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CRCG Events Calendar

January 11 – Leader Training and Bridge Call, 10-11:30 a.m. CST

January 25 – Restorative Practices for CRCGs Webinar Series: Part 1, 1-3 p.m. CST

February 8 – Leader Training and Bridge Call, 10-11:30 a.m. CST

March 8 – Leader Training and Bridge Call, 10-11:30 a.m. CST

March 8 – Restorative Practices for CRCGs Webinar Series: Part 2, 2-4 p.m. CST

State CRCG Office Updates

2022 CRCG Recognition Awards

The State CRCG Office thanks CRCG leaders and members who submitted nominations for the 2022 CRCG Recognition Awards. We received many nominations for the CRCG Shining Star and Outstanding CRCG Awards and both awards highlight the fantastic work that is happening in local communities across the state.

CRCG Shining Star Award Nominees

Ginger Guy, Potter and Randall Counties CRCG

Janette Maldonado-Johnson, Anderson and Cherokee Counties CRCG

John O'Brien, Matagorda County CRCG

Nishona King, Brazoria County CRCG

Nora Smith, Comal County CRCG

Tanya Jopling, Bexar County CRCG

Terry Allen, Tyler County CRCG

Outstanding CRCG Award Nominees

Anderson and Cherokee Counties CRCG

Bexar County CRCG

Winners will be announced and honored during a virtual awards ceremony on February 22, 2023, from 2 to 2:30 p.m. CST. The event will feature remarks from the State CRCG Office, as well as award announcements.

To register for the virtual awards ceremony, visit the [GoToWebinar](#) webpage.

Save the Date: 2023 Texas System of Care (TxSOC) and CRCG Conference

Please save the date for the 2023 TxSOC and CRCG Conference, which will be held July 25-27, 2023, in Austin, TX and virtually. The conference will focus on collaborating to improve outcomes for children, youth, young adults, and their families, and will spotlight voices with lived experience. The State CRCG Office and TxSOC would like to thank the CRCG leaders and other planning group members who have volunteered to help plan the conference. Additional information will be shared as it is available.

New CRCG Video

The State CRCG Office is excited to announce the release of the new CRCG promotional video! The short video explains what CRCGs do, how they work, and how to connect with local CRCGs. CRCG leaders and members may use this video as a tool to educate community members and the public about CRCGs. We invite you to view the [CRCG video](#) and share it with your networks.

State CRCG Office Presentations

The State CRCG Office had the opportunity to present information about CRCGs to a variety of audiences in Fall 2022.

In October, the State CRCG Office and TxSOC staff presented an overview of TxSOC and CRCGs and how they work together in communities at the Medical Home Learning Collaborative (MHLC) quarterly meeting. The purpose of the MHLC quarterly meeting is for members to share knowledge, implementation strategies, and best practices on the philosophy and effectiveness of medical homes. 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. Membership is also open to the general public. .

In November, the State CRCG Office and TxSOC staff presented at the Texas Health Steps Monthly Regional Meeting. The presentation included an overview of TxSOC and CRCGs and how they work together in communities.

In December, the State CRCG Office staff had the opportunity to provide an overview of CRCGs to two great audiences, Texas Court Appointed Special Advocate's new Executive Directors and the HHSC Certified Family Partners at their Roundtable meeting.

The State CRCG Office would like to thank all the organizations and agencies for the invitation to present to their staff, leadership teams, and stakeholders. If you are a part of an organization or agency and would like to learn more about CRCGs and the great work they do, please contact the [State CRCG Office](#).

Legislative Updates

2020-2021 CRCGs of Texas Legislative Report

The 2020-2021 CRCGs of Texas Report to the legislature is complete. The report highlights 2020-2021 statewide CRCG data and reflects the experiences of local CRCGs in their efforts to provide a coordinated approach to service delivery for children, families, and adults with complex needs, as well as State CRCG Office activities. 2020-2021 CRCG outcomes include:

- CRCG coverage expanded by eight counties, and as of January 2022, there were 147 distinct CRCGs covering 247 counties.
- 2,179 staffings were conducted statewide.
- 76 percent of all staffings conducted resulted in a community-based solution.
- Service availability and client choice are the greatest barriers to clients accessing recommended services.
- Local Mental Health Authorities/Local Behavioral Health Authorities and juvenile probation officers are the two most frequent participants at local CRCG staffings.
- Mental health care, risk behaviors, and academics or school are the most identified needs at staffings.
- Mental health services, community support, and parent support or skills groups are the leading recommendations on ISPs.

