For CY 19-24 (Jan 1-Dec. 31)

Calendar Year	Total offense Referrals by SISD	Felony THC offense referrals	% THC referrals
2019	199	71	36%
2020	87	25	29%
2021	132	88	67%
2022	418	303	72%
2023	492	344	70%
2024	349	219	63%
Grand Total	1677	1050	63%

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Sequential Intercept Model (SIM Project)



Proposed First Offender Program:

Section 52.031 of the Texas Family Code authorizes a Juvenile Board to establish a first offender program for the referral and disposition of children taken into custody or accused before the filing of a criminal charge:

- **The program would be available to students who commit non-violent**
- **Class A or B misdemeanors, and/or state jail felonies related to THC/marijuana**



- **The focus in the first year would be to divert Felony THC offenses**
1st in the El Paso County

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First Offender Program Goals

- Initiate collaborate efforts to reduce reported THC offenses for Socorro ISD
- Reduce referrals to Juvenile Probation Department
- Promote student success by eliminating a future criminal felony record for first time offenders completing the program (FAFSA, workforce, military service, college, etc.)
- Engage families in **“restorative practices and education”**

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Benefits of First Offender Program (FOP)

- 1. Early Intervention:** The FOP offers an opportunity for early interventions and diversion, reducing the long-term consequence of felony-level offenses for youth.
- 2. Rehabilitation and Education:** Students involved in THC vaping cases can benefit from counseling, education, and support services to address underlying issues related to substance use.
- 3. Reduced Court Involvement:** By participating in the FOP, students can avoid formal court proceedings, potentially minimizing disruptions to their education and future prospects.

Qualifications

- **Students must be enrolled in Socorro ISD**
- **Age 10-16**
- **First-time offenders accused of THC/marijuana-related offenses classified as non-violent Class A or B misdemeanors or state jail felony offense**
- **Requires student and parent/guardian consent and participation**

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Program Components

Minimum

- Four hours of Re-Think sessions
- Attendance by parent at three sessions facilitated by KEYS
- Referral to outside agencies, as needed
- Credit will be given with documented substance abuse program and counseling participation.
- Engaged providers must be licensed in Texas.

Future Requirements

- Parent involvement component
- Presentation by court system



60 Days to Complete

In Conclusion...

- Obtain Approval from the EP County Juvenile Board to establish the program. JB mtg scheduled on 2/6/25.
- Goal is to initiate pilot program in February/March of 2025
- Program data will be monitored for effectiveness and to guide improvements.
- Outcomes will be presented to the EP County Juvenile Board yearly as well as to the Socorro ISD Board of Trustees



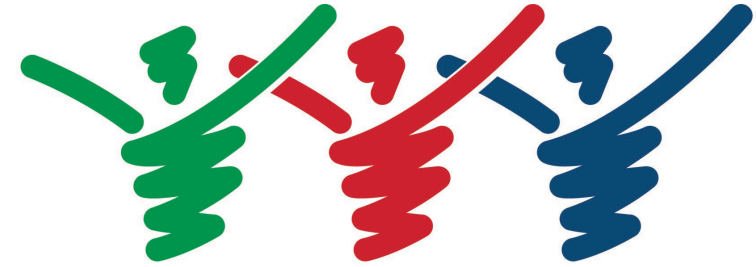
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Associate Program Officer and
Mental Health and Emotional Well-Being Program Lead

Mental Health and Emotional Well-Being Grantee Partners:



- **New Mexico State University**
- **Paso del Norte Children's Development Center**
- **El Paso Child Guidance Center**
- **El Paso Center for Children, Inc.**
- **NAMI El Paso/Family Services of El Paso**
- **Dona Ana LC3/Families and Youth Innovations Plus**
- **Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute**
- **Centro Caritativo para Atención de enfermos de Sida A.C**
- **Project Vida Health Center**
- **Comision de Salud Fronteriza Comision de Salud Fronteriza México-Estados Unidos**

