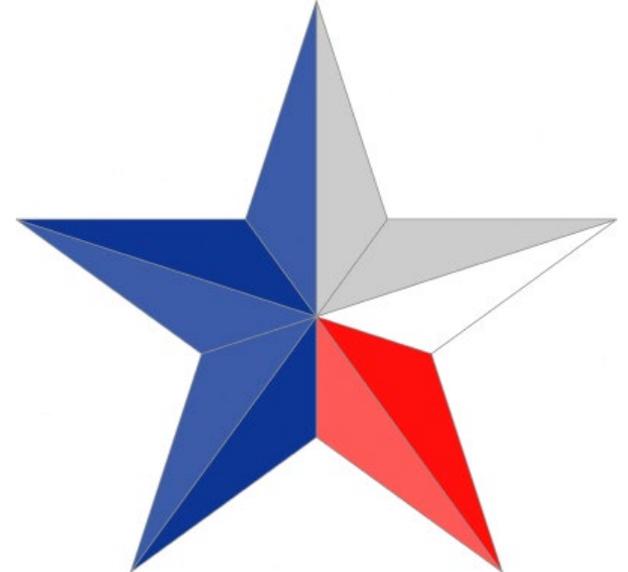




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September 2025

Grant Program & State Office Presentations & Training

Welcome

FY26 Contract Amendment– Kim Hild

State Justice Programs Updates – Chelssie Lopez

Federal Justice Programs Updates – Alyssa Smith

Child Sex Trafficking Team (Trafficking 101/Interventions) – Janet Michalik

Round Table (Grants from Start to Finish) – Cesar Merla, Lori Gunn, Marisa Quintanilla

FY26 Contract Amendment

Kim Hild, Contract Manager





Important Due Dates and Reminders

- Make available to potential applicants: COG priorities; workshop attendance requirements; information related to the availability of training materials or other documents regarding PSO grant application creation; and information on how the COG reviews and prioritizes projects (HS2.1 / CJ2.1). **30 Calendar Days Prior to eGrants Application Submission Deadline**
- Make the current funding opportunities publicly available on the COG's website (HS2.3 / CJ2.3). **At least 14 calendar days prior to any COG imposed application submission deadline and at least 30 calendar days prior to the PSO eGrants application submission deadline**
- Notify applicants in writing of the Region's approved prioritization results (HS4.3 / CJ5.3). **Within 14 Calendar Days of COG Decision**
- Submit invoices for services performed during the previous month (HS6.1 / CJ7.1). **By the 30th of each month**
- Complete cybersecurity training and submit the PSO Contract Cybersecurity Certification Form signed by the ED (Section 9.34). **By August 31, 2026**



Important Due Dates - Con't

- Submit *Approved* HS Priority List to the PSO (HS4.4). **On or before the 14th calendar day after the OOG batch**
- Upload into eGrants a signed resolution or approved meeting minutes containing the authorized Executive Committee's approval of the SHSP priority list (HS4.5). **On or before the 45th calendar day from the date the OOG batches applications to the COG**
- Submit *Approved* CJ Priority Lists to the PSO. (CJ5.4) **May 8, 2026**
- Upload into eGrants a signed resolution or approved meeting minutes containing the authorized Executive Committee's approval of the priority lists. (CJ5.5) **June 5, 2026**

If approved lists are not submitted by the deadline that deliverable will be considered delinquent, and the COG will be sanctioned.

Monthly Invoices

- Enter the purchase order number provided by the OOG.
- Ensure invoice is updated to reflect the new fiscal year - FY26
 - New PO#
 - Contract Description
 - Contract Period
 - “From” date 9/1/2025
 - “To” date 8/31/2026
- “Invoice Date” **must** be on or after the Billing Period “To” date.
- Billing Period “To” date should be the last day of the month.
- Invoice for the exact amount specified in the contract; August invoice amount may be slightly different.
- Include contract-related activities and number of hours spent working on contract tasks/deliverables **during the billing period**.
- Submit NLT the 30th day of the month following the billing period.

Regional Council of Governments Interlocal Agreement Invoice		Division: <input type="text" value="CJ"/>	Office of the Governor P.O. Box 12428 Austin, Texas 78711 512-463-1919 Fax: 512-475-2440 www.gov.texas.gov
REMIT TO:		PO#: <input type="text"/>	BILL TO: Office of the Governor Financial Services Attn: Accounts Payable Post Office Box 12878 Austin, Texas 78711-2878 Email: ap@gov.texas.gov
COG Name: <input type="text"/>	COG Region: <input type="text"/>		
Address: <input type="text"/>			
City State Zip: <input type="text"/>			
Invoice Date: <input type="text"/>	Invoice Number: <input type="text"/>	Contract Description: <input type="text" value="CJ Services"/>	
Billing Period:	Contract Period:		
From: <input type="text"/>	From: <input type="text" value="9/1/2023"/>		
To: <input type="text"/>	To: <input type="text" value="8/31/2024"/>		
Total Invoice Amount: <input type="text"/>	Financial Contact Name and Number: <input type="text"/>		
Monthly Report/Work Performed			
<i>In the below section please provide: 1) The total number of staff hours worked on contract tasks/deliverables during the billing period; and 2) A brief description of contract deliverables worked on or completed during the billing period. Please provide the brief description(s) of contract activity by Task# as listed in Attachment A of the Interlocal Agreement. (HINT: Insert line breaks by pressing the "ALT" and "ENTER" keys simultaneously. If more space is needed please attach a separate sheet to the invoice.)</i>			
Hours Worked:			
CJ1 Local Policies or Bylaws:			
CJ2 Technical Assistance:			
CJ3 Oversight of CJAC:			
CJ4 Strategic Planning:			
CJ5 Application Prioritization:			
CJ6 Cooperation with PSD:			

Provide # hours worked and description of tasks performed during the month



eGrants User Roles

- The OOG's grant management system (eGrants) allows users to interface with the system based upon a designated user role that is tied to the user's account.
- As subrecipients **AND** partners with the OOG, COG staff may have up to three separate user roles within eGrants, each with a unique username and password and actions that may be performed.
- Email address may only be associated with one External User account. This has resulted in COG staff being unable to create an eGrants account when we have already set up a Peer Review User account (Admin or Coord).
- The chart on the next page was created to familiarize COG staff with the naming conventions for each User Role and the associated eGrants activities in an effort to distinguish which log-in to use for the various functions performed by a COG user.

eGrants User Roles

Account Type	External Account	External Account	Internal Account
User Role	Grant User	Peer Review User (Contract)	External Grant Review (Special Review) (Contract)
Username Structure	Chosen by User	[COG][<u>cj/hs</u>][Admin/Coord][#] Examples: ATCOGcjAdmin1 ATCOGhsCoord1 ATCOGcjhsAdmin1 ATCOGcjhsCoord1 ATSME	[COG][<u>cj/hs</u>][Review][#] Examples: ATCOGcjReview1 ATCOGhsReview2 ATCOGcjhsReview1
Primary Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply for grant funding Manage COG grant Prepare/submit grant adjustments Prepare/submit FSRs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter priority list information Submit priority list(s) (Admin only) View snapshots of the Region's applications/grants View Vendor Holds within the Region View historical priority list submissions Upload documentation required by contract 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> View live application/grant records within your region View grant notes, both internal and external Export groups of records to Excel Provide technical assistance to local jurisdictions within your region Run reports
Account Setup	User registers for an account on <u>eGrants</u> website.	Email PSO Contract Manager. Provide: Full name Email address Phone Type of account needed Division (HS/CJ/Both)	Email PSO Contract Manager. Provide: Full name Email address Phone Division (HS/CJ/Both)

Grant User

- Apply for grants.
- Manage COG grants on which you are assigned as a grant official (e.g. Planning grant, Training Academy, etc.).
- Submit grant adjustments.
- Submit financial status reports (FSRs).

