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Introduction and Background

As required by Texas Family Code, Subchapter B-1, Chapter 264, Section 264.172 (f), 88th Texas Legislature, the Office of Community-Based Care Transition (OCBCT) “shall report to the legislature at least once each calendar quarter regarding the implementation of Community-Based Care in the state.” Status reports shall be provided on September 30, December 30, March 31, and June 30 of each year to the Texas Legislature.

Community-Based Care (CBC) changes the way the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) procures, contracts, and pays for paid foster care services. Under a performance-based grant agreement, a single contractor provides services to children and families in their community (also known as “catchments” or “community areas”). The Single Source Continuum Contractor (SSCC) contracts have a term of five years (60-months) with an optional one-time five-year (60-month) renewal, whereby at DFPS’ sole discretion, the SSCC contracts can be renewed for one additional 60-month term. Additionally, DFPS reserves the right to extend the contract as necessary to complete the mission of the procurement.

In Stage I, this SSCC is responsible for ensuring the full continuum of paid foster care placements and other services for children in the state’s legal conservatorship. SSCCs also support adoption recruitment, matching, and home studies. In Stage II, the SSCC expands services to include unverified relative or “kinship” placements, services to parents, and the SSCC has sole responsibility for the legal case management function. In Stage III, the SSCC continues the provision of all Stage I and II services and is awarded with financial incentives and disincentives for permanency outcomes, and additional performance measures for child safety and well-being. For information and data on the performance of SSCC contractors, see the [DFPS Rider 15 Report](#).

Update on Community-Based Care Expansion

On April 3, 2025, OCBCT and DFPS announced the award of three new SSCC contracts, which will move CBC into regions 6A, 6B, and 8A. DePelchin Children’s Center is the awarded SSCC for Harris County (6A) and Bay Area/Montgomery (6B). SJRC Texas and their SSCC division Belong is the awarded SSCC for Bexar County (8A). Find more information about the implementation timeline for these communities later in this report. In April 2025, roughly 49% of

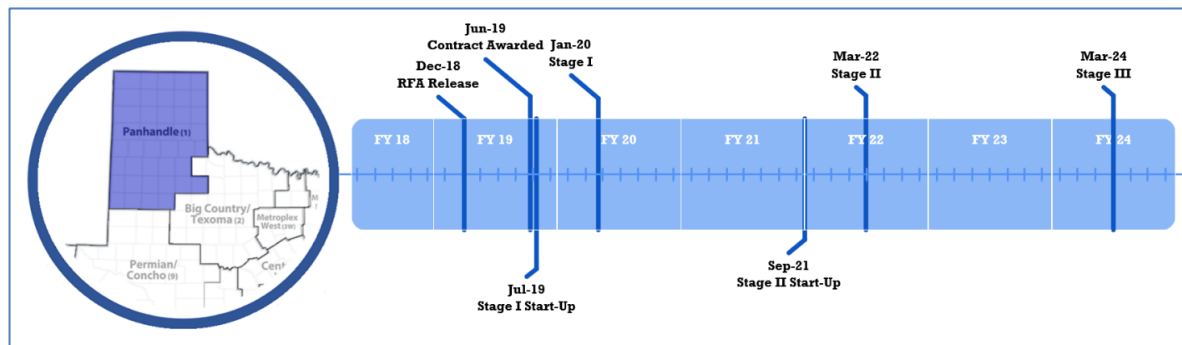


children in DFPS conservatorship were in SSCC community areas¹. Additionally, of the ten CBC catchment areas under contract, four SSCCs are in Stage III and three SSCCs are in Stage II. There are no catchments in Stage I as of this report; details of the progress specific to each catchment area are outlined later in this report.

DFPS will expand CBC into regions 7A, 7B, 11A, and 11B in the next biennium. Effective September 1, 2025, Senate Bill 513 (89th Texas Legislative Session) instructs the agency to collaborate with a lead agency to design a rural CBC pilot. DFPS and OCBCT will release Requests for Application (RFAs) and Requests for Proposal (RFPs) for these upcoming areas beginning in the Fall of 2025.