The report is posted on the [CRCG of Texas Report](#) webpage and has been shared with partner agencies, the governor, and Texas legislature. The State CRCG Office would like to thank CRCGs for sharing local data and helping to increase awareness of the critical role CRCGs play in communities.

State CRCG Office Gears Up for the 88th Texas Legislative Session

The State CRCG Office is gearing up for the 88th Texas Legislative session, which begins in January. The office is involved in responding to legislative requests, which include tracking incoming bills and completing bill analyses to determine how they may impact HHSC and local CRCGs. Learn about new bills that may pertain to CRCGs and track them through the [Texas Legislature Online](#) website.

CRCG Site Visits

Bexar County CRCG

The Bexar County Children and Youth Behavioral Health CRCG hosted its annual retreat in San Antonio, TX in October 2022. The retreat provided an opportunity for CRCG leaders and members, the State CRCG Office team, and the TxSOC Project Director to come together, strengthen partnerships, and further the work of the CRCG.

The event featured presentations from several guest speakers. The State CRCG Office and TxSOC provided a joint presentation on system of care (SOC) values, how SOC is implemented in Texas, and an overview of TxSOC initiatives and grant activities. The presentation also provided a brief overview of CRCGs, discussed the role of the State CRCG Office, explained why CRCGs are essential to the community, and described how CRCGs and the SOC framework work together. Other guest speakers shared information about the work of the Center for Health Care Services, Child Safe, and the Alamo Area Community Network.

Additionally, the retreat provided an opportunity to recognize leaders and members for the great work and contributions they have made to the CRCG. Further, the participants were able to utilize the time to discuss CRCG business. This included conversing about the group's mission statement, reviewing local CRCG processes, determining how to maintain the Bexar SOC effort, sharing how to make the group more family lead and youth guided, and talking about next steps for the group.



Bexar County CRCG Annual Retreat Participants

The State CRCG Office extends a big thank you to the Bexar County CRCG leaders for the invitation to participate in an engaging and collaborative event!

Washington County CRCG

The State CRCG Office was invited to attend the November Washington County CRCG meeting in Brenham, TX. This site visit provided a great opportunity to meet the new CRCG Co-Chairs, Kimberlee Parmer and Maria Lackey, who represent a non-profit organization called Focusing Families, and the diverse group of CRCG members. The State CRCG Office presented on best practices surrounding the CRCG process, discussed leadership roles and responsibilities, and answered questions from the group about meeting the complex needs of individuals who are referred to CRCGs for staffings.

State CRCG Office Completes Virtual Site Visits

The State CRCG Office conducted many virtual site visits with CRCG leaders and community members in Fall 2022. Virtual site visits were held with the following CRCGs:

- Goliad County CRCG and Refugio County CRCG: The State CRCG Office met with several interested community members to discuss and provide guidance around reestablishing groups in these neighboring counties.

- Ellis County CRCG: The State CRCG Office welcomed Crystal Keene, new CRCG Co-Chair.
- Johnson County CRCG: The State CRCG Office welcomed Glenna Pollock, new CRCG Chair.
- Denton County CRCG: The State CRCG Office welcomed Jamee McDaniel, new CRCG Chair.
- Blanco County CRCG: The State CRCG Office met with Melissa Ramirez to discuss next steps in reestablishing the CRCG in the county.
- Bastrop, Fayette, and Lee Counties CRCG: The State CRCG Office met with Sandra Zoch, CRCG Co-Chair, and Rhonda Barnard, supervisor, to discuss the CRCG process, leadership roles and responsibilities, and how to recruit new members.
- Bosque County CRCG: The State CRCG Office met with Mindy Webb and Shanna Robins, CRCG Co-Chairs, and the group's members for an organization meeting to reestablish the group.
- Dawson County CRCG: The State CRCG Office welcomed Nora Ramos, new CRCG Co-Chair.
- Upshur County CRCG: The State CRCG Office welcomed Robinann Noland and Geni Jackson, new Co-Chairs, and Shelby Shinall, new Coordinator.

The State CRCG Office looks forward to continuing to grow out partnerships with these CRCGs.

State CRCG Office Available for Virtual Technical Assistance

The State CRCG Office is available for virtual training and technical assistance, including helping navigate virtual platforms and attending practice meetings. Please email the State CRCG Office at CRCG@hhsc.state.tx.us or call 512-206-5255 for assistance.

