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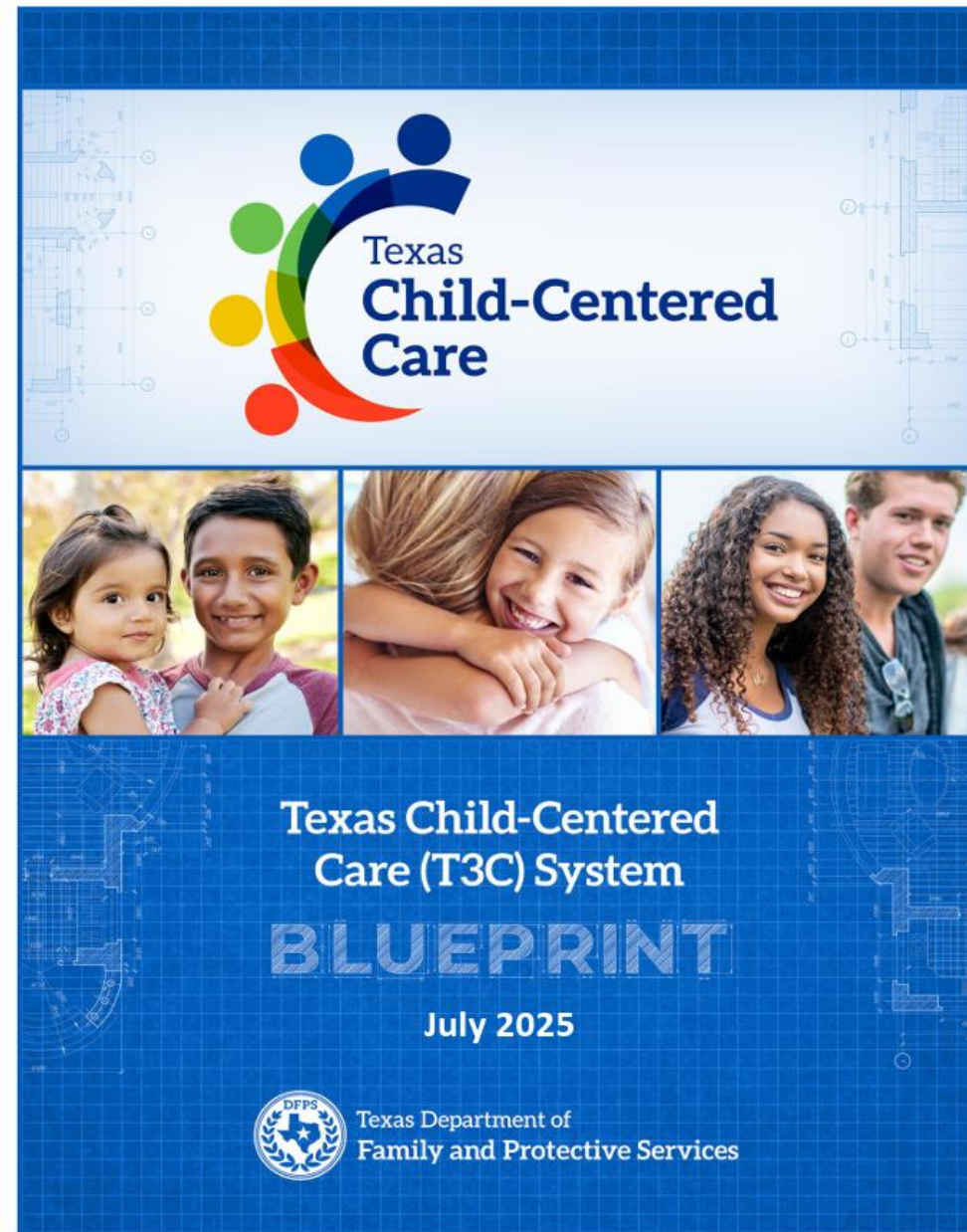
The T3C System Blueprint, 7th Edition **Change Log Review**

DFPS Stakeholder Webinar

July 30th 2025

Welcome

- Thank you for joining today's webinar hosted by the DFPS T3C Project Management Office.
- Today we will be reviewing changes made to the *T3C System Blueprint*, 7th Edition that was released by DFPS on July 28th 2025.





