



Texas Child-Centered Care (T3C) System:

The T3C System Blueprint, 11th Edition **Change Log Review**

DFPS Stakeholder Webinar

August 6th, 2026

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*, 11th Edition that was released by DFPS on July 29th, 2026.





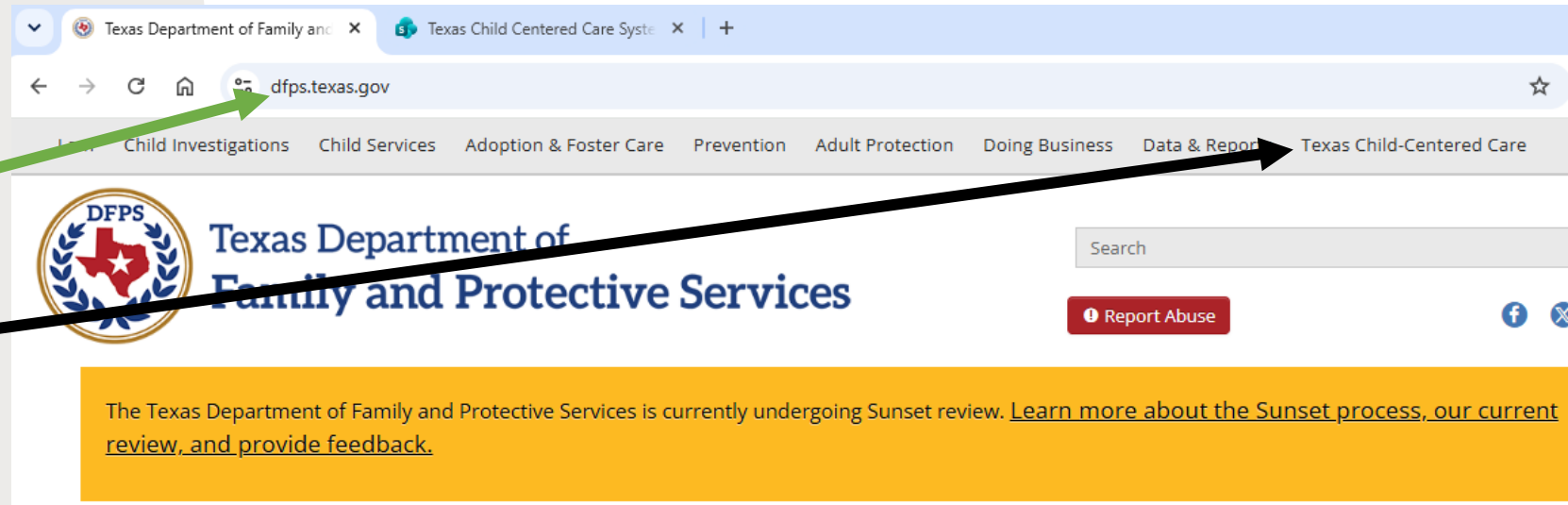
Before We Get Started

- 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, so 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, with newly added or updated questions marked. 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

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4) Click on either of the links titled “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 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](#).

July 2026

T3C System Blueprint Update

The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) is excited to announce the release of the July 2026 update to the [Texas Child-Centered Care \(T3C\) System Blueprint](#).

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:
[Thursday, August 6th, 2026, at 1:00p.m.](#)