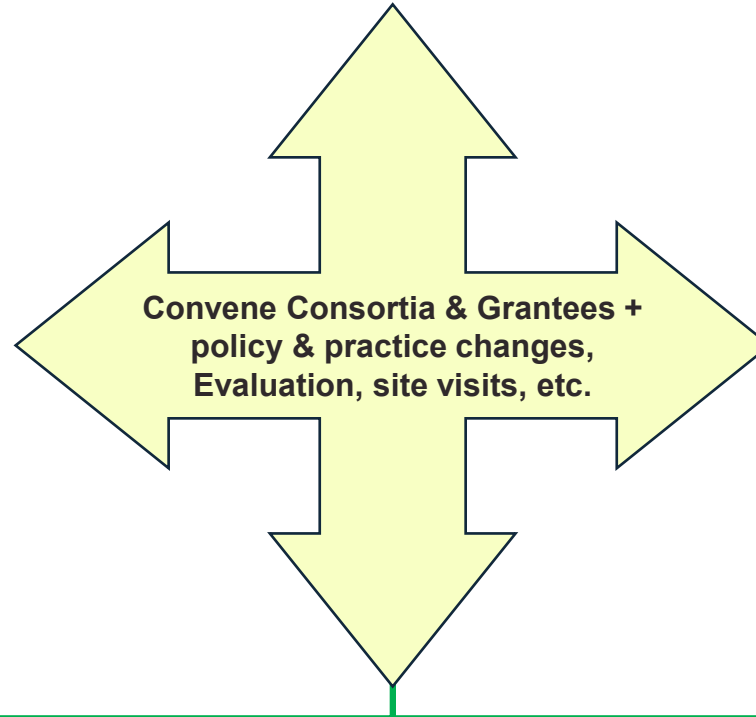


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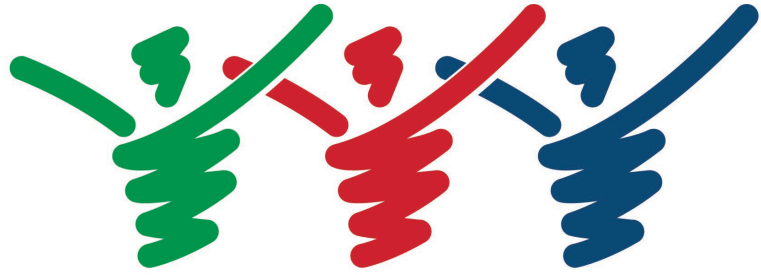
**Policy and Practice
Technical Support**



**think
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An initiative of the
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**8-12 Grantees
Education,
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Policy Institute

Paso del Norte Center at the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute

- Established by a \$1.5 million-dollar, 3-year grant from the Paso del Norte Health Foundation. To build on the numerous improvements made to the region's mental health systems over the past several years.
- Funding renewed for \$1.5 million-dollar, 3 year grant



**Enrique Mata,
Executive Director**



**Josue Lachica,
Assistant Director**

The **Paso del Norte Center** provides trusted policy and program support to **cultivate collaboration and create lasting improvements** so that mental health and emotional well-being* services and support are available where and when they are needed.

Support for regional health system improvement projects²⁹

El Paso Consortium

- New state hospital Campus for El Paso County
- Updated El Paso SIM with emphasis on Transition Age Youth
- Expanded and enhanced trauma and grief program availability

Dona Ana LC3

Development of a closed loop referral system for Doña Ana County - similar to the existing Santa Fe model

ROTMENAS Juarez

Development of a pilot telehealth model similar to the Child Psychiatry Access Network (CPAN) and Texas Child Health Access Through Telemedicine (TCHATT)

Program and Policy Technical Support

Convening Support

Further the El Paso Behavioral Health Consortium (EPBHC) 2024-2027 goals and objectives, supporting other regional consortia as necessary by providing leadership, coordination, and cultivating collaboration through leadership councils, work groups, and task forces

Program Support

Promote emotional well-being and reduction of mental illness stigma and negative bias by assisting as needed with Think.Change and Regional Consortia initiatives with Health Foundation staff.

