

# SOUTH TEXAS TRAUMA INFORMED CARE CONSORTIUM



**Vision: A *Certified* Trauma Informed Bexar County**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**THRIVE** is hosting an event in San Pedro Park on **April 27** from 11a-3p for vulnerable LGBTQ youth. Volunteers are needed. [click here to get involved](#)

### **City Council Proclamation of May Trauma Informed Care Awareness Month**

Ceremonial--**May 1**-5:00pm at City Council Chambers  
**May 2** -ACEs Presentation at Las Palmas Library, 1:00-2:30pm  
 Connie Soria

The **San Antonio Chapter of Texas Association of the Education of Young Children (TXAEYC)** is hosting a Conscious Discipline Seminar **May 3-4**. [click here for calendar of events](#)

**May 4<sup>th</sup> - District 2 Early Childhood Training** @ St. Philip’s College sponsored by Bexar County Precinct 2 Commissioner Tommy Calvert. (for more info. [www.voicessa.org](http://www.voicessa.org))

**Trauma Informed Care Awareness Month Press Conference--**  
**May 8<sup>th</sup>** from 9:30 am to 10:30 am at the Central Library Auditorium at 600 Soledad.

### **The TPR Source TIC Tri-Chair Interview**

**May 8<sup>th</sup>** from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

**May 22<sup>nd</sup> - CAM Messina Child Advocacy Award Luncheon** (see Voices for Children of San Antonio for more info. [www.voicessa.org](http://www.voicessa.org))

## SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- **April 16**-Philanthropy meeting
- **April 17**-Child Welfare/Foster Care meeting
- **April 23**-Early Care and Education meeting
- **April 24**-Steering Committee meeting
- **May 1**-Faith Based meeting
- **May 15**-Education-PreK-12 meeting
- **June 5**-Consortium meeting
- **June 13**-Family Support meeting
- **June 18**-Philanthropy meeting

## **Policy**

HB 4183 (formerly HB822) a statewide strategy across sectors to prevent and mitigate the impact of ACEs. Status of bill scheduled for public hearing

[Status of HB 4183](#)



**DID YOU KNOW?!**

- The next Consortium meeting will feature a speaker from the Trauma Informed Care Consortium of Central Texas to talk about the challenges and triumphs in the Austin area.
- The DFPS Fiscal Year 2018 Data Book is available. See a link below for more information.

**April is Child Abuse Awareness Month**

**Kronkosky Charitable Foundation** posted in a recent article

CONFIRMED CPS VICTIMS AND INVESTIGATIONS FOR 2016 AND 2017						
Texas County	Texas Child Population		Confirmed Victims of Child Abuse/Neglect		Confirmed Victims of Child Abuse/Neglect per 1,000 Children	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
Bandera	3,899	2,463	47	83	12.1	33.6
Bexar	503,711	509,938	4,550	5,588	9.0	10.9
Comal	28,367	28,784	382	455	13.8	15.8
Kendall	8,543	8,590	30	39	3.5	4.5
<b>State Total</b>	<b>7,407,636</b>	<b>7,500,272</b>	<b>58,644</b>	<b>63,657</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>8.5</b>

(DFPS, 2018c)

Posted on March 7, 2019 by **TexProtects | Champions for Safe Children**

This past week, the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services made two important releases: An update of [Fiscal Year 2018 Data Book](#) information and its [Child Maltreatment Fatalities and Near Fatalities Annual Report](#).