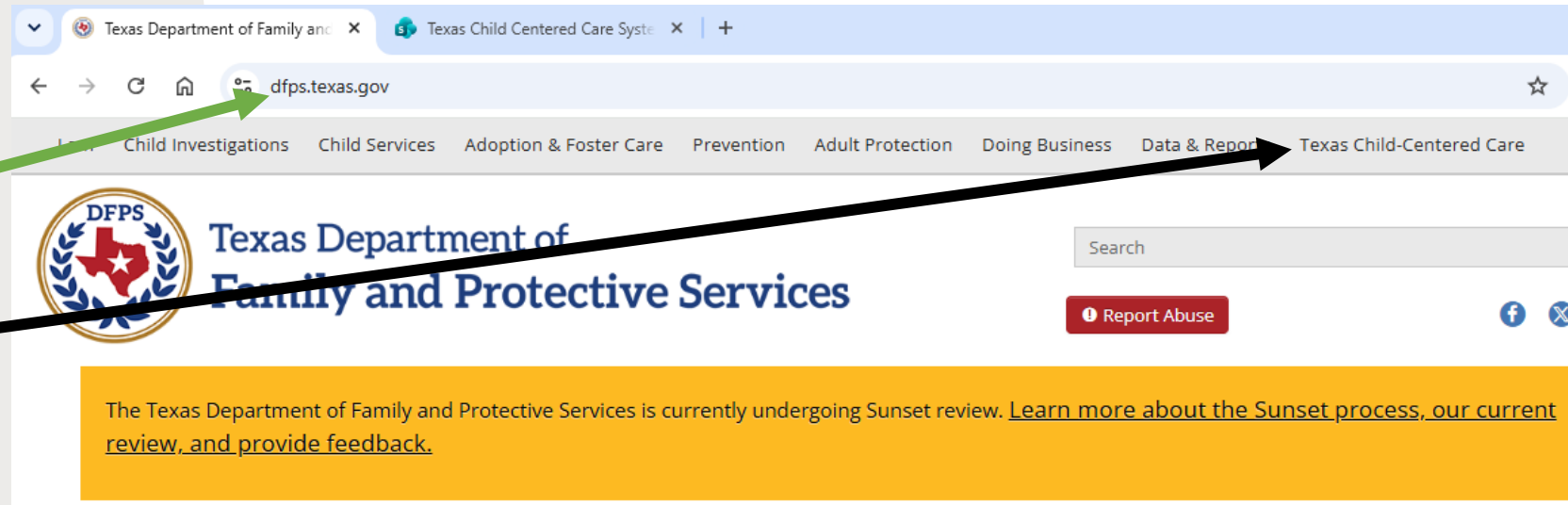
The T3C System Blueprint & Change Log

- *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 the “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.

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The *Texas Child-Centered Care System Blueprint* is a product of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) and is 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, is a Change Log that details any changes made in the document.

The transition to this new system is 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.

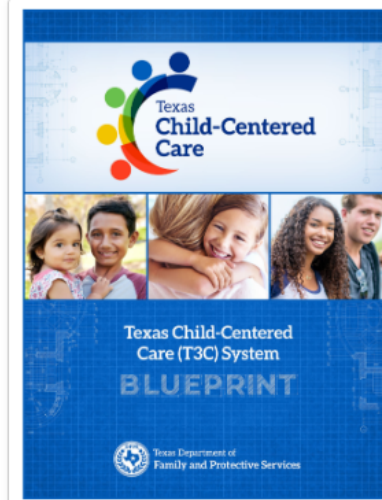
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Blueprint Revisions

Current Edition:

- [July 2026 Blueprint](#)
- [Change Log](#)

Past Blueprint Editions:



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System Blueprint Change Log

As of July 2026

The purpose of the Change Log is to provide detailed information on changes made to the *T3C System Blueprint* between published versions.

If you have questions related to these changes, or anything else related to T3C, please email them to dfpstexaschildcenteredcare@dfps.texas.gov.

To view the *T3C System Blueprint* in its entirety please visit:
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11th Edition July 2026