Before We Get Started

- Today's Webinar is being recorded, and the recording along with a copy of the PowerPoint presentation will be posted on the DFPS T3C Webpage: https://www.dfps.texas.gov/Texas_Child_Centered_Care/whats_new.asp.
- The TEAMS chat feature for this Webinar is not enabled, if you have questions about today's presentation or about the *T3C System Blueprint* or the T3C System in general, please e-mail them to dfpstexaschildcenteredcare@dfps.texas.gov. This mailbox is closely monitored, and we will respond to your questions.
- The T3C Project Management Office maintains a current list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the DFPS T3C System webpage. We encourage everyone to routinely review the FAQs to learn more about the effort.
- To access a copy of the **latest** version of the *T3C System Blueprint* please visit: https://www.dfps.texas.gov/Texas_Child_Centered_Care/documents/t3c_blueprint.pdf

How to Access a Copy of the *latest* T3C System Blueprint

1) Visit www.dfps.texas.gov

2) Look for Texas Child Centered Care on top of Page

3) Under General Information Click on “What’s New”

4) Click on the link titled “Texas Child-Centered Care (T3C) System Blueprint”

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What's New

See the Full Credential Application Forms and link to the T3C Credentialing Platform on the [Full Credentialing](#) page.

See the Interim Credential Application Forms on the [Interim Credentialing](#) page.

See the most recent edition of the [Texas Child-Centered Care \(T3C\) System Blueprint](#) and [Change Log](#).

If you were not able to attend past *T3C System Blueprint* webinars, the recordings and presentations are available in the T3C [webinar archive](#).

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T3C System Blueprint Update

The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) is excited to announce the release of the July 2025 update to the [Texas Child-Centered Care \(T3C\) System Blueprint](#).

Webinar & Frequently Asked Questions

DFPS is hosting a webinar that will give a brief overview of the updates made to the *T3C System Blueprint*. The webinar will be held on:

- [Wednesday, July 30, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.](#)

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The T3C System Blueprint & Change Log

- *The Blueprint* is a guide for Texas foster care stakeholders to gain an understanding of the framework and parameters inherent in each of the twenty-four (24) Service Packages and three (3) Add-On Services.
- A webinar that walks stakeholders through how to read the *T3C System Blueprint* is posted on the DFPS T3C webpage and can be accessed by visiting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rw8cJR5OTB4&feature=youtu.be>
- The document will be updated quarterly (January, April, July, October) to include revisions (if necessary) and provide detailed information related to transition and implementation of the T3C System.
- The Service Packages and Add-On Services are defined in the *Blueprint*, and there should not be substantive changes to requirements. Updates between editions are intended to provide additional clarification to language, largely based on stakeholder questions submitted through the FAQ process.
- Sections related to readiness/implementation, resource opportunities, credentialing, contract oversight and monitoring are intended to change between Editions, as more information becomes available.
- With the release of each quarterly edition of the *T3C System Blueprint*, DFPS will release an updated version of a “Change Log”. The purpose of the *T3C System Blueprint Change Log* is to provide detailed information on changes made to the *T3C System Blueprint* between published versions for ease in tracking and to ensure transparency.
- The *T3C System Blueprint Change Log* can be accessed by visiting the following: https://www.dfps.texas.gov/Texas_Child_Centered_Care/documents/t3c_blueprint_change_log.pdf.

How to Access a Copy of the T3C System Blueprint *Change Log*

1) Visit www.dfps.texas.gov

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3) Under General Information Click on "T3C System Blueprint"

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The Blueprint is a guide for Texas foster care stakeholders to gain an understanding of the framework and parameters inherent in each of the twenty-four Service Packages and three Add-On Services.

The *Texas Child-Centered Care System Blueprint* is a product of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) and will be updated quarterly (January, April, July, October) to include revisions (if necessary) and provide detailed information related to transition and implementation of the T3C System. Included with each revision, will be a Change Log that will detail any changes made in the document.

The transition to this new system will be an iterative process where lessons will be learned, and modifications will be made for continued improvement, so the *T3C System Blueprint* will be the primary vehicle for communicating changes.

Any changes made will be described in the Change Log.