Panhandle- Saint Francis Community Services, Inc (SFCS) and their SSCC division, Saint Francis Community Services in Texas, Inc

The Panhandle community (Region 1) is comprised of [41 counties](#) in the Texas Panhandle. The visual below depicts the timeline of this community's CBC progress. SFCS is currently in Stage III in all 41 counties. SFCS did not earn an incentive and was not assessed a remedy for Stage III performance in Fiscal Year 2024. Saint Francis' SSCC contract award date was June 13, 2019, and the contract was renewed on June 13, 2024. Saint Francis' contract term date is June 13, 2029.

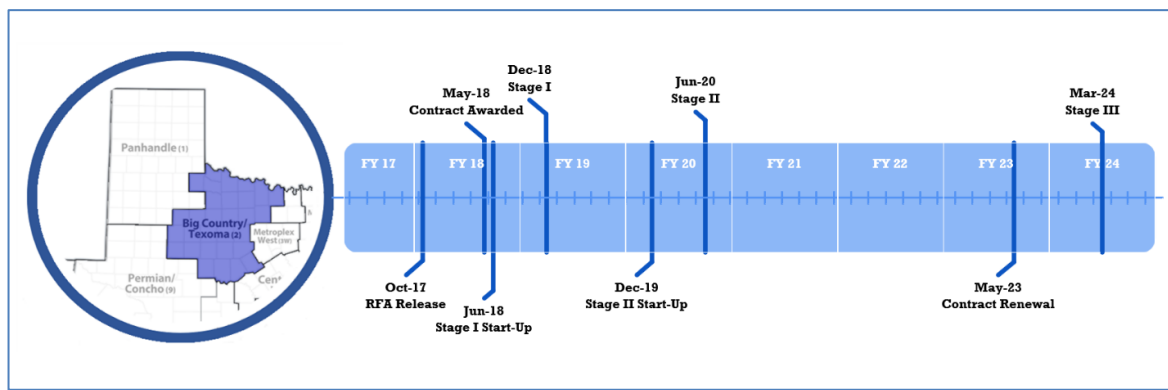


¹ [1fps_pp_01](#), May MDC



Big Country & Texoma- Texas Family Initiative and their SSCC Division, 2INGage

The Big Country & Texoma community (Region 2) is comprised of [30 counties](#) in northwest Texas. The visual below depicts the timeline of this community's CBC progress. 2INGage is currently in Stage III in all 30 counties. 2INGage did not earn an incentive and was not assessed a remedy for Stage III performance in Fiscal Year 2024. 2INGage's SSCC contract award date was May 29, 2018, and the contract was renewed on May 29, 2023. 2INGage's SSCC contract will end on May 29, 2028.



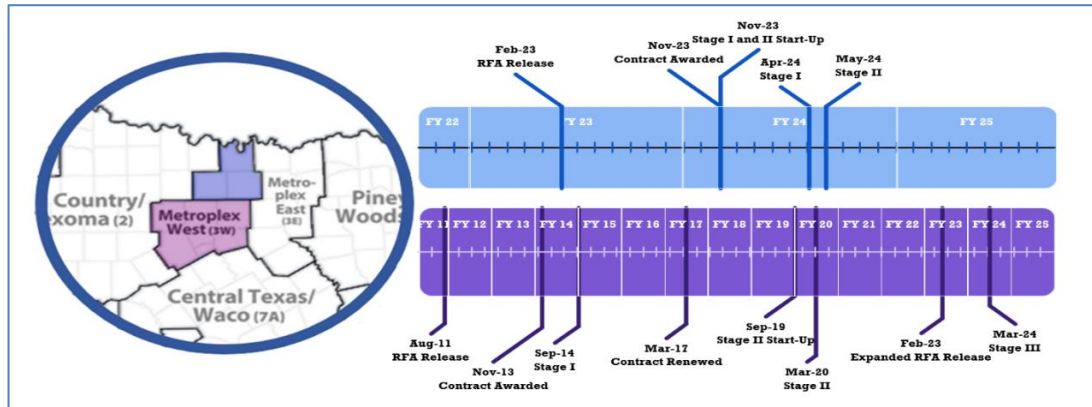
Metroplex West- ACH Child and Family Services and their SSCC Division, Our Community Our Kids (OCOK)