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1	July, 2026	10	<u>Commonly Used Terms</u> After Care Service [new bullet added]	10	<u>Commonly Used Terms</u> After Care Service For children and youth that have discharged to an adoptive placement or had an adoption consummated, identify and encourage enrollment with the Post-Adoption Support Services provider in the area of the child's permanent placement.
2	July, 2026		<u>Commonly Used Terms</u> [New Term Added]	16	<u>Commonly Used Terms</u> Recommended Service Package: The Recommended Service Package identifies the best Service Package to meet the child's primary and most challenging need, given the most recent information gathered at the time of the CANS 3.0 Assessment. For children under 3 years old who are unable to be administered the CANS, the caseworker uses supporting documentation and their knowledge and professional judgment to identify the most appropriate Recommended Service Package.
3	July, 2026		<u>Commonly Used Terms</u> [New Term Added]	16	<u>Commonly Used Terms</u> Selected Service Package: The Selected Service Package refers to the Service Package that the caseworker and Service Planning Team have collaboratively discussed, and the caseworker makes the final determination will be the basis for the array of services to be provided to the child until the next CANS and Service Plan Review. It is entered into IMPACT to authorize the correct Service Package reimbursement rate.
4	July, 2026	27	<u>As a Provider, What Should I Be Doing to Prepare for Transition to the T3C System?</u> [New bullet point added]	27	<u>As a Provider, What Should I Be Doing to Prepare for Transition to the T3C System?</u> 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).



What changed between the 10th and 11th
Editions of the *T3C System Blueprint*?

Item 1.

Commonly Used Terms

Reason for Change:
A bullet was added to the definition of Aftercare Services, under the list of expectations. This is to remind providers that are discharging children to an adoptive placement of the importance of encouraging enrollment in Post-Adoption Support Services.

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- For children and youth that have discharged to an adoptive placement or had an adoption consummated, identify and encourage enrollment with the Post-Adoption Support Services provider in the area of the child’s permanent placement.
- Consistent and ongoing engagement with the child and families to support transition and to maintain healthy connections.

Item 2.

Commonly Used Terms

Reason for Change:
Adding a set definition for
Recommended Service Package as an
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Item 3.

Commonly Used Terms

Reason for Change:
Adding a set definition for Selected Service Package as an easy reference.

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3	July, 2026		<u>Commonly Used Terms</u> [New Term Added]	16	<u>Commonly Used Terms</u> <i>Selected Service Package: The Selected Service Package refers to the Service Package that the caseworker and Service Planning Team have collaboratively discussed, and the caseworker makes the final determination will be the basis for the array of services to be provided to the child until the next CANS and Service Plan Review. It is entered into IMPACT to authorize the correct Service Package reimbursement rate.</i>

Item 4.

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

Reason for Change:
Updating information on current resources and opportunities available through T3C Ready.

Item	Date of Change	Prior Page Number/s	Previous Language	New Page Number/s	Revised Language
4	July, 2026	27	<u>As a Provider, What Should I Be Doing to Prepare for Transition to the T3C System?</u> [New bullet point added]	27	<u>As a Provider, What Should I Be Doing to Prepare for Transition to the T3C System?</u> - 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, countdown_clock, 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. - T3C Ready Accelerator events occur live across the state. These 2-day workshops focus on hands-on work to develop organizational T3C readiness. Experts provide small group learning & application around subjects such as treatment models, policies & procedures, logic models, staffing, completing the T3C credentialing_application and more. Please check the T3C Ready website and stay tuned for upcoming dates and locations. - 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 have 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 occur twice a month on Fridays at 11:00 There is no need to register, you can join the call via the link on our website.

Item 5.

The Credentialing Process

Reason for Change:
Added language to clarify expectations and applicability.

Item	Date of Change	Prior Page Number/s	Previous Language	New Page Number/s	Revised Language
5	July, 2026	33	<u>The Credentialing Process</u> New and existing providers electing to provide one or more of the T3C Service Packages and/or Add-On Services will need to apply to become Credentialed. Based on the current T3C roll-out schedule, all providers will have to become Credentialed before September 1, 2027, to provide services to children and youth in DFPS conservatorship or young adults in Extended Foster Care (except for providers only offering Supervised Independent Living Services).	33	<u>The Credentialing Process</u> New and existing providers electing to provide one or more of the T3C Service Packages and/or Add-On Services will need to apply to become Credentialed. Based on the current T3C roll-out schedule, all providers will have to become Credentialed for at least one T3C Service Package before September 1, 2027, to provide services to children and youth in DFPS conservatorship or young adults in Extended Foster Care (except for providers only offering Supervised Independent Living Services or Adoption-only services).