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. Popular links include:

[CRCG Training Toolkit](#)

[CRCG and TxSOC Flyer](#)

Webinar Recordings

The State CRCG Office webinars bring valuable resources and information to CRCG partners and members.

[Community Partner Program](#)

Visit the [CRCG Training and Technical Assistance webpage](#) to view other past webinar recordings.

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 would like to share, please contact the State CRCG Office.

CRCG@hsc.state.tx.us

(512) 206-5255

Spotlight on CRCGs

Thank You to CRCGs for Your Service in 2022

The State CRCG Office gives a big thank you to CRCG leaders and members for your dedication and commitment to supporting CRCGs and your local communities in 2022.

As the new year begins, the State CRCG Office looks forward to growing relationships with CRCGs, supporting CRCGs in accomplishing their goals, and most of all, continuing to see CRCGs make a difference in the lives of people they serve.

The State CRCG Office acknowledges efforts and successes of various CRCGs. To share success stories for upcoming newsletters, email the State CRCG Office at CRCG@hsc.state.tx.us.

Bexar County CRCG

The Bexar County Children and Youth CRCG (Bexar CRCG) is a success because of 29 invested organizations and 65 dedicated individuals who come together monthly to provide wraparound support for some of our most vulnerable children, youth, and their families. Thank you to the following CRCG participants who have stepped forward to lead the Bexar CRCG in 2023.

- **Gwen Beavers**, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Child Protective Services, Region 8, Investigation Program Director - 2023 Chair
- **Jana Irons**, The Center for Health Care Services/Local Mental Health Authority, Clinic Administrator - 2023 Co-Chair (The organization is part of the Bexar SOC Taskforce)
- **Tanya Jopling**, Bexar County Juvenile Probation Department, Coordinator Behavioral

Health Services – Meeting Support, CRCG representative on the SOC Taskforce

- **James Almaguer**, Alamo Area Council of Governments/Local Intellectual and Developmental Disability Authority, Client Rights Officer Intellectual and Developmental Disability Services – 2023 Compliance Coordinator
- **Desiree Cortinas**, Texas Juvenile Justice Department, Family Reentry Enrichment Specialist - 2022 Chair, 2023 Chair, and Co-Chair support
- **Pam McCloskey**, Post-adoption Case Manager – 2023 Partner Engagement
- **Lorena Felan**, Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), Specialized Health & Social Services, Program Supervisor, Public Health Region 8 – 2023 Partner Engagement
- **Cassandra Saucedo**, DSHS, Specialized Health and Social Services Social Worker II – 2023 Partner Engagement
- **Jennifer Vasquez-Gonzalez**, San Antonio Behavioral Healthcare Hospital, Business Development Manager - 2023 Partner Engagement
- **Samuel Gonzalez**, Education Service Center, Region 20, Education Consultant/Transition - 2023 Ensures School Representation (The organization is part of the Bexar SOC Taskforce)
- **Alice Alvarez**, Kronkosky Charitable Foundation, Program Manager – 2023 Community Support (The organization is part of the Bexar SOC Taskforce)

The Bexar County Children and Youth Behavioral Health SOC Taskforce (Bexar SOC), alongside Bexar CRCG, is moving forward with plans to hold several asset mapping sessions. Organizations will participate in simulations to build empathy and identify struggles families are experiencing with accessing services. The results will determine the depth of connections between organizations, create deeper harmonization, and improve coordination.

We are grateful to Bexar CRCG and SOC participants for all their work to improve behavioral health coordination in Bexar County/San Antonio.

Upcoming CRCG Events

Combined Leader Training and Bridge Call

Starting on January 11, 2023, the State CRCG Office will host a combined leader training and bridge call session. These sessions offer time to provide training and technical assistance to CRCG leaders and answer questions, as well as an opportunity for leaders to share ideas, discuss challenges, and network. A portion of these sessions are dedicated to regional cohort breakout rooms to allow leaders to connect and build partnerships with other CRCGs in their region.

All CRCG leaders are welcome and encouraged to join each month. The training occurs every second Wednesday of the month from 10–11:30 a.m. CT. A calendar invite will be sent to all CRCG leaders with the meeting information. Upcoming dates and times include:

- January 11, 2023, 10-11:30 a.m. CST / 9-10:30 a.m. MST
- February 8, 2023, 10-11:30 a.m. CST / 9-10:30 a.m. MST
- March 8, 2023, 10-11:30 a.m. CST / 9-10:30 a.m. MST

For questions or additional information, please contact the State CRCG Office at CRCG@hsc.state.tx.us.