The Metroplex West community, previously known as Region 3W, is comprised of Cooke, Denton, Erath, Hood, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell, Tarrant, and Wise [counties](#). The visual below depicts the timeline of this community's CBC progress. OCOK has been the SSCC in the Metroplex West community since 2014, serving the southern seven of the ten counties in the area. OCOK is in Stage II for the northern three counties of Cooke, Denton, and Wise. OCOK is in Stage III for the counties of Erath, Hood, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell, and Tarrant. The visual below depicts the timelines for both Stage II and III for OCOK. OCOK's SSCC contract award date was November 31, 2023, and the 60-month renewal date is November 31, 2028.



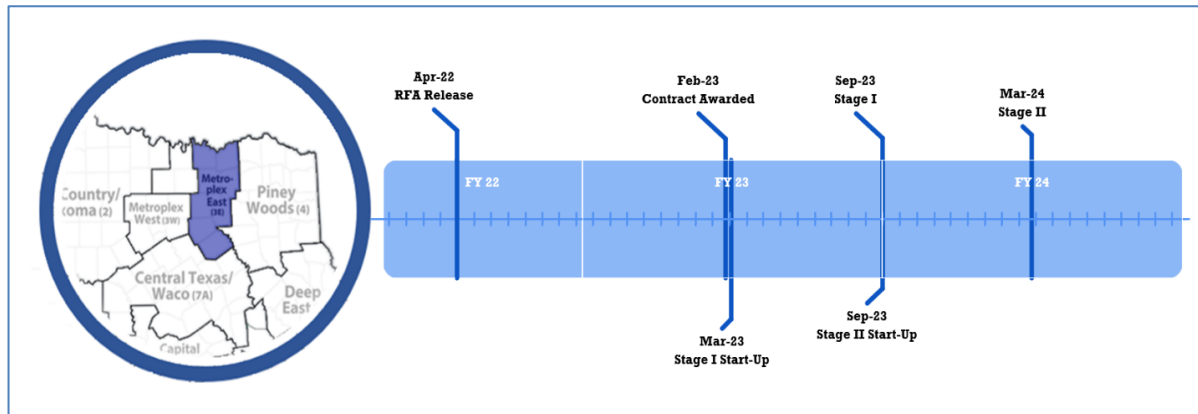
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OCOK recently earned an incentive for Stage III performance for Fiscal Year 2024.



Metroplex East- Texas Family Initiative and their SSCC Division, EMPOWER

The Metroplex East community (Region 3E) is comprised of the following [nine counties](#) in and around Dallas: Collin, Dallas, Ellis, Fannin, Grayson, Hunt, Kaufman, Navarro, and Rockwall. The visual below depicts the timeline of this community’s CBC progress. EMPOWER is currently in Stage II in all nine counties. EMPOWER’s SSCC contract award date was February 23, 2023, and the 60-month renewal date is February 23, 2028.