Blueprint Revisions

Current Edition:

- [July 2025 Blueprint](#)
- [Change Log](#)

Past Blueprint Editions:

- [April 2025 Blueprint](#)
- [January 2025](#)
- [November 2024](#)
- [July 2024](#)
- [April 2024](#)



How to Read the Change Log

The Cover Page will always include the “As of” date, so that it is clear when the log was last updated.

The Change Log will be refreshed quarterly and will show a running list of all changes made between editions.

The Change Log reflects the following:

Item number- running list of numerical changes

Date of Change-reflects date of edition where change was made

Prior Page Number-where changed content was located in prior edition

Previous Language-language used in prior edition that is changing.

New Page Number-changed content reflected in latest edition.

Revised Language-reflects changes made to language in track changes.

T3C System Blueprint Change Log

As of July 2025

Item	Date of Change	Prior Page Number/s	Previous Language	New Page Number/s	Revised Language
1	July, 2025	26	<u>As a Provider, What Should I Be Doing to Prepare for Transition to the T3C System?</u> [New bullet point added]	26	<u>As a Provider, What Should I Be Doing to Prepare for Transition to the T3C System:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visit T3C Ready at https://tacfs.org/t3c-ready/, an initiative of the Single Source Continuum Contractors (SSCCs) and the Texas Alliance of Child & Family Services (TACFS). T3C Ready has valuable information to help providers actively prepare for the transition, including a T3C Readiness Assessment tool, learning opportunities, and other resources. Many previously held T3C Learning Sessions have been recorded and are available for providers at the TACFS Online Learning Center. Please watch the website for upcoming planned in person and virtual T3C Readiness Learning Sessions.• TACFS and DFPS are excited to partner together in virtual T3C Office Hours! T3C Office Hours are regularly scheduled and allow Licensed Providers to drop in and ask any questions about T3C. Whether you've got a question about T3C requirements, updated Blueprints, credentialing, FAQs, Rates & Funding, Events & Training, or anything else T3C, drop in and ask us! T3C Office Hours are available for Licensed Providers only and will allow providers to ask burning questions and learn from other's experience. Office Hours will begin again occurring weekly on Fridays at 11:00 on April 25, 2025. There is no need to register, you can join the call via the link on our website.• TACFS hosts a Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Community. In 2025, we are offering Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) support as a facilitated



What changed between the 6th and 7th
Editions of the T3C System Blueprint?

Item 1. As a Provider, What Should I Be Doing to Prepare for Transition to the T3C System?

Reason for Change:

Updated information on new learning opportunities and resources offered through the T3CReady.org campaign, which is a partnership of the SSCCs and the Texas Alliance of Child and Family Services.

					<i>learning community rather than a training series. Providers identify topics (such as identifying program outcomes and how to evaluate them) and then we discuss and problem solve as a group. If you're interested in being part of the CQI Community, the meetings occur on the first Tuesdays of each month from 9:00-10:00. You can register on our website under Upcoming Events.</i>
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>TACFS and DFPS are excited to partner together in virtual T3C Office Hours! T3C Office Hours are regularly scheduled and allow Licensed Providers to drop in and ask any questions about T3C. Whether you've got a question about T3C requirements, updated Blueprints, credentialing, FAQs, Rates & Funding, Events & Training, or anything else T3C, drop in and ask us! T3C Office Hours are available for Licensed Providers only and will allow providers to ask burning questions and learn from other's experience. Office Hours will begin again occurring weekly on Fridays at 11:00 on April 25, 2025. There is no need to register, you can join the call via the link on our website.</i><i>TACFS hosts a Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Community. In 2025, we are offering Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) support as a facilitated</i>

Item 2. Provider Eligibility for the Interim Credential

Reason for Change:

New note added to help clarify that for a provider to qualify for an Interim Credential for the T3C Treatment Foster Family Care Service Package, the provider must have an existing active Treatment Foster Family Care Contract with either DFPS or an SSCC.

2	July, 2025	34	<u>Provider Eligibility for the Interim Credential</u> [New statement added under 2. Active Residential Child Care Contract]	35	<u>Provider Eligibility for the Interim Credential</u> <i>Please note for Residential Childcare Contractors seeking an Interim Credential for the T3C Treatment Foster Family Care Service Package, the provider must have an existing actively utilized contract for Treatment Family Foster Care with DFPS and/or an SSCC.</i>
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Item 3. Interim-to-Full-Application (new section)

Reason for Change:
This is a new section added to describe the application that will be used by providers moving from the Interim Active to Full Active Credential for a Service Package.