Item 6.

Full Credentialing: T3C System Annual Credential Report

Reason for Change:
Added language in anticipation of the August release of the Annual Report template, and to clarify for providers how to identify the month in which their Annual Report must be submitted.

Item	Date of Change	Prior Page Number/s	Previous Language	New Page Number/s	Revised Language
6	July, 2026	43	<u>Full Credentialing:</u> <u>T3C System Annual Credential Report:</u> During the Active Full Credential period, the provider must submit an annual T3C System Credential Report to DFPS to ensure model fidelity between Re-credentialing periods. This report will be data-based and provide details on the organization's operation of the various Service Package(s) and Add-On Service(s) to include reports on workforce, staff/caregiver turnover, staff/caregiver tenure, admission and discharge rates, average length of stay, outcome, and other data. The due date for each provider's T3C System Credential Report will align with the expiration month of the Active Full Credential for all Service Packages and Add-On Services. For example, if the Active Full Credential for the CPA's Foster Family Home Service Packages expires in January 2029, then the annual report will always be due in January of each calendar	43	<u>Full Credentialing:</u> <u>T3C System Annual Credential Report:</u> During the Active Full Credential period, the provider must submit an annual T3C System Credential Report to DFPS to ensure model fidelity between Re-credentialing periods. This report will be data-based and provide details on the organization's operation of the various Service Package(s) and Add-On Service(s) to include reports on workforce, staff/caregiver turnover, staff/caregiver tenure, admission and discharge rates, average length of stay, outcome, and other data. <i>Providers must use the Annual Report template provided by DFPS. DFPS will issue a broadcast announcing the release of the Annual Report template, as well as information on upcoming webinars and instructions.</i> The due date for each provider's T3C System Credential Report will align with the expiration month of the Active Full Credential for all Service Packages and Add-On Services. <i>The Annual Report is due each year, during the month in which the Provider's first Active Full Credential award was issued.</i> For example, if the Active Full Credential for the CPA's Foster Family Home Service Packages <i>were awarded in the month of January 2025,</i> expires in January 2029, then the Annual Report will always be due in January of each calendar year. The provider will not be required to include data for Service Packages and Add-On Services that, at the start of the expiration month, are still in the Inactive Full Credential, or an Inactive or Active Interim Credential.

Item 7.

Service Package and Add-On Service Descriptions

Reason for Change:
Added language to clarify that the CPA is required to verify foster homes for the same Treatment Services as are required of the CPA for specific Service Packages.

Item	Date of Change	Prior Page Number/s	Previous Language	New Page Number/s	Revised Language
7	July, 2026	48	<u>Service Package and Add-On Service Descriptions</u> 7. For all Service Packages, the Child Placing Agency or General Residential Operation must be licensed for all of the Permit Services listed. General Residential Operations have two possible Permit Types listed for each Service Package, but the provider is only required to have one or the other of them.	48	<u>Service Package and Add-On Service Descriptions</u> 7. For all Service Packages, the Child Placing Agency or General Residential Operation must be licensed for all of the Permit Services listed. General Residential Operations have two possible Permit Types listed for each Service Package, but the provider is only required to have one or the other of them. <i>Foster Homes that a Child Placing Agency intends to Credential for a Service Package, must be verified for all Treatment Services required for that Service Package.</i>

Item 8.

Service Package and Add-On Service Descriptions

Reason for Change:
Added a bullet to address how the provision of services that must be available with T3C Service Packages should be addressed when the Foster Parent, as medical consentor, takes advantage of the ability to financially support the child’s medical and behavioral health services outside of STAR Health Medicaid.