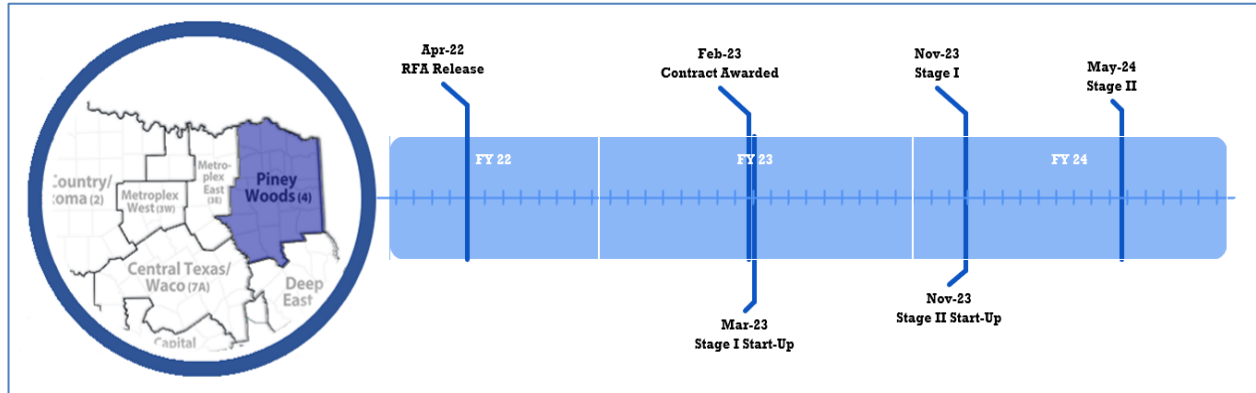


Piney Woods- Arrow Child & Family Ministries and their SSCC Division, 4Kids4Families



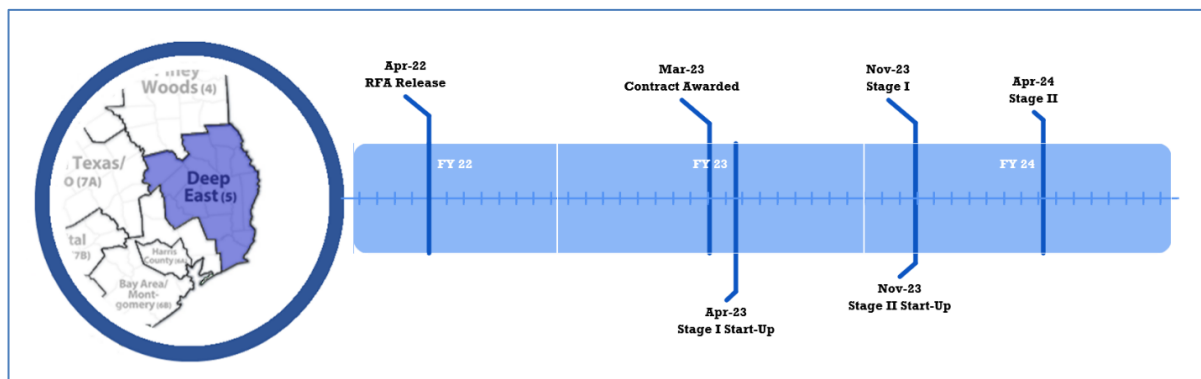
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The Piney Woods community (Region 4) is comprised of [23 counties](#). The visual below depicts the timeline of this community's CBC progress. 4Kids4Families is in Stage II in all 23 counties. 4Kids4Families contract award date was February 23, 2023, and the 60-month renewal date is February 23, 2028.



Deep East- Pressley Ridge and their SSCC Division, Texas Family Care Network (TFCN)