Welcome My Home My Profile My Mail Home Apply My Password Logout

General Information and Instructions

[View Introduction](#)

[View Instructions](#)

[View My Home Tab](#)

[View Single Audits](#)

[View User Accounts](#)

Pending Applications

10 Items Per Page Select the number of records to display per page.

Grant	Pending Messages	Current Status	Due Date	Fund Source	Grant Manager/Email	Start Date	End Date	Project Title	Grantee Name	OOG Solicitation
2946011	NewMail	Pending OOG Review[FUND HOLD][BLI HOLD]	4/25/2025	HS	Mitch Hachey	9/1/2025	8/31/2026	Planning, Training and Exercises Project	Council of Governments	SHSP Regular Solicitation - FY25 Announcement
5496501		Pending OOG Review[FUND HOLD][BLI HOLD]		HS	Mitch Hachey	10/1/2025	9/30/2026	Law Enforcement Planning and Training Project	Council of Governments	SHSP LETPA Solicitation - FY25 Announcement

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Active Grants

10 Items Per Page Select the number of records to display per page.

Grant	Pending Messages	Current Status	Due Date	Fund Source	Grant Manager/Email	Start Date	End Date	Project Title	Grantee Name	OOG Solicitation
2946010	NewMail	Pending Grantee Certification	8/7/2025	HS	Mitch Hachey	9/1/2024	8/31/2025	Planning, Training and Exercises Project	Council of Governments	SHSP Regular Solicitation - FY24 Announcement
4554701	NewMail	Pending Final Close-Out		RI	Jim Hershey	10/1/2022	4/30/2025	County Emergency Radio Infrastructure	Council of Governments	FY23 Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure (SERI) Program Announcement
5086901	NewMail	Active Grant[BLI HOLD]		RI	Jim Hershey	11/1/2024	10/31/2026	Regional Emergency Radio Infrastructure Project	Council of Governments	FY2025 Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure Announcement

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Update SAM Expiration Date or UEI

Display SAM or UEI Update Feature(s)

Upload Documents

Display Upload Documents Feature

Assign Grant Official

Display Assign Grant Official Feature

Peer Review User

- Prioritize applications within your region.
 - Coord account - enter priority list info
 - Admin account - submit priority list
- View past prioritizations.
- View active Vendor Holds (VH) for agencies within your region.
 - Reason for hold
 - Financial Officer contact info
 - PSO Grant Manager contact info
- View summarized list of grant issues for agencies on VH (grantees view this information on the Summary/Grant.Issues tab).
- View list of uploaded files for agencies on VH.
- Upload documentation required by the Contract.
 - Proof of Executive Committee approval of priority list
 - Contract Monitoring Documents
- View uploaded contract documentation.

The screenshot displays the Peer Review User interface with the following components:

- Navigation Tabs:** Peer.Review.Home, Peer.Review.History, Technical.Assistance, Upload.Files, My.Password, Logout.
- General Information and Instructions:** Includes links for [View Introduction](#) and [View Instructions](#).
- Prioritize Projects by Fund Source:** Features a dropdown menu labeled "Select the Fund Source to View / Process a Batch:" and a **View Outstanding** button.
- Page Controls:** A dropdown set to "10 Items Per Page" with the text "Select the number of records to display per page."
- View the Details for the Selected Project:** Contains sections for "Project's Progress by Status" and "Project's Issues and Uploaded Files".
- Finalize a Batch By Fund Source:** Includes a text input for "Enter the Final Prioritization Date for this Batch:" and a **Submit Final Priority List** button.
- Print Peer Review Snapshot:** Includes buttons for **Print Snapshot**, **Select All Snapshots**, and **Clear All Snapshots**.

External Grant Review

- View of applications and grants is similar to what OOG staff see including:
 - Executive Summary
 - Internal Notes
- Assigned Tab - View, update, and reassign grant adjustments (e.g. UASI account holders).
- Grant Search Tab - View grants and applications of agencies within your region. May also see COG projects if the fund source is prioritized by the COG. Cannot perform any actions, even if you are assigned as a grant official.
- Provide technical assistance to agencies within your region.
- Run reports

Workspace
My Password
Logout

Assigned
Grant Search
Reports

General Information and Instructions

[View Introduction](#)

[View Instructions](#)

Search for Projects in eGrants

Enter Search Text to Find Grant Record(s):

Select the Current Status to Find Grant Record(s): ALL Search

[Click to Hide Additional Search Options](#)

Select Application or Grant: Application Grant Both

Enter Fund Source ID:

Enter Fund Block:

Enter Sub Fund ID:

Enter Grant Number:

Enter Grantee Name:

Enter Project Title:

Enter State Payee (9-digit) ID:

Enter Appropriation Year (2-digits):

Enter Planning Year (4-digits): 2025

Select a COG Region: ALL

Select a County: ALL

Select a Current Staff Assigned: ALL

Select a Grant Manager: ALL

Select a Program Manager: ALL

Select an OOG Division: ALL

Advanced Search

14 Records Found

View List of Projects Based on Your Search Criteria

10 Items Per Page ▼ Select the number of records to display per page.

Grant	Project Status	Name	Project Title	Fund Source	Start Date	Sub Fund ID	Region	Current Budget	Planning Year	Current Assigned Staff	Grant Manager
2946010	Grant - Release Adjustment to Grantee	Council of Governments	Planning, Training and Exercises Project	HS	9/1/2024	HS24S44060R		\$96,000.00	2025	Mitch Hachey	Mitch Hachey
5114801	Application - Unfunded[FUND HOLD][BLI HOLD]	Council of Governments	Law Enforcement Planning and Training Project	HS	11/1/2024	HS24S44060L		\$76,000.00	2025	File Cabinet	Mitch Hachey
5020601	Grant - Active	County	County Drone Project	HS	11/1/2024	HS24S44060L		\$32,231.77	2025	File Cabinet	Mitch Hachey

External Grant Review - Reports

- Ability to run various reports including:
 - Monitoring reviews – open and closed
 - Budget details
 - Funds tracking
 - Grant official names/contact information
 - Delinquent reports
 - Grants pending liquidation
 - Many, many more!
- Based on the report chosen, additional filter criteria may appear.
- Provides you with information on the status of your region's projects for example:
 - Who has received a financial or programmatic monitoring review, EHP review, etc.
 - Who is/has been on VH.
 - Where agencies are at with spending.
 - What grants are liquidating soon.
 - Who has a fund hold or BLI hold.