Item	Date of Change	Prior Page Number/s	Previous Language	New Page Number/s	Revised Language
8	July, 2026		<u>Service Package and Add-On Service Descriptions</u> [Added new bullet]	50	<u>Service Package and Add-On Service Descriptions</u> <i>Non-DFPS/SSCC medical consentors, such as Foster Parents, may assume financial responsibility for certain out-of- network (non-Medicaid) medical care, including behavioral health services, but not including pharmacy services. All youth in foster care must have medications filled through a STAR Health or Medicaid covered pharmacy. Financial responsibility may include the medical consentor enrolling the child in a health insurance plan. Foster Parents must work with the Child Placing Agency to ensure that the selected financial responsibility provides access to all services required under the child’s Selected Service Package. DFPS is not liable for the cost of out-of-network medical care.</i>

Item 9.

T3C Treatment Foster Family Care Support Services

Reason for Change:
Added language to clarify and update the Service Package Description in line with a DFPS TAC Rule revision that was recently adopted.

Item	Date of Change	Prior Page Number/s	Previous Language	New Page Number/s	Revised Language
9	July, 2026	137	<u>T3C Treatment Foster Family Care Support Services</u> <u>Service Package Description:</u> Due to the intensity of services offered, a foster home offering the Treatment Foster Family Care Support Services Package may have no more than two children in foster care placed in the home at the same time.	138	<u>T3C Treatment Foster Family Care Support Services</u> <u>Service Package Description:</u> Due to the intensity of services offered, a foster home offering the Treatment Foster Family Care Support Services Package may have no more than two children in foster care placed in the home at the same time. <i>The only exceptions, in line with Texas Administrative Code §700.1335(e), are through the waiver process administered and granted by DFPS State Office Placement Division, or during the provision of temporary respite for another Treatment Foster Family Care home under Texas Administrative Code §700.1335(c).</i>

Item 10.

T3C Treatment Foster Family Care Support Services

Reason for Change:
Added language to align with CPS policy and recognize current processes for TFFC extension requests.

Item	Date of Change	Prior Page Number/s	Previous Language	New Page Number/s	Revised Language
10	July, 2026	143	<u>T3C Treatment Foster Family Care Support Services</u> <u>Anticipated Length of Service:</u> Length of service is individualized and based on the Child Placing Agency’s Treatment Model for providing the T3C Treatment Foster Family Care Support Services Package, Guidelines for Admission, and Continued Stay Guidelines. The T3C Treatment Foster Family Care Support Services Package is a Time-limited Service lasting up to 274 days, with one	144	<u>T3C Treatment Foster Family Care Support Services</u> <u>Anticipated Length of Service:</u> Length of service is individualized and based on the Child Placing Agency’s Treatment Model for providing the T3C Treatment Foster Family Care Support Services Package, Guidelines for Admission, and Continued Stay Guidelines. The T3C Treatment Foster Family Care Support Services Package is a Time-limited Service lasting up to 274 days, with one extension of up to 91 days when necessary for the child to complete treatment, <i>which must be requested and approved by DFPS State Office Placement Division per CPS Policy.</i> An individual child cannot be served under the T3C Treatment Foster Family Care Support Services Package for more than 365 days.
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Item 11.

T3C Treatment Foster Family Care Support Services

Reason for Change:
Added language to clarify that T3C Basic Foster Family Home Support Service is not the only viable less-restrictive Service Package that should be considered when CPA staff complete the TFFC Continued Stay Review.