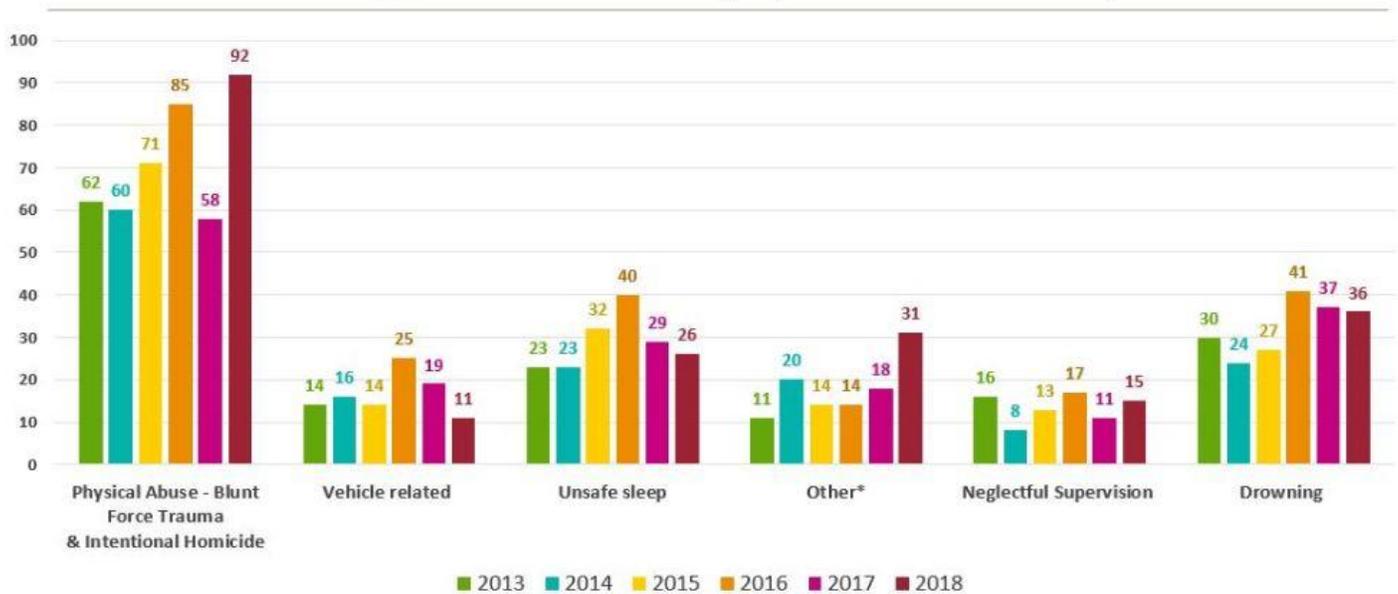
Below are some of the most significant numbers and trends that will be useful to you as a child protection advocate.

Between FY 2017 and 2018 in Texas:

- The number of child abuse victims **increased** to 66,352 in 2018 from 63,657 in 2017. **Nearly 42% of the victims were under the age of 3.**
- The number of children removed from their biological homes **increased** by 9.7%.
- There were **increases** in the number of **children placed in foster care** (1.48%) and **emergency shelters** (4.13%), but more children also being placed in kinship care (4.06%).
- There were **increases** in children entering care with higher levels of need: psychiatric (17%), intensive (17.4%), specialized (6.83%).
- The number of families that entered Family Based Safety Services **decreased** by 19.8%.

*Children entering foster care **increased** about 5% on average each year in the past decade.*

## General Cause of Confirmed Child Abuse or Neglect Fatality (2013-2018)



To this end, these are TexProtects’ top priorities at the Capitol this spring:

- **Strengthening investments in community-based, primary child abuse prevention programs** – specifically, a combined increase of \$30.5 million toward Nurse-Family Partnership and the HOPES (Healthy Outcomes through Prevention and Early Support) Program to reach 3,600 additional eligible families
- **Developing a Texas plan to implement the provisions of the federal Family First Prevention Services Act**, which would shift state investments toward services and resources that keep children out of foster care ([Senate Bill 355](#))
- Developing and implementing a statewide, strategic public health approach to address causes and symptoms of **Adverse Childhood Experiences** ([House Bill 4183](#))
- **Implementing trauma-informed care training and policies in public schools** ([House Bill 3718](#))