The screenshot displays a web application interface for generating reports. At the top, there are navigation tabs: 'Workspace', 'My Password', and 'Logout'. Below these are sub-tabs: 'Assigned', 'Grant Search', and 'Reports'. The main content area is titled 'General Information and Instructions'. Underneath, there is a section for 'Available Reports' with a list of 18 radio button options, including 'Calculate Risk by Year', 'Conditions Of Funding at BLI Level', 'Funds Tracking', and 'Monitoring Reviews'. Below the reports list is a 'Filter Report by' section. It includes a radio button selection for 'Application', 'Grant', or 'Both' (selected). There are 14 input fields for various filters: 'Enter Grant Number:', 'Enter Fund Source ID:', 'Enter Fund Block:', 'Enter Sub Fund ID:', 'Enter Grantee Name:', 'Enter Project Title:', 'Enter State Payee (9-digit) ID:', 'Enter Appropriation Year (2-digits):', 'Enter Planning Year (4-digits):', 'Select a Grant Status:', 'Select a COG Region:', 'Select a County:', 'Select a Current Staff Assigned:', 'Select a Grant Manager:', 'Select a Program Manager:', and 'Select an OOG Division:'. Each filter has a dropdown menu, most of which are currently set to 'ALL'. At the bottom of the interface, there are three buttons: 'Run Report', 'Export Report to Excel', and 'Clear Filters'.



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State Justice Programs

Existing Programs:

- **Juvenile Justice & Truancy Prevention Program**
 - Now titled **Youth Diversion** as authorized under the Texas General Appropriations Act, Article I, Rider 21 for Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor.
- **Grants for Testing of Forensic Evidence**
 - Additional \$1M per FY to provide grants to reimburse local law enforcement, district attorneys, medical examiners, and coroners for costs associated with forensic genetic genealogical DNA analysis.
- **Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant Program**
 - Funds depleted and do not anticipate another application cycle.

New Programs:

- **HB2217 – Grant Program to Equip Vehicles Used by Peace Officers with Bullet-Resistant Components**
 - \$5M to be made available.
- **HB33 – First Responder and Telecommunicator Active Attack Integrated Response Training Grant Program**
 - \$20M to be made available to provide financial assistance to first responders and telecommunicators to attend an active attack integrated response training course.
- **HB4264 – Grant Program for Certain Peace Officers with Master Proficiency Certificate**
 - \$0 funds appropriated – unfunded mandate and unable to be implemented.

Federal Justice Programs

State Crisis Intervention Grant Program (SCIP)

- **FY 2023 Award (Included funding for FYs 2022 and 2023): \$21,246,509**
 - Subawards Issued: 50
 - Pending Applications: 33
 - Unobligated Balance: \$156,250.20
- **FY 2024 Award: \$12,324,824**
 - Pending Applications: 9
 - Unobligated Balance: \$9,725,165.95
- **FY 2025 Award: TBD**
- **FY 2026 Award: TBD**

It is projected this funding will be made available by PSO to local entities for another 2-3 grant cycles.

Federal Justice Programs

State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP)

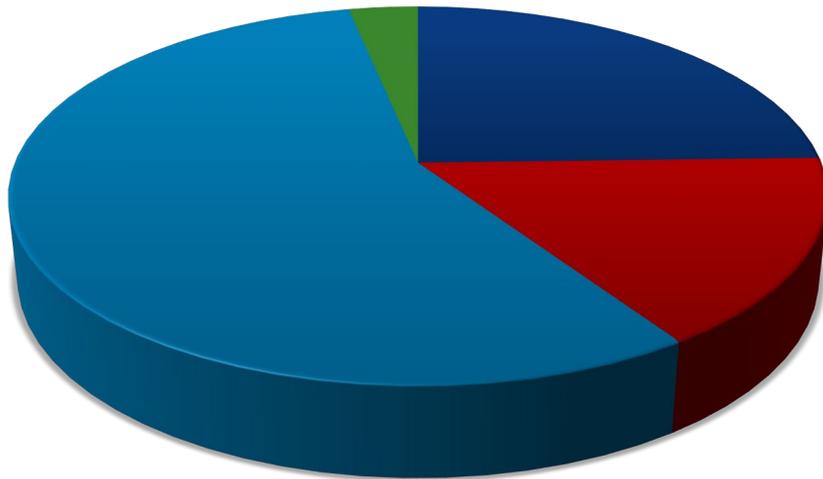
- **FY 2022 Award: \$9,405,916**
 - Subawards Issued: 122
 - Pending Applications: 6
 - Unobligated Balance: \$177.93
- **FY 2023 Award: \$21,772,638**
 - Pending Applications: 93
 - Unobligated Balance: \$9,831,651.25
- **FY 2024 Award: \$12,903,025**
- **FY 2025 Award: \$4,174,163 (Pending FEMA Approval – Subject to Increase)**

It is projected this funding will be made available by PSO to local units of government for another 2-3 grant cycles.

Federal Justice Programs

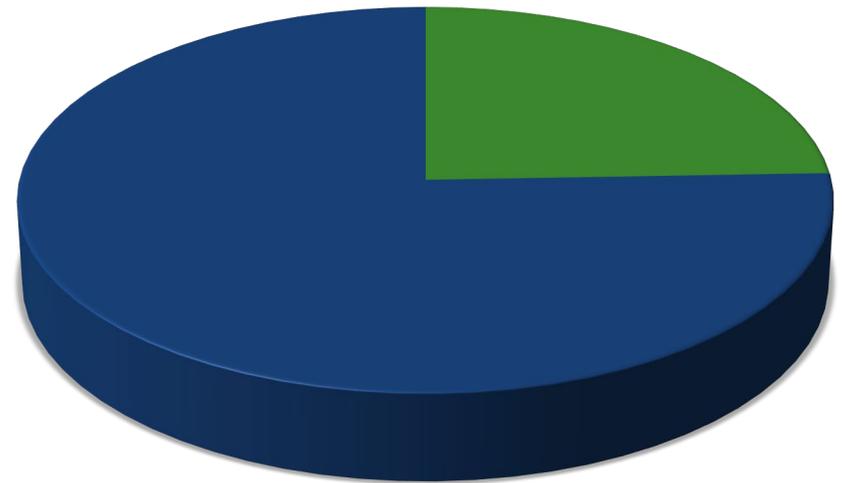
State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP)

SLCGP Funding by Objective



- Assessment and Evaluation
- Governance and Planning
- Mitigation
- Workforce Development

SLCGP Funding by Geographic Area



- Rural
- Urban

Questions?



Sex Trafficking and Best Practices to Support Healing





Presentation Overview

- Define Child Sex Trafficking
- Trafficking in Texas
- Recognizing Best Practices in Grant Applications
- Continuum of Care: Interventions to Support Short and Long-Term Healing

Human Trafficking

Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery where people are controlled and exploited for profit by others.

Victims of human trafficking are men, women, children, U.S. citizens, and documented and undocumented persons forced into commercial sex and labor services.

Source: Texas Department of Public Safety website



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Child Sex Trafficking Under Texas Law

Tex. Penal Code § 20A.02

Child sex trafficking occurs when a person knowingly*

- **Traffics** a child under the age of 18 and causes the child by any means to engage in or become the victim of **commercial sexual exploitation**;
- **Receives a benefit** from participating in a venture that involves this activity; **OR**
- **Engages in sexual conduct** with a trafficked child.