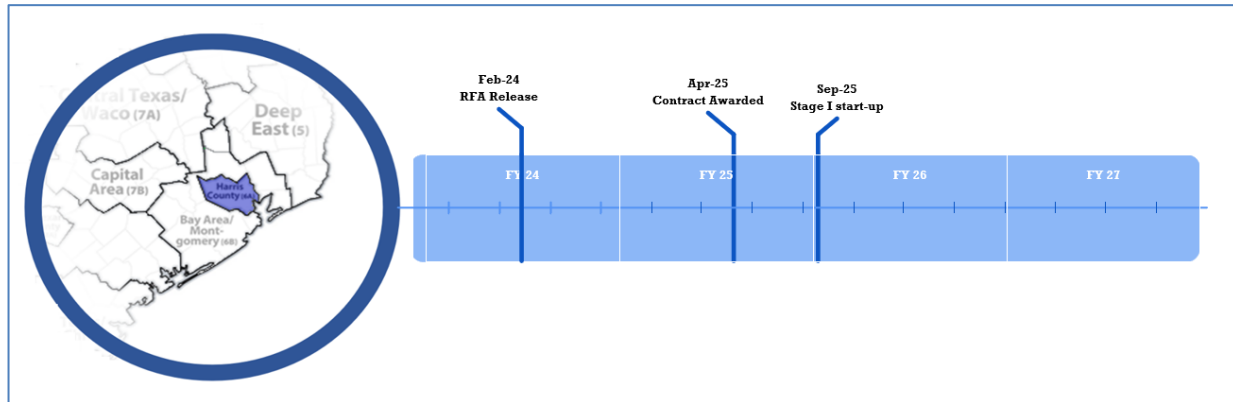
The Deep East community (Region 5) is comprised of [15 counties](#). The visual below depicts the timeline of this community's CBC progress. TFCN is in Stage II in all 15 counties. TFCN's contract award date was March 15, 2023, and the 60-month renewal date is March 15, 2028.



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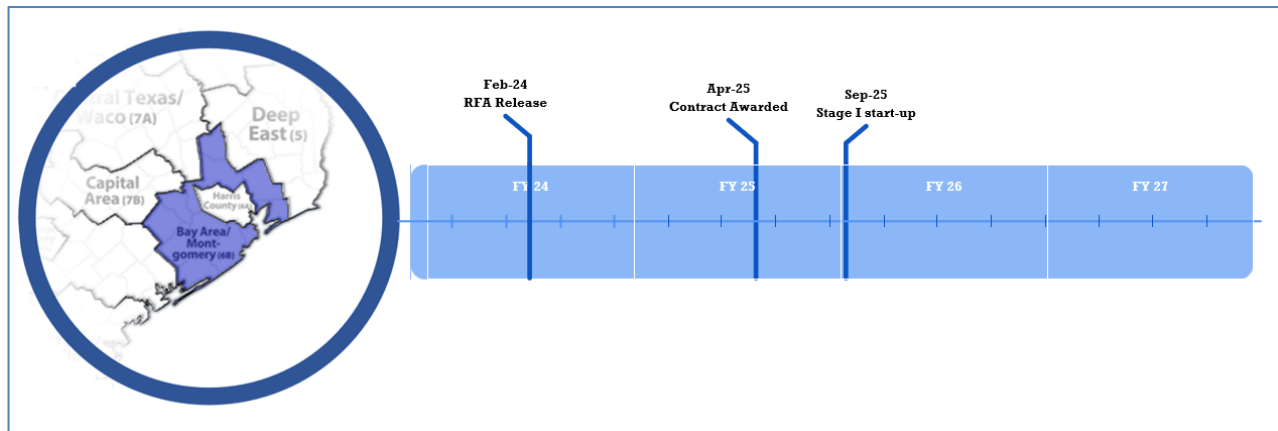
Harris County- DePelchin Children’s Center

The Harris County community (Region 6A) is comprised [Harris County](#). The visual below depicts the timeline of this community’s CBC progress. DePelchin Children’s Center will begin Stage I readiness in the Fall of 2025. DePelchin Children’s Center’s contract award date was April 1, 2025, and the 60-month renewal date is April 1, 2030.