## **BUILDING RESILIENCE—*Focus on the Field:***

This newsletter we're *focusing* our attention on:  
***Family Service Association***

and events they have scheduled for  
 Trauma Informed Care Awareness Month

Have some information you want to share?  
 Send it to [cweise@chshel.org](mailto:cweise@chshel.org)

### **Proposed Activities by Family Service**

Friday, May 17, 2019, 9:30am-12noon

The Neighborhood Place, 3014 Rivas Street, San Antonio, Texas 78228

**Domestic Violence – Family Impact:** Two-part session on the effect on the victims/survivors, and the effects on children who witness the violence or receive the secondary impact of domestic violence. Session will provide an overview of the effect of trauma related to domestic violence including the cycle of violence, signs for professionals to look for, sensitive strategies to discuss the issues with clients, and related community resources. The 2<sup>nd</sup> part will provide an overview of the effect on children and adolescents including the more subtle ways in which young children (0-12), youth and adolescents (13-19) are affected. Ways effectively provide triage, crisis and basic intervention and support to help address the trauma will also be discussed. Workshop provided by Phil Ynostrosa-Travers, LPC-S and Fred Cardenas, LMSW. 2.5 hours of CEUs (continued education units) will be offered to social workers and LPC's.

Saturday, May 18, 2019, 10am-1pm

The Neighborhood Place, 3014 Rivas Street, San Antonio, Texas 78228

**Your Family is Special Family Fair – Strengths that help to heal us from trauma. Fun activities for the whole family.**

This free fair will include family activities like face-painting, a petting zoo, balloon and other games, resources and information on community assistance, refreshments, and presentations on resources that help families heal from trauma .

## LINKS/RESOURCES:

UT Teen Health now has the following E-learning Modules available:

**Trauma-Informed Approach, Part I** defines trauma and discusses adverse childhood experiences, or ACEs; the effects or reactions to trauma, and developing a shift from the existing paradigm to a trauma-informed approach. (20 minutes)

**Trauma-Informed Approach, Part II** reviews how individuals can respond to traumatized youth, manage disclosures of abuse, and covers mandatory reporting. It also discusses how to refrain from re-traumatization and gives tips for building resiliency. (20 minutes)

Interested persons should mail [utteenhealth@uthscsa.edu](mailto:utteenhealth@uthscsa.edu) for link and password access.

## ***Workgroup and Other Highlights:***

- This newsletter is the second of a twice a month endeavor from the Sector Support committee. If you have information and resources to offer, please send those to Cheryl Weise, the current newsletter editor, at: [cweise@chshel.org](mailto:cweise@chshel.org)

## **Sector Support Group:**

*If you have a question or need to contact any of the workgroups, please reach out to these folks:*

- **Angelica Valle**, (The Children's Shelter). [avalle@chshel.org](mailto:avalle@chshel.org) She provides support to the full consortium in concert with the other support group.
- **Connie Soria** (City of San Antonio/COSA). [Connie.soria@sanantonio.gov](mailto:Connie.soria@sanantonio.gov) She works with:
  - **Medical/Hospitals** workgroup
  - **Local Government** workgroup
- **Cyndi Cardenas** (Voices For Children). [ccardenas@voicessa.org](mailto:ccardenas@voicessa.org) She works with:
  - **Education PreK-12** workgroup
  - **Early Care and Education** workgroup
  - **Youth Development/Afterschool** workgroup
  - **Faith Based** workgroup
- **Sean Greene** (City of San Antonio/COSA). [Sean.greene@sanantonio.gov](mailto:Sean.greene@sanantonio.gov) He works with:
  - **Court Systems** workgroup
  - **Mental Health/Behavioral** workgroup
- **Cheryl Weise** (The Children's Shelter) [cweise@chshel.org](mailto:cweise@chshel.org) She works with:
  - **Child Welfare/Foster Care** workgroup
  - **Family Support** workgroup
  - **Philanthropy** workgroup