Restorative Practices for CRCGs Webinar Series: Strengthening Individual, Family, School, and Community Partnerships

Join the State CRCG Office and Region 4 Education Service Center for the Restorative Practices for CRCGs Webinar Series: Strengthening Individual, Family, School, and Community Partnerships.



Kay Pranis, Author, and Guest Speaker for the Restorative Practices for CRCGs Webinar Series

The purpose of this webinar series is to provide introductory information on the principles of Restorative Practices.

The series will feature guest speaker, Kay Pranis. Kay teaches and writes about the dialog process known as “Peacemaking Circles.” Her initial teachers in the circle work were Barry Stuart, a judge in Yukon, Canada, and Mark Wedge and Harold Gatensby, First Nations people of Yukon. From 1994-

2003 Kay held the position of Restorative Justice Planner at the Minnesota

Department of Corrections. Since that initial exposure to the use of Peacemaking Circles in the justice system, Kay has been involved in developing the use of Peacemaking Circles in schools, social services, churches, families, neighborhoods, museums, universities, municipal plannings, and workplaces.

Kay has authored or co-authored several books about Circles including the books *Circle Process* and *Circle Forward*.

Please see below for each session's date, time, and topic:

- January 25, 2023, from 1-3 p.m. CST: Introduction to Restorative Practices
- March 8, 2023, from 2-4 p.m. CST: Restorative Practices in Action
- May 31, 2023, from 2-3 p.m. CDT: The Circle Experience
- June 28, 2023, from 2-3 p.m. CDT: How to Implement Circle Practices during CRCG Meetings: Part 1
- August 23, 2023, from 2-3 p.m. CDT: How to Implement Circle Practices during CRCG Meetings: Part 2

To register for the webinar series, visit the [Restorative Practices for CRCGs Registration](#) webpage.

Recordings for past webinars are available online on the [CRCG Training and Technical Assistance](#) webpage.

CRCG Partner Agency Updates

Texas Health and Human Services Commission

Office of Mental Health Coordination

Veterans Mental Health Services

The Health and Human Services Commission's (HHSC) Veterans Mental Health Services consists of three components: Mental Health Program for Veterans ([MHPV](#)), Texas Veterans + Family Alliance Grant Program ([TV+FA](#)), and Veteran Suicide Prevention activities. Below, is a brief description of the MHPV.

Mental Health Program for Veterans

HHSC contracts with the [Texas Veterans Commission](#) (TVC) to jointly administer the MHPV. This program provides peer counseling services to service members, veterans, and their families (SMVF) through HHSC

contracts with Local Mental Health Authorities (LMHAs), and Local Behavioral Health Authorities.

The MHPV also includes the Rural Veterans Counselor program that employs Licensed Mental Health Professionals trained in military informed care to provide mental health services to veterans. This program is implemented at six LMHAs. In addition, HHSC contracts with Texas A&M University Health Science Center to operate the TexVet.org website (TexVet). [TexVet](#) serves as the resource directory in support of TVC's online performance tracking platform for peer service coordinators, volunteer peers, and providers.

In fiscal year 2022, 34,694 SMVF received 66,128 direct services. Of the total population served, 27,673 were veterans, 791 were service members, and 6,230 were family members. 73 percent of the individuals served were male and 27 percent were female. 1,397 veterans who are justice-involved received care.

For more information, email VMH_Coordination_Programs@hhs.texas.gov.

Mental Health First Aid

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training introduces participants to signs and symptoms of mental health and substance use concerns, builds understanding of their impact, and gives an overview of common treatments and resources.

Adult, youth, and teen MHFA trainings are available to community members across the state through the local mental health and behavioral health authorities. More information on how to enroll in a course can be found at [Mental Health First Aid | Texas Health and Human Services](#).

Texas System of Care

Community Roster Survey

Texas System of Care (SOC) is requesting help in updating the Texas SOC community roster by completing a brief survey. The roster contains contact information for all key administrators, practitioners, family and peer support providers, and others involved in SOC communities across the state. Your SOC can be at any stage of implementation – beginners and experts alike are encouraged to participate. This roster will serve as an invitation list for quarterly SOC community calls, training events, and other special activities. Feel free to forward this survey to any others who might want to participate.