Policy Support

Provide regional, state, and national policy and practice technical support, including providing testimony on behalf of the region, exploring opportunities to scale model programs, and developing data and policy briefs in coordination with regional consortia leaders.

Three Pronged Approach



Increasing availability to education, peer support, and resource navigation support



Cultivating collaboration for an Improved system of care



Promoting lasting improvements in policy and practice

How We Do What We Do

The PdN Center cultivates collaboration among local, regional, national, and international entities to:



Engage key system leaders in **coordinated approaches to improve regional systems** of care

Expand and enhance model approaches for **crisis response**

Build strategic alliances for making **integrated and collaborative** health care available where and when it is needed.

Promote and facilitate implementation of best practice mental health guidance and supports for **optimal student readiness**.

Strengthen mental health **recovery and resilience** service systems along the care continuum.

Advance Health Equity to reduce mental health disparities in all populations

Increase adoption of **evidence-based assessments and interventions** for children, youth, and families with trauma experiences.

Translate regional health promotion and disease management needs into local, state and national **policy and practice improvements**.

PdN Center Scope of Work Highlights

- Assist as needed with Health Foundation's Disease Prevention and Management Health Priority Area.
- Update the 2021 system assessment's quantitative data tables.
- Host a summit on the future of child, youth, and family mental health
- Provide leadership, cultivate collaboration, coordinate health system improvements and track progress for the El Paso Behavioral Health Consortium (EPBHC), its leadership councils, workgroups, and task forces
- Provide state, national, and regional policy technical support (e.g., providing testimony on behalf of the region, informing legislative groups on regional policy improvement needs).