The Interim-to-Full Application will not be published on-line, rather it will be provided to eligible providers by the DFPS Credentialing team.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Staffing structure;</i>• <i>Organizational chart; or</i>• <i>Other core components.</i>• <i>The provider must attest to there being no substantive changes.</i> <p>2. <i>A provider may only use the Interim-to-Full Application to apply for Full Credentials for Service Packages where they already hold an Active Interim Credential.</i></p> <p><i>This application will be provided to eligible providers by the DFPS Credentialing Team upon award of the Active Interim Credential.</i></p>
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Item 4. Service Package Description

Reason for Change:
Needed technical correction to avoid duplication in wording.

4	July, 2025	250	<p><u>Service Package Description</u></p> <p>A trauma-informed facility, that in addition to providing a child’s basic living needs, including food, clothing, shelter, education, vocation, transportation, recreation, and extracurricular needs, has a formal treatment program that specializes in providing and coordinating Time-limited Services to support the custom needs of children, youth, and young adults who present with or who are pending a DSM-5 diagnosis for an emotional, conduct, or behavioral disorder, and require structured and frequent, on-site, clinical intervention require structured and frequent, on-site therapy and clinical intervention, and complex care coordination and case management services to support and manage day-to-day activities.</p>	248	<p><u>Service Package Description</u></p> <p>A trauma-informed facility, that in addition to providing a child’s basic living needs, including food, clothing, shelter, education, vocation, transportation, recreation, and extracurricular needs, has a formal treatment program that specializes in providing and coordinating Time-limited Services to support the custom needs of children, youth, and young adults who present with or who are pending a DSM-5 diagnosis for an emotional, conduct, or behavioral disorder, and require structured and frequent, on-site, clinical intervention require structured and frequent, on-site therapy and clinical intervention, and complex care coordination and case management services to support and manage day-to-day activities.</p>
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Item 5. Appendix II.B: Service Package Dependencies for T3C Interim Credential Requirements

Reason for Change:
Technical correction, since the Add-On
Services’ Case Management is addressed
in a different section of the Appendix.

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5	July, 2025	439	<p><u>Appendix II.B: Service Package Dependencies for T3C Interim Credential Requirements</u></p> <p>Aftercare Case Manager:</p> <p>All Service Packages & Add-On Services except:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• T3C Basic Foster Family Home Support Services;• Short-Term Assessment Support Services;• GRO: Tier I T3C Basic Child Care Operation; and• GRO: Tier I Emergency Emotional Support & Assessment Center Services.	444 & 445	<p><u>Appendix II.B: Service Package Dependencies for T3C Interim Credential Requirements</u></p> <p>Aftercare Case Manager:</p> <p>All Service Packages & Add-On Services except:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• T3C Basic Foster Family Home Support Services;• Short-Term Assessment Support Services;• GRO: Tier I T3C Basic Child Care Operation; and• GRO: Tier I Emergency Emotional Support & Assessment Center Services.
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Item 6. Appendix II.B:
Service Package
Dependencies for T3C
Interim Credential
Requirements

Reason for Change:
Technical correction to align the
Registered Nurse requirements in
Appendix II.B with what is required in the
GRO Tier II Complex Medical Services
Support Stabilization Service Package.

6	July, 2025	442 & 443	<p><u>Appendix II.B: Service Package Dependencies for T3C Interim Credential Requirements</u></p> <p>Registered Nurse(s) that must be actual staff members, and plan for on- call availability if applicable to Service Package.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complex Medical Needs or Medically Fragile Support Services;• GRO: Tier I Complex Medical Needs Treatment Services to Support Community Transition	448 & 449	<p><u>Appendix II.B: Service Package Dependencies for T3C Interim Credential Requirements</u></p> <p>Registered Nurse(s) that must be actual staff members, and plan for on-call availability if applicable to Service Package.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complex Medical Needs or Medically Fragile Support Services;• GRO: Tier I Complex Medical Needs Treatment Services to Support Community Transition; <i>and</i>• GRO: Tier II Complex Medical Services to Support Stabilization.
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Item 7. Appendix II.B: Service Package Dependencies for T3C Interim Credential Requirements

Reason for Change:
Technical correction to align Registered Nurse requirements in Appendix II.B with what is required in the GRO Tier II: Complex Medical Services to Support Stabilization Service Package.