To complete the survey, visit the [Texas SOC Community Roster Survey](#) webpage.

For more information about the SOC Community, please contact Tammy Holland at tammy.holland@austin.utexas.edu or (512) 785-1162.

Texas Mental Health Creative Arts Contest

Texas System of Care, in collaboration with the Texas Institute for Excellence in Mental Health at UT Austin and the Texas HHSC, is excited to announce the return of the annual Texas Mental Health Creative Arts Contest in 2023. The contest aims to raise awareness of mental health experiences, challenge stigma, and provide an opportunity to express complex emotions through creative outlets. Participants may enter by submitting original, creative works in one of three categories (original artwork, writing, or photography), that draws on the contest theme “Why Does Mental Health Matter to You?” The contest is open to Texans of all ages and is judged in four age groups—elementary school, middle school, high school, and adult—across each of the three categories. The contest is now open and will accept individual and group submissions through March 10, 2023.

For more information, including past winners, rules, and how to submit your artwork, visit the [Texas Mental Health Creative Arts Contest](#) website.

Mini-Grant Opportunity for Youth-Led Mental Health Projects

Texas System of Care is excited to announce the availability of grants to support youth-led mental health projects. These funds are intended to support creative, youth-led projects that raise awareness and reduce misinformation or negative perceptions of mental health in a school or community or support addressing a challenge that improves the mental health and well-being of young people. Applicants can request up to \$2,000, with up to 10 projects funded across the state. The applicant organization is responsible for fiscal management of the grant funds and general oversight, but should be committed to supporting youth leadership, planning, and execution of the project. Projects must be completed by August 15, 2023. For more information, visit the [Mini Grant for Youth-Led Mental Wellness Projects](#) webpage.

Mental Health and Substance Use Programs

Children’s Mental Health

On June 28th, 2022, pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 317, Governor Abbott authorized the transfer of funding between agencies to address an emergency and HHSC was allotted \$4.725M in general revenue for the Multisystemic Therapy (MST®) behavioral health initiative. HHSC awarded funding to seven local mental and behavioral health authorities: Bluebonnet Trails Community Services; Denton County MHMR

Center; Hill Country Mental Health and Developmental Disability Centers; LifePath Systems; North Texas Behavioral Health Authority; StarCare Specialty Health System; and Tropical Texas Behavioral Health.

MST is a non-traditional, evidence-based treatment model developed to treat youth with serious antisocial behavior and justice-involvement and their family systems. It is short-term (three to five months), intensive (available 24 hours a day), and delivered in the youth’s community and home instead of an office setting. MST promotes pro-social behavior to prevent the youth’s further involvement with the juvenile justice system.

Adult Mental Health

New! Texas Housing Support Line: 1-855-802-0014

HHSC announced a new housing support line went live on June 1, 2022. MHMR Tarrant County manages the support line. HHSC used funding authorized by the H.R. 133 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to develop it. This resource is available statewide, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to help people facing housing instability or homelessness, with a focus on people dealing with mental health or substance use issues.

Trained consultants refer callers to local housing resources, crisis services, local mental and behavioral health authorities, Outreach, Screening, Assessment, and Referral programs, and 2-1-1, as appropriate.

This resource is meeting a need in the state, as evidenced by the number of calls following its launch.

Housing Support Line Unduplicated Calls				
June 2022	July 2022	Aug 2022	Sept 2022	Oct 2022
22	754	873	505	419

Users of the support line also reported positive feedback about the resources to which they were referred.

Supported Employment and Texas Workforce Commission Partnership

HHSC’s Supported Employment and Texas Workforce Commission’s (TWC) Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) teams work together to provide local mental and behavioral health authorities and VR offices a better understanding of

their programs. This collaboration is enabling more people with disabilities to obtain and sustain employment more efficiently.

HHSC and TWC will host a two-part webinar series in January 2023. In part one, HHSC and TWC will discuss their key differences and how to establish more effective referral systems between agencies. In part two, local authority staff will address how they establish their referral and communication systems with local VR offices. HHSC will distribute recordings to contracted providers and post them at the Evidence-Based Practices Technical Assistance Webinar Channel at:

<https://www.gotostage.com/channel/8922127108329496326>.

