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CRCG Events Calendar

October 8 – Working and Engaging with Youth Series webinar

October 20 – CRCG Bridge Call, 2-3 p.m. CDT

November 12 – Working and Engaging with Youth Series webinar

November 17 – CRCG Bridge Call, 2-3 p.m. CDT

December 15 – CRCG Bridge Call, 2-3 p.m. CDT

State CRCG Office Updates

Strengthening Partnerships

In 2020, the State CRCG Office has been focused on strengthening partnerships with partner agencies and initiatives and increasing training and support for local CRCGs.

Beginning in March, the office partnered with HHSC's Texas System of Care (TxSOC) to offer a four-part series focused on the system of care values: cultural and linguistic responsiveness, family-driven/guided, youth-driven/guided, community-based and trauma-informed. The series provided an overview of the values and examples for how CRCGs can infuse the values within their structure and processes to best support children, youth, young adults and their families.

The series was so successful that in July, a new series was developed in partnership with TxSOC: Working and Engaging with Youth. This series focuses on best practices for working and engaging with various youth populations. More information about these and other webinars can be found in the [Upcoming CRCG Events](#) section of the newsletter.

Resources

CRCG website

The [CRCG website](#) has great resources for leaders and members, including guidebooks covering all things CRCGs, and resources for families and community members.

Webinar Recordings

The State CRCG Office webinars bring valuable resources and information to CRCG partners and members. Click the links below to view previous recordings.

[System of Care Series Part Two: Family-driven/Family-guided](#)

[System of Care Series Part Three: Trauma Informed Care](#)

[System of Care Series Part Four: Youth-driven/Youth-guided](#)

[Guidelines for Hosting a Virtual CRCG Meeting](#)

[Working and Engaging with Youth Series: Transition-Age Youth](#)

Sharing Is Caring

Please share our newsletter with your colleagues or anyone that might benefit from this information!

Contact Us

We would love to hear from you! If you have thoughts, concerns, comments, ideas or anything else that you'd like to share, please contact the State CRCG Office.

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CRCG Site Visits

State CRCG Office Site Visits

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the State CRCG Office is unable to provide in-person CRCG site visits but is available to participate in virtual CRCG meetings and provide remote training and technical assistance support to all CRCGs.

In August, the State CRCG Office joined the Anderson and Cherokee Counties CRCG for a practice session to explore using a virtual platform for meetings. The experience helped the CRCG leaders navigate the platform and create an outline for hosting virtual meetings, and it helped the state office learn tips and ideas to share with CRCGs statewide.

If you're interested in training or technical assistance support, contact the State CRCG Office at CRCG@hsc.state.tx.us.

Spotlight on CRCGs

The State CRCG Office acknowledges efforts and successes of different CRCGs. To share success stories for upcoming newsletters, send an email to CRCG@hsc.state.tx.us.

Hill Country CRCG New Chair

In August, Carla Schuster, Special Programs Coordinator and Juvenile Probation Officer at Kerr County Juvenile Probation Department, became the new Chair of the Hill Country CRCG. This CRCG covers a large geographic area, including Bandera, Gillespie, Kendall, Kerr and Medina Counties, and was in jeopardy of disbanding due to losing its leadership after the after the previous Chair, Gayle Long, retired from her position after many years of

service. Hill Country CRCG is again actively accepting referrals, thanks to Carla's willingness take on this important role.

The State CRCG Office would like to thank Carla, and all CRCG leaders who are continuing to support their communities despite unprecedented challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Upcoming CRCG Events

CRCG Bridge Call Series

The State CRCG Office offers a monthly bridge call for local CRCG leaders and members to share ideas, discuss challenges, and network. Bridge calls are held every third Tuesday of the month at 2:00 p.m. (CDT). Mark your calendars for the upcoming bridge calls and join other CRCGs for collaborative discussions!

If you are interested in attending the monthly bridge calls, reach out to the State CRCG Office at CRCG@hsc.state.tx.us.