** Regardless of whether the actor knows the age of the child.*

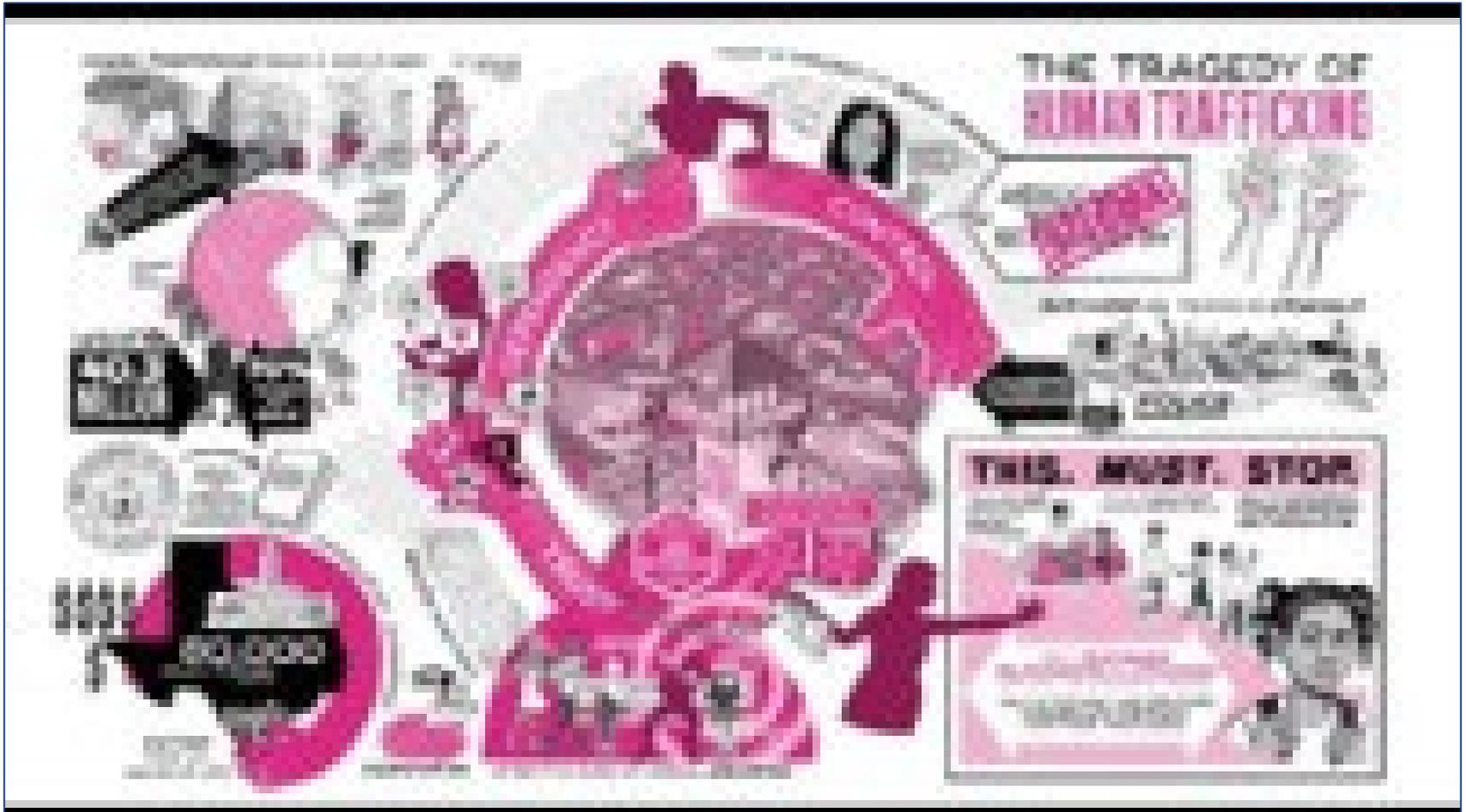


Definition of Child Sex Trafficking Under Texas Law

Tex. Penal Code § 20A.02

Traffics	Causes	Commercial Sexual Exploitation
<p>Traffics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • transports, • entices, • recruits, • harbors, • provides, OR • otherwise obtains by any means 	<p>Through force, fraud, or coercion causes the trafficked person to engage in (if victim is over 18)</p>	<p>Prostitution Promotion of prostitution (and aggravated) Online promotion of prostitution (and aggravated) Compelling prostitution</p>
	<p>By any means causes the trafficked child to engage in, or become the victim of conduct prohibited by (no force, fraud or coercion required if victim is under 18)</p>	<p>Also includes additional conduct if victim is a child (continuous sexual abuse; indecency; sexual assault; sexual performance; employment harmful to children; child pornography)</p>

What is Child Sex Trafficking?



<https://gov.texas.gov/organization/cjd/childsextrafficking>

Trafficking happens in all Texas communities.



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Texas has the second highest number of tips, as well as the second highest number of cases made from tips, to the National Human Trafficking Hotline.

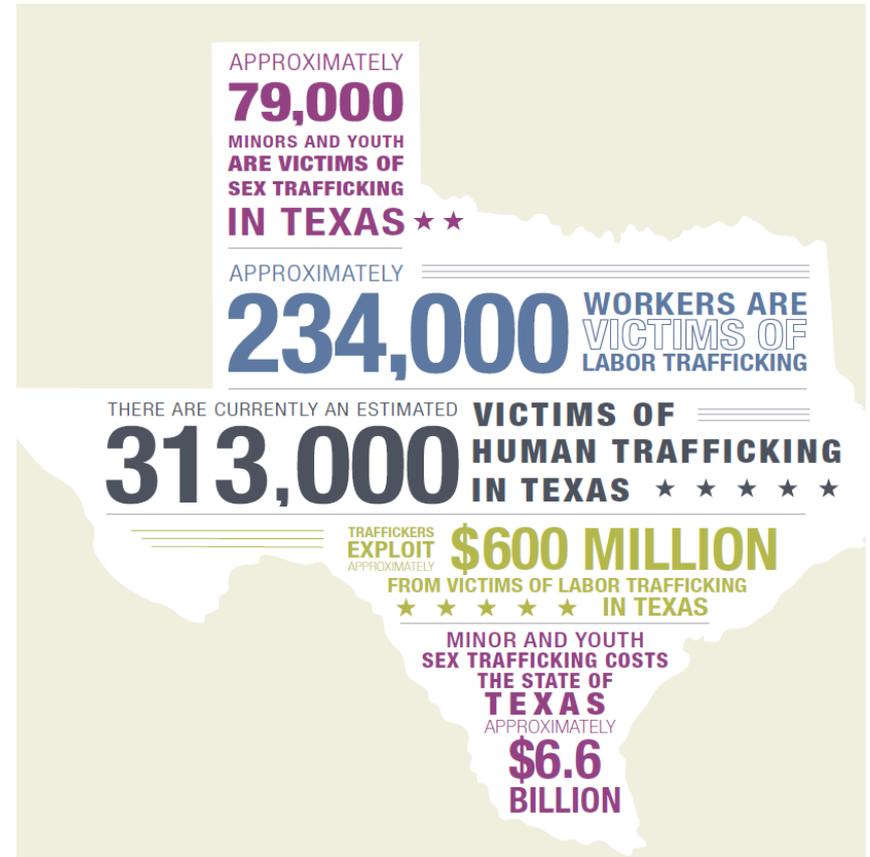
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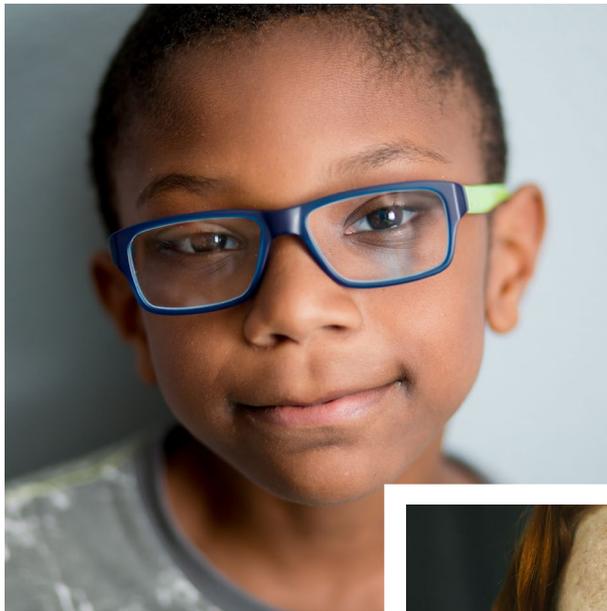