To register for the webinars, click on the links below:

Part I. HHSC Supported Employment & TWC Vocational Rehabilitation Staff
Tue, Jan 3, 2023, 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. CST

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2986855649417024781>

Part II. HHSC Supported Employment & TWC Vocational Rehabilitation Staff
Tue, Jan 17, 2023, 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. CST

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6542875265249242123>

For more information on Adult Mental Health Programs, email

AdultMH@hhs.texas.gov.

Home and Community-Based Services – Adult Mental Health

The Home and Community-Based Services – Adult Mental Health (HCBS-AMH) program provides home and community-based services and supports to help adults with serious mental illness (SMI) maintain stability in the community of their choice. HCBS-AMH serves three target populations: people with SMI and a history of long-term psychiatric hospitalization, people with SMI and frequent utilization of emergency departments, and people with SMI and frequent confinements in jail.

HCBS-AMH services, which are provided in addition to traditional Medicaid state plan benefits, include residential services, employment services, nursing, peer support, adaptive aids, minor home modifications, home delivered meals, non-medical transportation, psychosocial rehabilitation, substance use disorder services, and recovery management.

Who Is Eligible for HCBS-AMH Services?

Texans 18 years or older with a mental illness and an accepted Medicaid type for the program may be eligible if they meet one of the following criteria:

- Spent three or more of the past five years in a psychiatric hospital

- Had four or more arrests and two psychiatric crises in the past three years
- Had fifteen or more emergency room visits and two psychiatric crises in the past three years

How Do I Get HCBS-AMH Services?

- Ask your social worker for help if you are in a state hospital.
- Call your local mental or behavioral health authority if you live in the community.

For more information on the referral and enrollment process, email HCBS-AMH Enrollment and Referral at HCBS-AMH-enrollmentandreferral@hhsc.state.tx.us.

If you are interested in becoming a provider for HCBS-AMH, visit [How Do I Become an HCBS-AMH Provider](#) webpage or email HCBS-AMH Services at hcbs-amh.services@hhsc.state.tx.us.

Rural Mental Health

Rural Mental Health was created by the Texas HHSC in September 2022 because HHSC recognizes the importance of rural mental health. Rural Mental Health works to ensure that all Texans have access to care at the right time and the right place.

Rural Mental Health seeks to increase mental and behavioral health care access in rural communities by:

- Highlighting successful mental and behavioral health practices currently in rural communities;
- Highlighting successful mental and behavioral health practices that could be scaled or adapted in rural communities;
- Supporting collaboration between mental and behavioral health providers; and
- Giving voice to the rural Texas experience and the unique opportunities and challenges experienced in rural communities.

Rural Mental Health will continue the [All Texas Access Initiative](#) and expand HHSC's effort to ensure all Texans can access the right care at the right time and place. All Texas Access is an initiative legislatively directed by [Senate Bill \(S.B.\) 454, 87th Legislature, 2021](#).

The new All Texas Access Report is now available on the [All Texas Access](#) webpage. To contact Rural Mental Health, email RuralMentalHealth@hhs.texas.gov.

Other News and Events

32nd Annual Texas School Social Workers Conference

The 32nd Annual Texas School Social Workers Conference hosted by the University of Texas at Austin Steve Hicks School of Social Work, will be held February 22-24, 2023, in Austin, Texas. The conference has been developed to give school-based service providers a wide array of effective techniques and programs to enhance their work as they meet the challenges found in today's school settings. Conference participants will gain new strategies and tools to empower children, parents, and school personnel. Registration is now open.

To learn more, visit the [32nd Annual Texas School Social Workers Conference](#) webpage.

NAMICon 2023

Join the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) community for NAMICon! Whether you connect in-person, May 24-27, 2023, at the Minneapolis Convention Center, or online, June 6-8, 2023, there is so much to learn and experience at NAMICon 2023.

Build connections, be inspired, reenergize, and reaffirm your commitment to building better lives for those affected by mental illness.

To learn more, visit the [NAMICon 2023](#) webpage.

36th Annual Texas Council Conference

The 36th Annual Texas Council Conference hosted by the Texas Council of Community Centers, will be held June 21-23, 2023, in Houston, Texas. The Annual Texas Council Conference brings together local, state, and national experts to share perspectives on best practices for integrated health, person directed and recovery-based services, Mental Health First Aid, public policy, peer support, and other promising practices affecting people with serious mental illness, intellectual and developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders.

To learn more, visit the [36th Annual Texas Council Conference](#) webpage.