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11	July, 2026	146	<u>T3C Treatment Foster Family Care Support Services</u> <u>Quality Assurance and Continued Stay Guidelines:</u> Considering the most recent CANS 3.0 Assessment, and in conjunction with each 60-day Service Plan review, the Child Placing Agency's Program Director, and the Treatment Director responsible for the T3C Treatment Foster Family Care Support Services Package, must review the child's goals and services to ensure they align with child's custom strengths, needs, and permanency plan. The Program Director and Treatment Director must provide written confirmation that the child, youth, or young adult continues to meet criteria for and is benefitting from the Evidence-informed Treatment Model offered through the program, and that the less-restrictive T3C Basic	147	<u>T3C Treatment Foster Family Care Support Services</u> <u>Quality Assurance and Continued Stay Guidelines:</u> Considering the most recent CANS 3.0 Assessment, and in conjunction with each 60-day Service Plan review, the Child Placing Agency's Program Director, and the Treatment Director responsible for the T3C Treatment Foster Family Care Support Services Package, must review the child's goals and services to ensure they align with child's custom strengths, needs, and permanency plan. The Program Director and Treatment Director must provide written confirmation that the child, youth, or young adult continues to meet criteria for and is benefitting from the Evidence-informed Treatment Model offered through the program, and that the less-restrictive T3C Basic Foster Home Service Package or the Mental & Behavioral Health Support Service Package is not appropriate to meet the child's custom needs. Written confirmation should be documented in the Child Placing Agency's case record for the child, and a copy should be provided to the SSCC or DFPS (in areas that have not transitioned to CBC) caseworker within 15 business days of review and confirmation.
			Foster Home Service Package is not appropriate to meet the child's custom needs. Written confirmation should be documented in the Child Placing Agency's case record for the child, and a copy should be provided to the SSCC or DFPS (in areas that have not transitioned to CBC) caseworker within 15 business days of review and confirmation.		

Item 12.

Pregnant & Parenting Youth or Young Adult Support Services

Reason for Change:
Added language to the Add-On Service Description to clarify that the CPA and Foster Family Home that are Credentialed for this Add-On must be able to serve the youth both when they are pregnant and after they give birth continuously.

Item	Date of Change	Prior Page Number/s	Previous Language	New Page Number/s	Revised Language
12	July, 2026	159	<u>Pregnant & Parenting Youth or Young Adult Support Services</u> <u>Add-On Service Description:</u> In addition to the youth or young adult's primary Service Package being offered through the Child Placing Agency, this Add-On Service is offered in a trauma-informed foster home that has enhanced training and skill in caring for, mentoring/coaching, and offering support services for youth who are pregnant or actively parenting their biological child(ren). Pregnant & Parenting Youth or Young Adult Support Services may be offered to the mother or the father, so long as the youth or young adult receiving the Add-On Service has their biological child placed with them and are residing in a Credentialed foster home.	161	<u>Pregnant & Parenting Youth or Young Adult Support Services</u> <u>Add-On Service Description:</u> In addition to the youth or young adult's primary Service Package being offered through the Child Placing Agency, this Add-On Service is offered in a trauma-informed foster home that has enhanced training and skill in caring for, mentoring/coaching, and offering support services for youth who are pregnant or actively parenting their biological child(ren). Pregnant & Parenting Youth or Young Adult Support Services may be offered to the mother or the father, so long as the youth or young adult receiving the Add-On Service has their biological child placed with them and are residing in a Credentialed foster home. <i>Child Placing Agencies, and the Credentialed foster home, must be able to serve the youth throughout the entirety of their pregnancy and, following the birth of the child, until the youth reaches the maximum age authorized under the agency's permit.</i>

Item 13.

Tier I: Services to Support Community Transition for Youth & Young Adults who are Pregnant or Parenting

Reason for Change:
Added language to the Service Package Description to clarify that the GRO Credentialed for this Service Package must be able to serve the youth both when they are pregnant and after they give birth continuously.

Item	Date of Change	Prior Page Number/s	Previous Language	New Page Number/s	Revised Language
13	July, 2026	177	<u>Tier I: Services to Support Community Transition for Youth & Young Adults who are Pregnant or Parenting</u> <u>Service Package Description:</u> A trauma-informed facility, that in addition to providing for a youth, young adult, and their child's (if applicable) basic living needs, including food, shelter, education, vocation, transportation, recreation, and extracurricular needs, has enhanced training and expertise in caring for, mentoring/coaching, and providing/coordinating Time-limited Services to support the needs of youth and young adults who are pregnant or actively parenting their own biological child(ren).	180	<u>Tier I: Services to Support Community Transition for Youth & Young Adults who are Pregnant or Parenting</u> <u>Service Package Description:</u> A trauma-informed facility, that in addition to providing for a youth, young adult, and their child's (if applicable) basic living needs, including food, shelter, education, vocation, transportation, recreation, and extracurricular needs, has enhanced training and expertise in caring for, mentoring/coaching, and providing/coordinating Time-limited Services to support the needs of youth and young adults who are pregnant or actively parenting their own biological child(ren). <i>General Residential Operations must be able to serve the youth throughout the entirety of their pregnancy and, following the birth of the child, until the youth reaches the maximum age authorized under the operation's permit or the youth requires a different Service Package.</i>