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How Big is this Problem in Texas?

University of Texas research estimates that there are currently 79,000 children and young adult survivors of sexual exploitation in Texas.



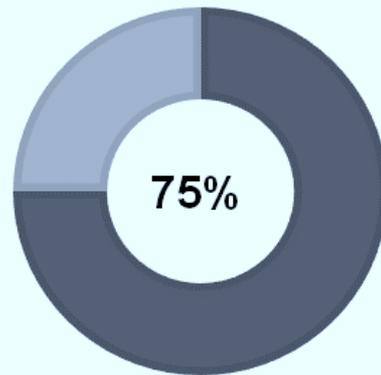


What makes it difficult to quantify, recognize and support survivors of sex trafficking?

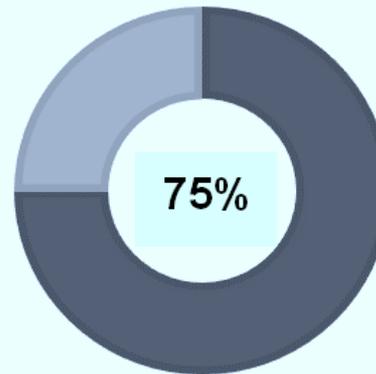


Youth who have been Commercially Sexually Exploited generally Do Not Outcry

A study of exploited youth in 10 different non-profits serving child sex trafficking victims found that:



