



# Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

**Commissioner**  
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The Honorable Joan Huffman  
Texas Senate  
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The Honorable Lois Kolkhorst  
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The Honorable Greg Bonnen  
Texas House of Representatives  
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The Honorable James Frank  
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Dear Chair Huffman, Chair Kolkhorst, Chair Bonnen, Chair Frank, Ms. Hicks, and Mr. McGinty,:

Pursuant to the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act, Senate Bill 1, 88th Legislature Regular Session, Article II, Rider 36, DFPS is submitting a semi-annual update related to the use of Title IV-E federal funding and state funding utilized for children in conservatorship of the state placed in a congregate care setting. The report includes the total number of children in congregate care, the subtotal of children broken down by level of care, and total funding by method of finance.

DFPS will submit an updated progress report in September 2024. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Lea Ann Biggar  
Chief Financial Officer