Item 14.

Tier I: Services to Support Community Transition for Youth & Young Adults who are Pregnant or Parenting

Reason for Change:
Added language to the Admission Guidelines to clarify that the GRO Credentialed for this Service Package must be able to serve the youth both when they are pregnant and after they give birth continuously.

Item	Date of Change	Prior Page Number/s	Previous Language	New Page Number/s	Revised Language
14	July, 2026	189	<u>Tier I: Services to Support Community Transition for Youth & Young Adults who are Pregnant or Parenting</u> <u>Admission Guidelines:</u> The General Residential Operation's admissions staff have reviewed the youth or young adult's information and determined that the youth or young adult's needs align with services offered by the General Residential Operation, and the youth or young adult and their child(ren) (if applicable) is a good fit for the placement when considering the current census and case mix of other youth and young adult parents in the program. The General Residential Operation is Credentialed to provide the Tier I: Services to Support Community Transition for Youth & Young Adults who are Pregnant or Parenting Service Package.	193	<u>Tier I: Services to Support Community Transition for Youth & Young Adults who are Pregnant or Parenting</u> <u>Admission Guidelines:</u> The General Residential Operation's admissions staff have reviewed the youth or young adult's information, <i>as well as the child/children's (as applicable),</i> and determined that the youth or young adult's needs align with services offered by the General Residential Operation, and the youth or young adult and their child(ren) (if applicable) is a good fit for the placement when considering the current census and case mix of other youth and young adult parents in the program. The General Residential Operation is Credentialed to provide the Tier I: Services to Support Community Transition for Youth & Young Adults who are Pregnant or Parenting Service Package. <i>General Residential Operations must be able to serve the youth throughout the entirety of their pregnancy and, following the birth of the child, until the youth reaches the maximum age authorized under the operation's permit or the youth requires a different Service Package.</i>



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 care 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.**



Closing

- On behalf of the T3C Project Management Office, thank you so much for attending today's webinar.
- We would love to hear from you! Please email any questions, comments, or feedback about the *T3C System Blueprint* or this webinar to dfpstexaschildcenteredcare@dfps.texas.gov.
- As a reminder we will be posting a copy of the PowerPoint and a recording of the webinar on the DFPS T3C webpage, which can be accessed by following https://www.dfps.texas.gov/Texas_Child_Centered_Care/
- If you have not already done so, please make sure to subscribe for news and updates on T3C on the DFPS T3C overview webpage by registering your email address

The screenshot shows the DFPS Texas Department of Family and Protective Services website. The header includes the DFPS logo and the text 'Texas Department of Family and Protective Services'. Below this is a search bar and social media icons. The main heading is 'Texas Child-Centered Care (T3C)'. A breadcrumb trail reads 'DFPS Home > Texas Child Centered Care > This Page'. The left sidebar features the T3C logo and the text 'GENERAL INFORMATION' with a link to 'What's New'. The main content area is titled 'Overview' and 'What is Texas Child-Centered Care?'. It describes T3C as a complete transformation of the foster care system, supported by the Texas Legislature, DFPS, and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC). On the right side of the main content area, there is a 'SUBSCRIBE' button with a yellow background. Below it is a form titled 'Sign up for Texas Child-Centered Care News:' with a text input field labeled 'email address required' and a 'Submit' button. A red arrow points from the text 'registering your email address' in the list above to the 'SUBSCRIBE' button.