Exploitation ongoing for two or more years



Don't see themselves as being exploited



14 or younger when exploitation started



Photo by Allison Buttigieg

Trauma Can Make Victims Seem Complicit in Their Own Exploitation

Flight

Fight

Freeze

Submit/Fawn



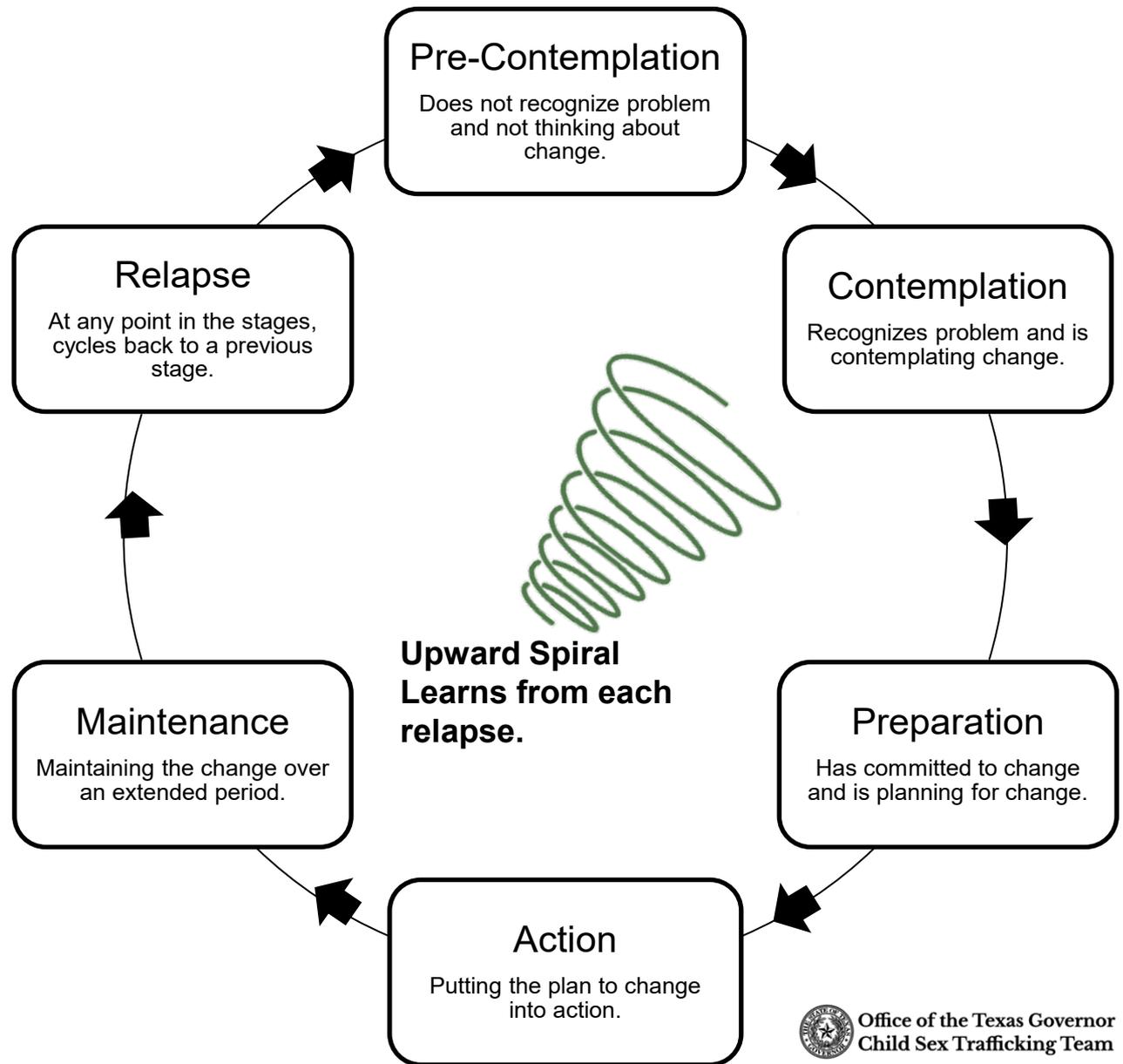


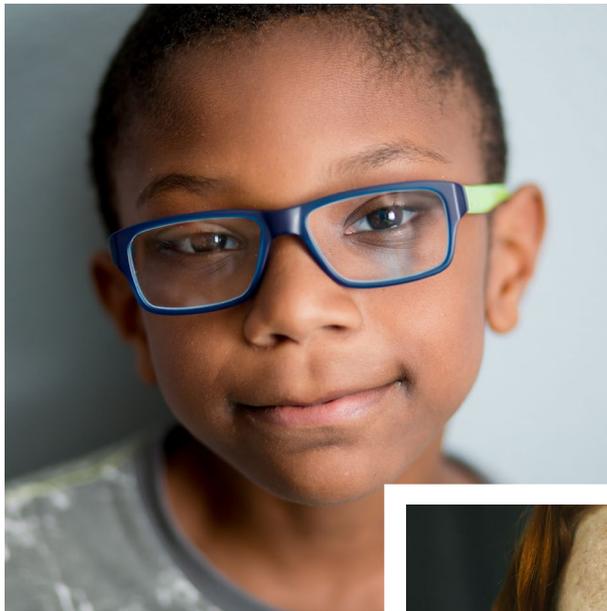
Even When Ready for Help, Trauma Makes Help Hard to Give and Receive

- Triggered by authority figures, telling their story, feeling rejected, power struggles, and random things like smells, locations
- Difficulty regulating affective impulses such as anger and self-destructiveness
- Dissociative episodes (mentally disconnect from body)
- Difficulty trusting people or feeling intimate
- Trauma responses that repeat destructive patterns
- Hopelessness or despair
- Somatic or medical problems
- A chronic sense of shame (blame self for victimization)



Escape and Healing from Exploitation is Cyclical and Often Includes Multiple Recoveries





Best Practices and Evidenced Based Modalities in Supporting Sex Trafficking Survivors



Short Term & Long Term

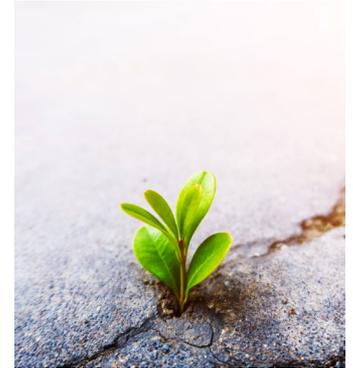
Individualized

Trauma Responsive

Empowering

Holistic

Adaptable



Best Practices

- **For residential programs, best practice is small numbers of survivors in program at one time— 8-12 survivors in residential program**
 - Challenges:
 - Dysregulation due to trauma responses-triggers
 - Recruitment
 - **Red Flag:**
 - An application that states they will serve 20, 50, 100 or more survivors at a time in a residential program. This is an indicator that this organization is likely not experienced in serving this population.
- **Applications utilizing licensed professionals**
 - Child serving residential programs must be a licensed childcare facility with a licensed childcare administrator (LCCA) on staff
 - Staff include licensed professionals such as licensed social workers and counselors (LBSW, LMSW, LCSW, LPC)
- **Extensive experience working with traumatized populations. Red Flag:** If they have never operated a residential program, opening a program for CSEY **is not the program** for them to begin with.
- **Letters of support from KEY stakeholders:** Law Enforcement, CSEY Advocate agencies, Care Coordination agencies, DFPS, counseling programs and other crucial service providers, anti-trafficking coalitions. **Red Flag:** programs that have little to no community support. Evidence of a track record of collaboration with other community stakeholders is a critical success factor for programs serving trafficking survivors.



- Survivors are offered choice in services. Service plans are tailored for individual's needs and goals.
 - **Red Flag:** programs where survivors are mandated to attend religious activities.
- Survivor Focused/Victim Centered approaches
- Strengths based and Nonjudgemental
- Demonstrate an understanding of trauma and re-victimization, meeting the survivor where they are on their healing journey while using trauma-informed and empowerment strategies to provide access holistic support services.
 - **Examples:**
 - *work with survivor to identify next steps and support them in taking these steps. This could include emergency shelter, transitional housing, mental health treatment, drug rehabilitation, or long-term residential housing.*
 - *Survivors can return as often as needed for ongoing services such as case management, safety planning, and educational support.*
 - *The _____'s framework for intervention, stabilization, and long-term recovery is rooted in the following core activities: crisis response and immediate needs; trauma-informed case management; and empowerment and educational programming.*
 - *The _____ is based on a low-demand model to allow all survivors in crisis access to services without any unnecessary barriers. Services are available in such a way that survivors can access them however they can, whenever they can, at whatever level they desire, meeting survivors where they are in the stages of change.*

Evidenced Based Modalities



- Motivational Interviewing
- Trauma
 - Trust Based Relational Intervention;
 - Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT);
 - Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT);
 - Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR)



Trust Based Relational Intervention®

TBRI is a trauma-informed intervention that equips first responders and caregivers to meet the needs of traumatized individuals and help them to better control their own trauma responses.

It includes 3 core elements:

- Empowering Principles to address physical (including brain) needs,
- Connecting Principles for attachment needs, and
- Correcting Principles to disarm fear-based behaviors.



<https://child.TCU.edu>



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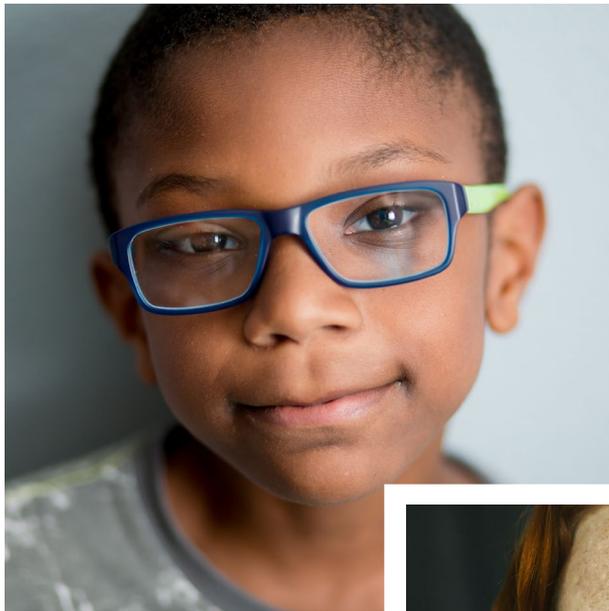
Justice for Survivors is more than just successful prosecution of exploiters

“Ability to heal, achieve autonomy, and find empowerment”

From *Bending Towards Justice: Perceptions of Justice among Human Trafficking Survivors*, funded by Department of Justice, and available at <https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/251631.pdf>



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Continuum of Care for Sex Trafficking Survivors