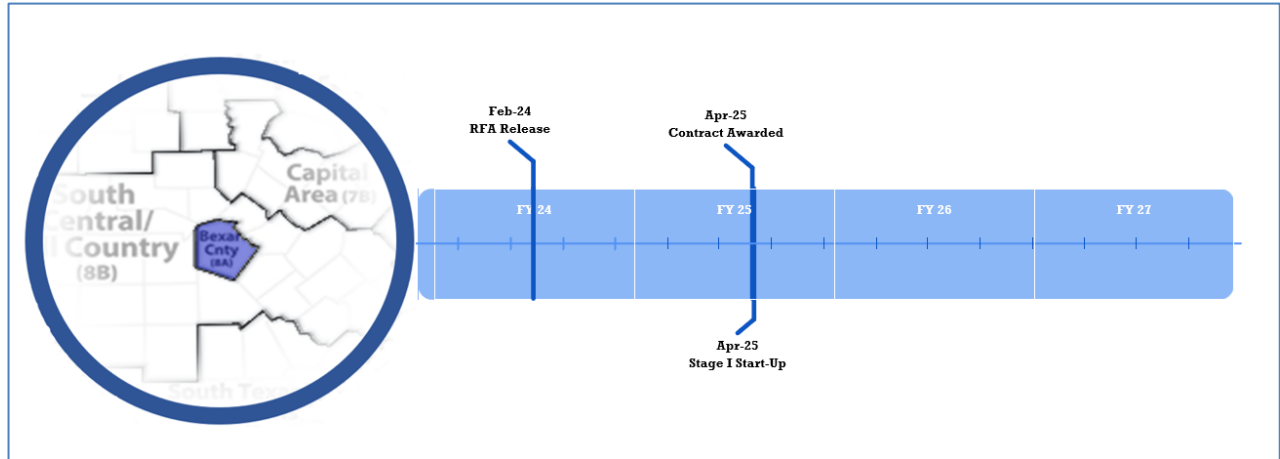
Bay Area/Montgomery- DePelchin Children’s Center

The Bay Area/Montgomery community (Region 6B) is comprised [13 counties](#) surrounding Harris County. The visual below depicts the timeline of this community’s CBC progress. DePelchin Children’s Center will begin Stage I readiness in the Fall of 2025. DePelchin Children’s Center’s contract award date was April 1, 2025, and the 60-month renewal date is April 1, 2030.



Bexar County- SJRC Texas and their SSCC Division, Belong

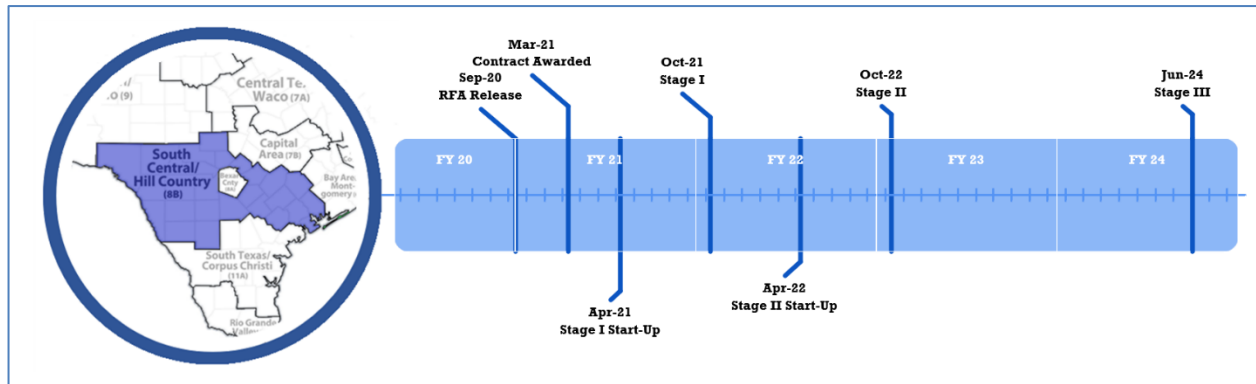
The Bexar County community (Region 8A) is comprised [Bexar County](#). The visual below depicts the timeline of this community's CBC progress. Belong is in Stage I readiness and is projected to begin Stage I in the Fall of 2025. Belong's contract award date for Bexar County was March 12, 2025, and the 60-month renewal date is March 1, 2030.