Other Paso del Norte Regional Mental Health Collaboratives

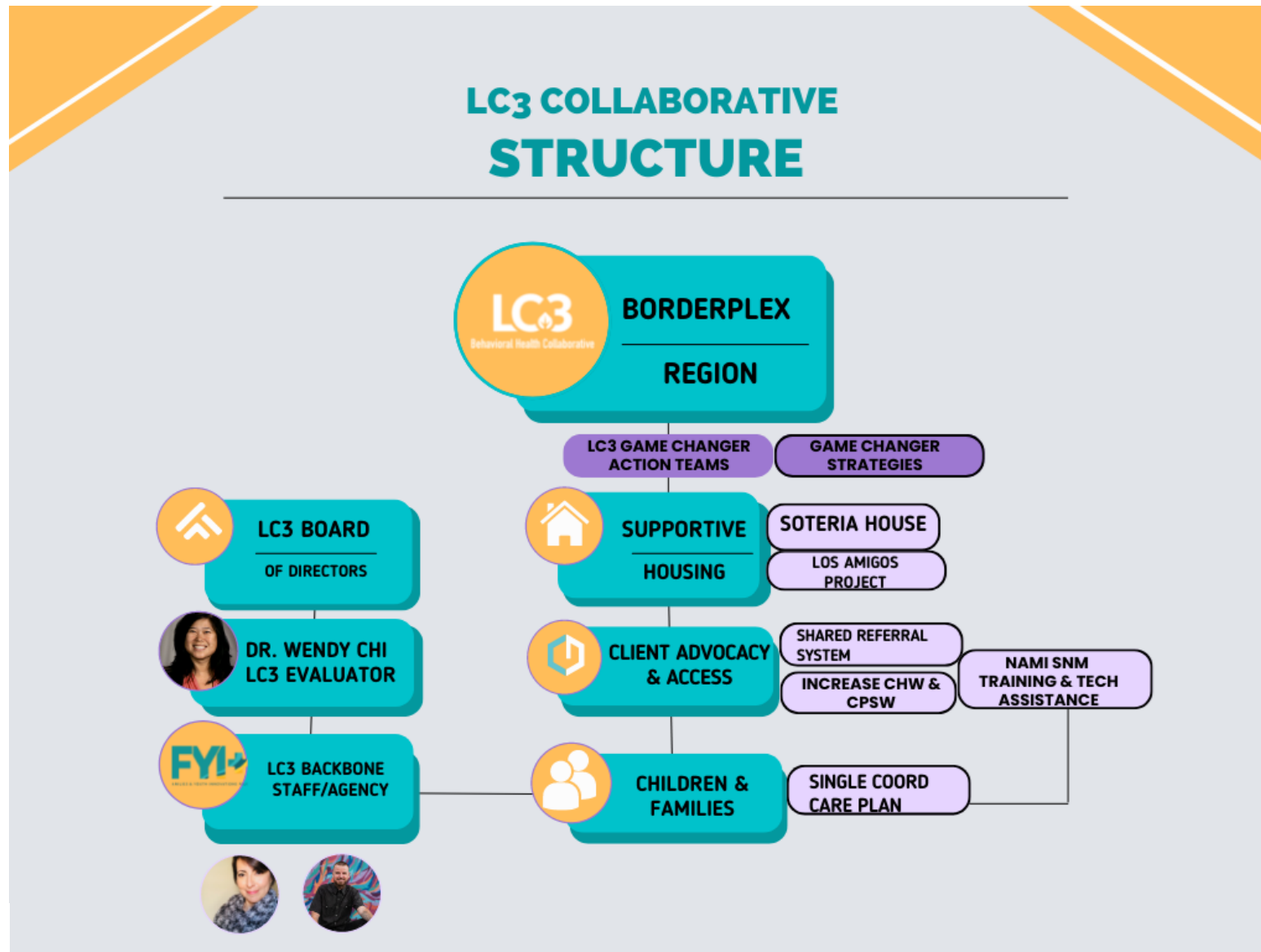


Behavioral Health Collaborative

Building the Ideal Behavioral Health System Together



Outcome: LC3 Game Changer Action Teams & Strategies



Estructura



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Somos un grupo multidisciplinario formado por organizaciones sociales, académicas y gubernamentales, involucrados en mejorar la salud mental en nuestra comunidad, incluyendo trastornos derivados del abuso de sustancias. Esto lo hacemos mediante estrategias de prevención y atención, teniendo como prioridad a las personas, familias y población vulnerable en ciudad Juárez, con un enfoque integral y binacional.

MISIÓN

VISIÓN

Contar con una red consolidada, con estrategias y acciones definidas, tendientes a la visibilización, sensibilización, y capacitación con respecto a la salud mental en la población, teniendo como prioridades la reducción del estigma y la mejora en el acceso a los servicios de salud mental.

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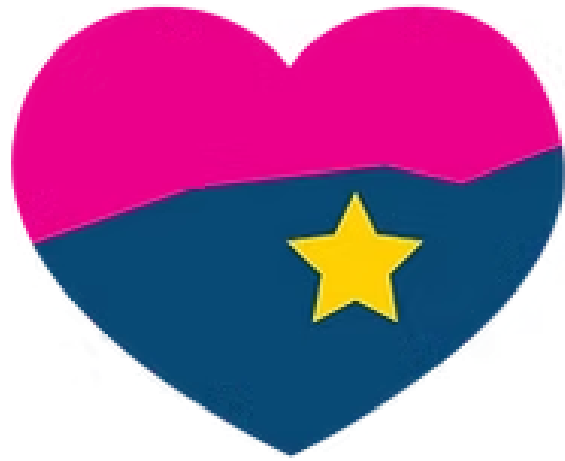
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GALLERY OF EL PASO