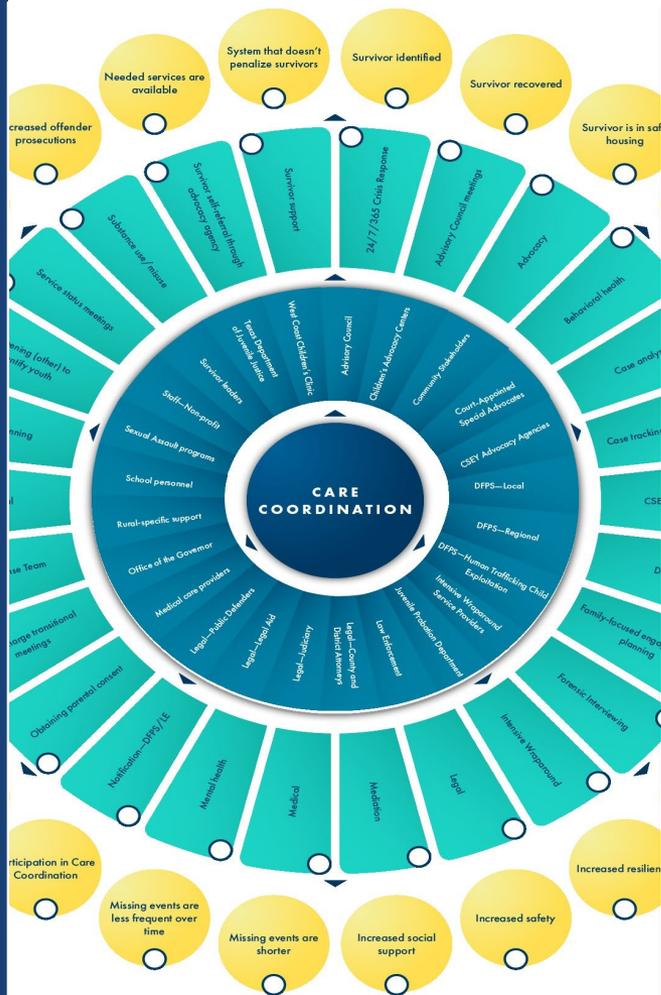




THE TEXAS MODEL:

CARE COORDINATION WITH CSEY ADVOCACY





The Texas Model: Care Coordination for Commercially Exploited Youth

Texas Care Coordination for CSEY promotes sustainable autonomy, healing, justice and stability for children and youth who are at risk of or who have experienced commercial sexual exploitation.

Care Coordination employs awareness, education, creativity, collaboration, and capacity building to identify and recover CSEY, and to facilitate tailored, accessible, trauma-informed and holistic resources through a coordinated network of providers.

Care Coordination teams build trust, transparency and solutions with each other to mitigate duplication of work so that local and statewide partners are bridges instead of barriers to services for children, youth and families.



Goal

Every youth experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, sex trafficking and exploitation has access to non-punitive, responsive, high-quality community-based services that meet their unique short-term and longer-term needs.

Theory

Care coordination creates a path to healing, justice, and restoration for CSEY by increasing access to non-punitive, responsive, high-quality community-based services.

Beliefs

Strong partnerships nurtured locally and at the statewide level advance the quality and availability of services. Services are necessary in major metro, mid-sized, rural and remote communities. Services should be provided in the least restrictive setting possible. Youth have the right to services, whether they are participating in an investigation or prosecution of the trafficker or not. Trafficking happens in all Texas communities.



THE TEXAS MODEL FOR CARE COORDINATION

GOAL, THEORY AND BELIEFS



Care Coordination Team Members

Core Care Coordination Team (CCT) members

- ✓ Care Coordinator
- ✓ Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth (CSEY) Advocate
- ✓ Local Children's Advocacy Center
- ✓ Local law enforcement, DPS, HSI, FBI and affiliated victim services
- ✓ District Attorney's Office
- ✓ Juvenile Probation
- ✓ DFPS
- ✓ Community Based Care providers as appropriate
- ✓ Medical Personnel (Forensic Nurse Examiners, EMS)

Recommended

- Juvenile and Child Protection Judges
- Rape Crisis Center
- CASA
- US District Attorney's Office and Federal Law Enforcement agencies as appropriate.

Others as deemed appropriate by the CCT



Care Coordination Teams

Care Coordination Teams across Texas | Develop Recommendations for and Facilitate Access to Services for Child and Youth Victims.

NORTH

- [Dallas Children's Advocacy Center](#) (Dallas County) *
- [Children's Advocacy Center for North Texas](#) (Denton County)
- [Ellis County Children's Advocacy Center](#) (Ellis County)
- [Alliance for Children](#) (Tarrant County)*

EAST

- [Scotty's House](#) (Brazos County)
- [Harris County Resources for Children and Adults Home Safe](#) (Harris County)
- [Garth House](#) (Jefferson and Orange County)
- [Children's Safe Harbor](#) (Montgomery, San Jacinto, and Walker Counties)*

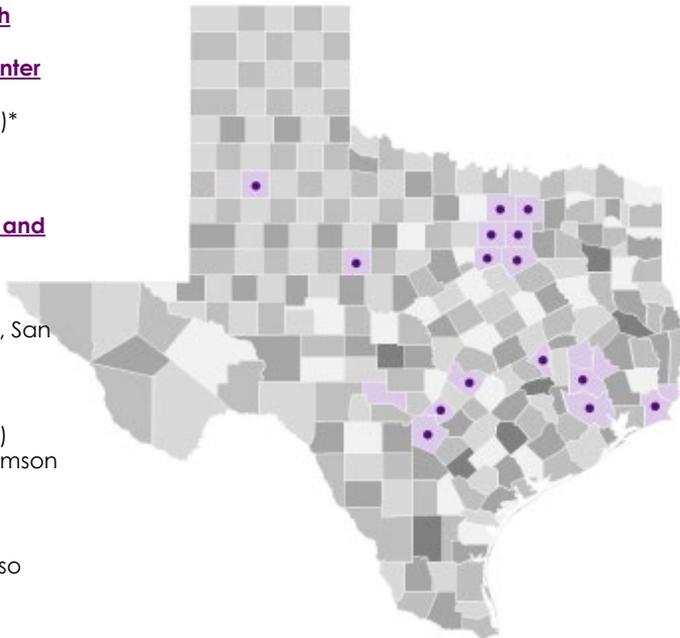
CENTRAL

- [BCFS Common Thread](#)(Bexar County)
- [Unbound Austin](#) (Travis County, Williamson County)*

WEST

- [Paso del Norte Center of Hope](#) (El Paso County)
- [Voice of Hope](#)(Lubbock County)
- [Regional Victim Crisis Center](#) (Taylor County)

**Care Coordination is in the process of transitioning and launching with a new Care Coordinator to serve youth with clear concern for exploitation and confirmed victims of commercial sexual exploitation.*