- October 20, 2020, 2:00-3:00 p.m. CDT / 1:00-2:00 p.m. MDT
- November 17, 2020, 2:00-3:00 p.m. CDT / 1:00-2:00 p.m. MDT
- December 15, 2020, 2:00-3:00 p.m. CDT / 1:00-2:00 p.m. MDT

CRCG Webinar Series

CRCG Webinar Series: Working and Engaging with Youth

The State CRCG Office is hosting a "Working and Engaging with Youth" webinar series presented by the TxSOC. Each month, the series will share best practices on different topics:

- October 8: Youth with Co-Occurring Mental Health and Substance Use Challenges
- November 12: Youth Involved in the Juvenile Justice System
- January 14: Youth of Color

The webinars will be from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. CT. Certificates of attendance will be sent after each session.

Register for the whole series [HERE](#).

Recordings for past webinars, including the first two in this series: Transition-Aged Youth and Young Adults and LGBTQIA+ Youth, are available online on the [CRCG website resources webpage](#).

CRCG Partner Agency Updates

Health and Human Services Commission

Children with Special Health Care Needs

The [Children with Special Health Care Needs \(CSHCN\) Systems Development Group](#) supports population-based services for children with special health care needs relating to the Title V Block Grant and is part of the Maternal and Child Health Section at the Texas DSHS.

The program partners with [community-based contractors around Texas](#) to provide support for families with children and youth with special health care needs and disabilities. Services may include in-home or center-based respite, parent to parent connections, educational trainings and workshops, support groups, community recreational activities and more. Not all services are available in all parts of the state. Case Management for families is also available through DSHS regional offices.

The program leads two statewide learning collaboratives that meet quarterly by teleconference to share knowledge, implementation strategies, and best practices. Providers, youth and young adults, parents, caregivers, as well as representatives from health care plans, hospital and university systems, and local community organizations are invited to participate. Upcoming calls are scheduled on the following dates:

Medical Home Learning Collaborative

Wednesday October 14, 2020
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Texas Title V Transition Learning Collaborative

Tuesday November 10, 2020
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

For Medical Home and Transition to Adulthood Learning Collaborative registration details and more information about the program, please contact: Ivy Goldstein, State CSHCN Health Coordinator ivy.goldstein@dshs.texas.gov.

Other News and Events

Conferences

37th Annual Adult Protective Services Conference

September 30 – October 2, 2020

Virtual Conference

The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services will bring together over 500 attendees eager to learn from with more than 40 workshops presented by top professionals from all over the world in a virtual setting. This year's conference theme is Adult Protective Services 20/20: Exceeding the Vision. This theme focuses on the dynamic people whose vision is to serve vulnerable populations by *Protecting with Purpose, Passion and Persistence*.

[Register Here](#)

20th Annual Partners in Prevention Conference

October 20-22, 2020

Virtual Conference

The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services' Prevention and Early Intervention program is hosting the 20th Annual Partners in Prevention (PIP) Conference. The PIP Conference is the largest annual gathering of prevention and early intervention professionals in Texas. The 2020 theme - Intersections: 20 Years of Navigating Families to Success - honors the journeys of prevention and early intervention professionals across Texas. These professionals seek out and connect with resources in their communities to reduce child abuse, enhance school readiness, and improve the social-emotional health of children and families.

[Register Here](#)

21st Annual Chronic Illness and Disability Conference: Transition from Pediatric to Adult-Based Care

October 29-30, 2020

Virtual Conference

Less than 50 percent of families nationwide indicate that their children with special healthcare needs have received the services necessary to make appropriate transitions to adult healthcare, work, and independence. Outcomes in Texas trail the national data. This conference addresses the

strong need for social workers, mental health providers, physicians, nurses, and all who provide services to youth and young adults with special healthcare needs to have the knowledge and skills to help facilitate a successful transition from pediatric to adult-based care and services. Continuing Education units available.

[Register Here](#)