**Kori Gough,
Director, Heart Galleries of Texas**



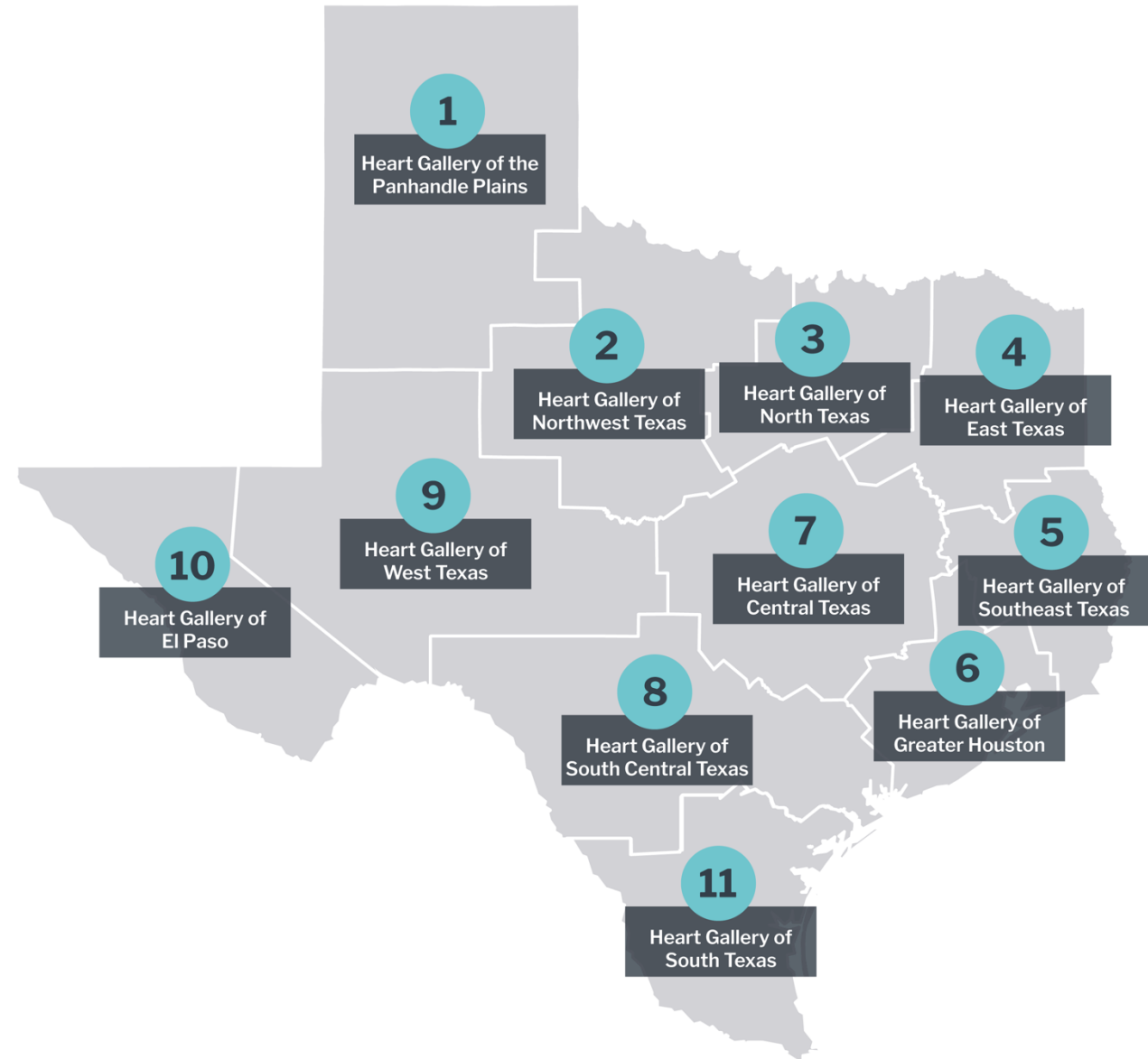
HEART GALLERIES OF TEXAS

Kori Gough

November 19th, 2024



Regional Heart Galleries



From January to October 2024



515

youth featured on
a Heart Gallery
website



742

Heart Gallery
exhibits displayed
throughout Texas



201

featured youth
were placed in an
adoptive home

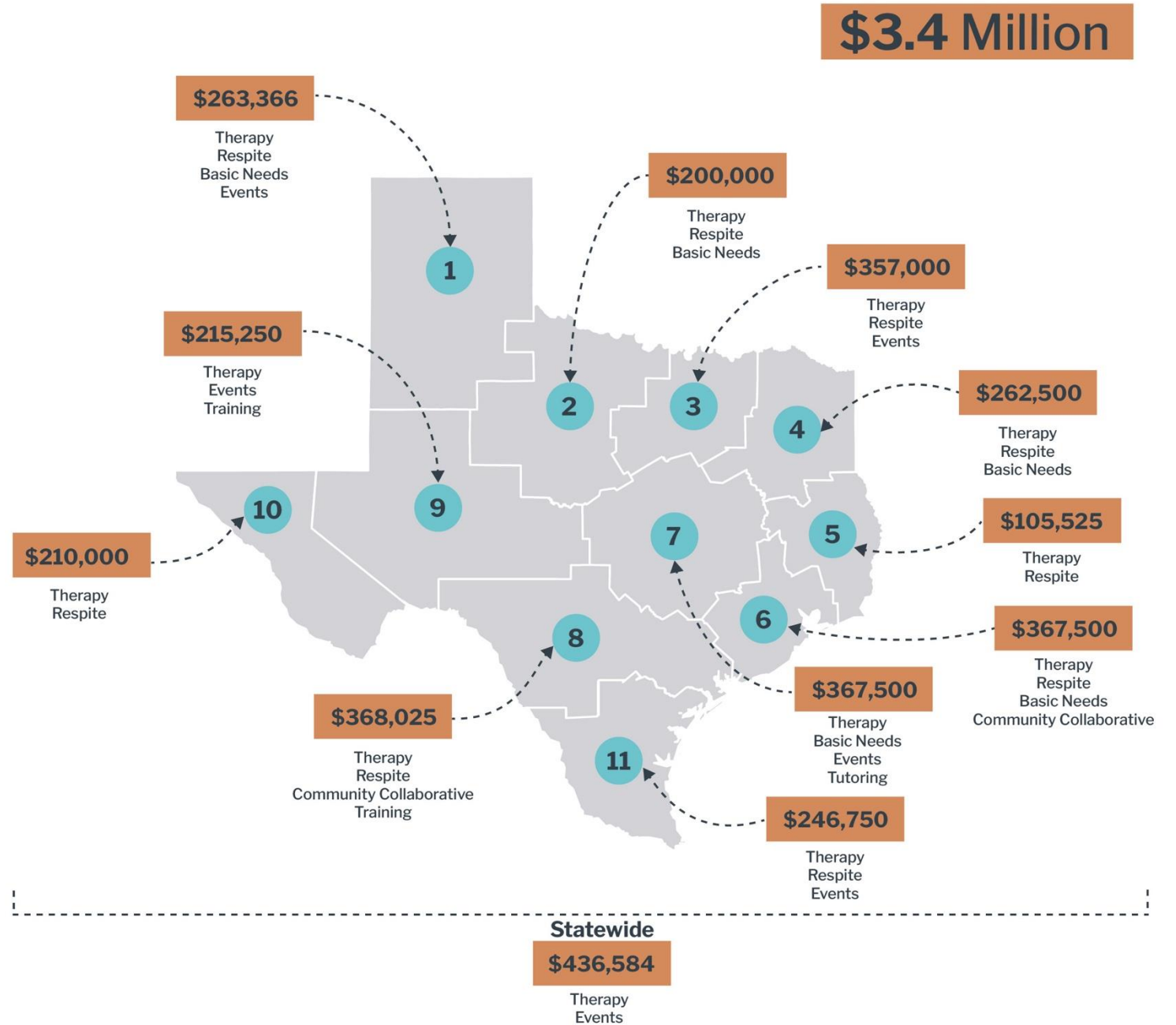
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clicks on regional Heart Gallery websites

HGTX Post-permanency Needs Assessment

563	Top identified needs:
survey participants	1 Expanded mental health services
388 caregivers	2 Respite, childcare, and camps
175 service providers	3 Financial assistance & tangible support
	4 Access to information

2024 HGTX Post- Permanency Funding





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Chair, El Paso Behavioral Health Consortium



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