CURRENT CARE COORDINATION TEAMS



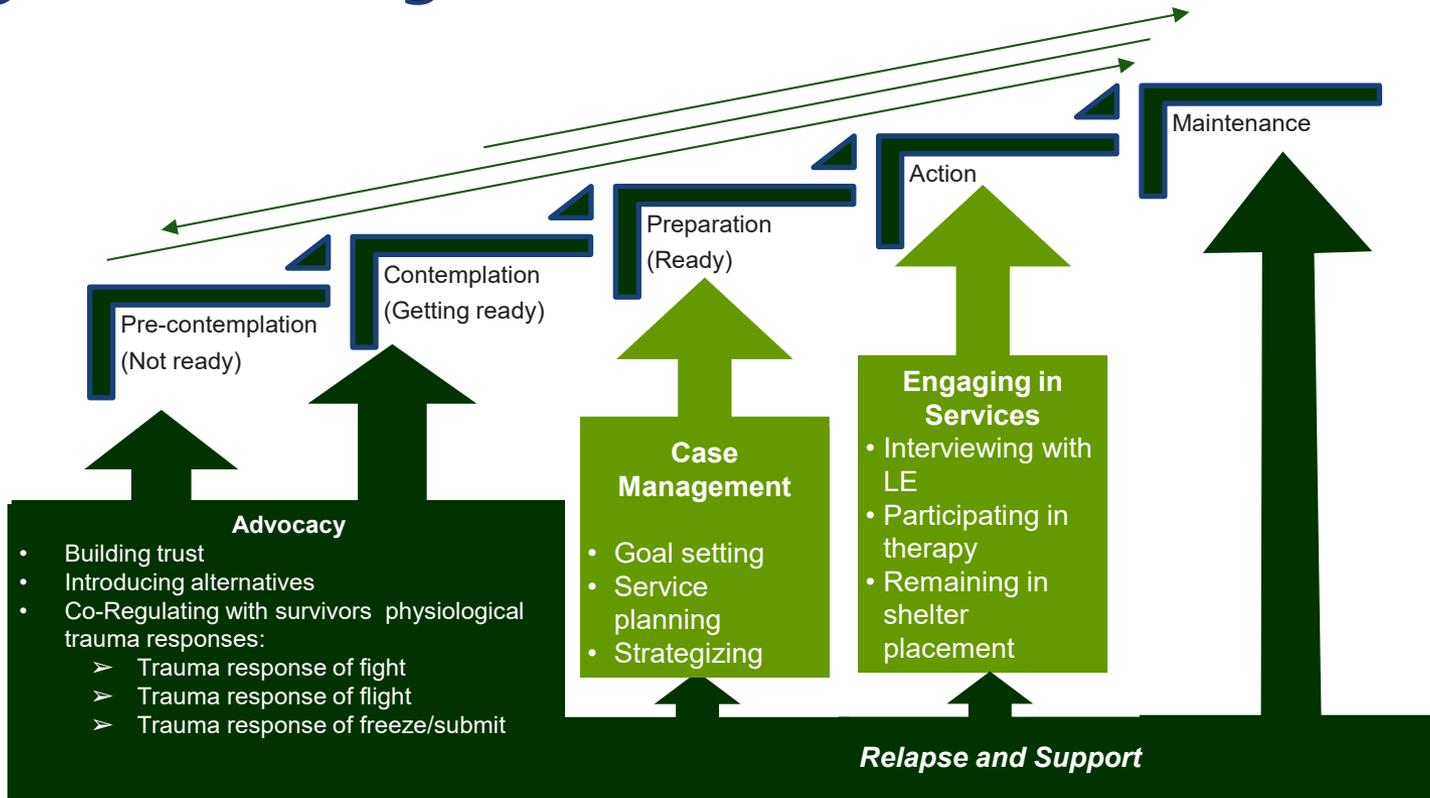
Office of the Texas Governor
Child Sex Trafficking Team

CSEY Advocates Meet Youth Where They Are

Usually within 90 minutes of a recovery by law enforcement



CSEY Advocates Help Survivors Move through Stages of Change



CSEY Advocates Fill Gaps Across Systems

Long term, flexible case management and advocacy to support and optimize other conditional advocate and case management services.



151 Counties with CSEY Advocacy

NORTH

- [Trafick911](#) (Dallas & 5 nearby counties)
- [Unbound North Texas](#) (Tarrant & 5 nearby counties)

SOUTH

- [BCFS Common Thread RGV](#) (Cameron & 17 nearby counties)
- [BCFS Common Thread Coastal Bend](#) (Aransas & 13 nearby counties)

EAST

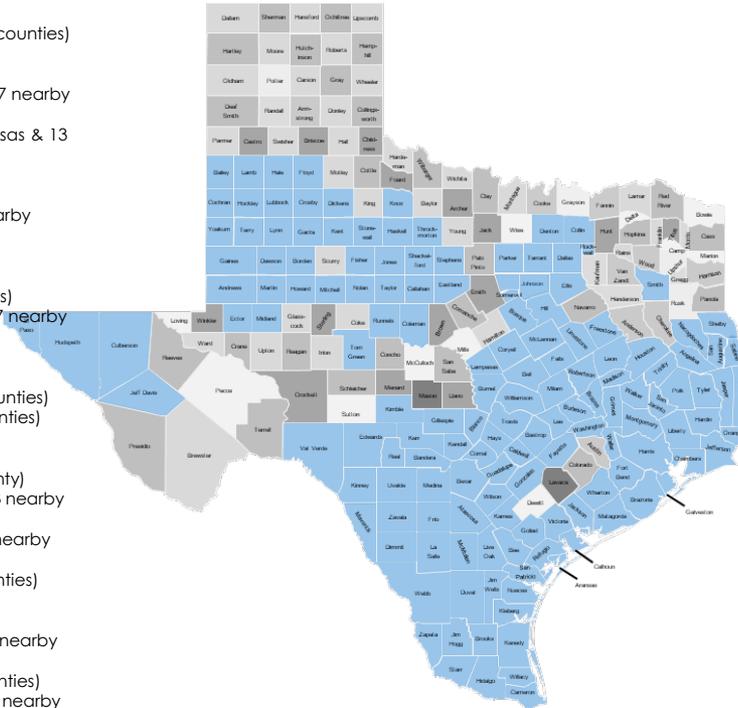
- [BCFS Common Thread East](#) (Harris & 10 nearby counties)
- [Embracing Freedom](#) (Jefferson & 5 nearby counties)
- [Sojourn Landing](#) (Harris & 7 nearby counties)
- [Unbound Bryan College Station](#) (Brazos & 7 nearby counties)
- [Unbound East Texas](#) (Angelina & 8 nearby counties)
- [Unbound Houston](#) (Brazoria & 3 nearby counties)
- [YMCA International](#) (Harris & 7 nearby counties)

WEST

- [Midland County](#) (Midland & 1 nearby county)
- [Paso del Norte Center of Hope](#) (El Paso & 3 nearby counties)
- [Regional Victim Crisis Center](#) (Taylor & 16 nearby counties)
- [Voice of Hope](#) (Lubbock & 21 nearby counties)

CENTRAL

- [Alamo Area Rape Crisis Center](#) (Bexar & 2 nearby counties)
- [AWARE Central Texas](#) (Bell & 4 nearby counties)
- [BCFS Common Thread Central](#) (Bexar & 19 nearby counties)
- [SAFE](#) (Travis & 2 nearby counties)
- [Thriving Hearts](#) (Gonzales & 1 nearby County)
- [Unbound Austin](#) (Travis & 4 nearby counties)
- [Unbound Waco](#) (McLennan & 6 nearby counties)



❖ 13 CSEY Advocacy Agencies

❖ Crisis Response, Long-Term Supportive Relationships & Case Management





Drop-In Centers



Short & Long-Term Residential Programs



Community Based Wrap-Around Services & Counseling Programs





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