South Central & Hill Country- SJRC Texas and their SSCC Division, Belong

The South Central & Hill Country community (Region 8B) is comprised of [27 counties](#), excluding Bexar County. The visual below depicts the timeline of this community's CBC progress. Belong is in Stage III in all 27 counties. Belong (Region 8B) did not earn an incentive and was not assessed a remedy for Stage III performance in Fiscal Year 2024. Belong's contract award date for South Central and Hill Country was April 1, 2021 and the 60-month renewal date is April 1, 2026.





Conclusion

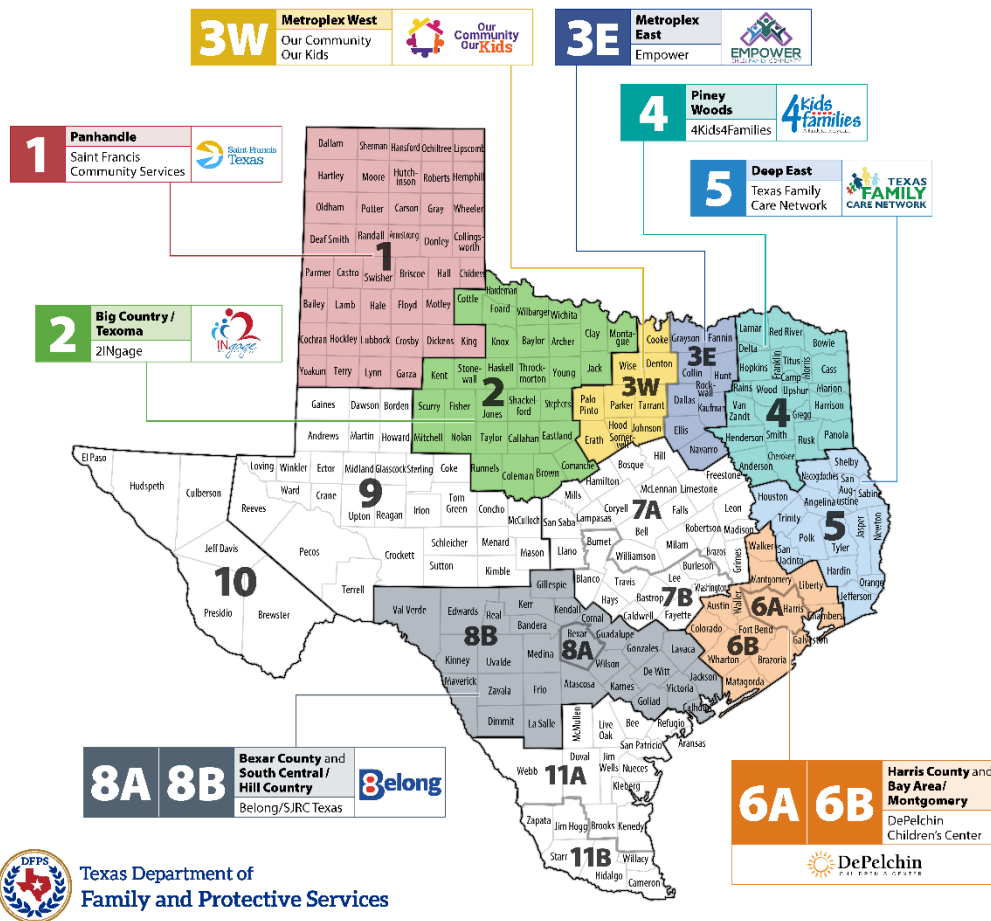
DFPS and OCBCT continue to support and sustain the implementation of CBC across the state. The commitment of stakeholders from all facets of the child welfare system is critical to CBC implementation. View the latest [CBC Implementation Plan](#) for additional information on the expansion of CBC.



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Appendix A: Current Community-Based Care Communities

DFPS / CBC Regional Map



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