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			<p>availability if applicable to Service Package.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IDD/Autism Spectrum Disorder Support Services;• GRO: Tier I Substance Use Treatment Services to Support Community Transition;• GRO: Tier I Mental & Behavioral Health Treatment Services to Support Community Transition;• GRO: Tier I IDD/Autism Spectrum Disorder Treatment Services to Support Community Transition; and• All GRO: Tier II Service Packages		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GRO: Tier I Substance Use Treatment Services to Support Community Transition;• GRO: Tier I Mental & Behavioral Health Treatment Services to Support Community Transition;• GRO: Tier I IDD/Autism Spectrum Disorder Treatment Services to Support Community Transition; and• All GRO: Tier II Service Packages; <i>except for GRO: Tier II Complex Medical Services to Support Stabilization.</i>
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Item 8. Appendix III. B: Service Package Dependencies for T3C Full Credential Requirements

Reason for Change:

Technical correction to align Registered Nurse requirements in Appendix III.B with what is required in the GRO Tier II: Complex Medical Services to Support Stabilization Service Package.

8	July, 2025	442 & 443	<p><u>Appendix III.B: Service Package Dependencies for T3C Full Credential Requirements</u></p> <p>Registered Nurse(s) that must be actual staff members, and plan for on-call availability if applicable to Service Package.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complex Medical Needs or Medically Fragile Support Services; and• GRO: Tier I Complex Medical Needs Treatment Services to Support Community Transition	449 & 500	<p><u>Appendix III.B: Service Package Dependencies for T3C Full Credential Requirements</u></p> <p>Registered Nurse(s) that must be actual staff members, and plan for on-call availability if applicable to Service Package.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complex Medical Needs or Medically Fragile Support Services; and• GRO: Tier I Complex Medical Needs Treatment Services to Support Community Transition; <i>and</i>• <i>GRO: Tier II Complex Medical Services to Support Stabilization.</i>
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Item 9. Appendix III.B: Service Package Dependencies for T3C Full Credential Requirements

Reason for Change:

Technical correction to align
Registered Nurse requirements in
Appendix III.B with what is required in
the GRO Tier II: Complex Medical
Services to Support Stabilization
Service Package.

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Item 10. Appendix IV: T3C TAC Rule Waiver Reference (new appendix)

Reason for Change:

Adds new appendix that outlines which of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Rules have been waived by the DFPS Commissioner if the child is receiving a T3C Service Package and Add-On Service, and which of the T3C related Rules have been waived if the child continues to be served under the Service Level System.

10	July, 2025	Not Applicable	New Appendix	512	<u>Appendix IV: T3C TAC Rule Waiver Reference</u>
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Please Remember:

- **Each Service Package and Add-On Service is Distinct-** while there may be some policies/procedures, model(s), etc. that are common across your agency/organization– having a clearly defined program that is designed to meet the custom needs of children (based on the specific Service Package/ Add-On Service) through targeted services/interventions/treatment is required under the T3C System.
- **The T3C System does not replace any of the requirements associated with your permit and minimum standards.**
- **Being Credentialed qualifies a provider to offer a specific Service Package and Add-On Service but is not the same as having a DFPS or SSCC residential child contract to serve children, youth, and young adults. Once Credentialed, the provider's DFPS and/or SSCC Residential Contract(s) will have to be amended in order to serve children under the new Service Package or Add-On Service.**
- **The placement process changes under the T3C System- using a *Collaborative Universal Screening/Services Planning Process*, the child's needs dictate the type of Service Package to be sought, and providers are identified based on whether they are Credentialed *and* Contracted to provide the Service Package.**



Reminders

- The Interim Credential Application will remain active until the end of December 2025, so please plan accordingly. After December 2025, providers must apply using the Full Credential Application.



Closing

- On behalf of the T3C Project Management Office, thank you so much for attending today's webinar.
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