

COMMUNITY BASED CARE



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Introducing One Accord for Kids (OAK)

OAK is a community non-profit organization formed in 2019 through the vision of key community members to ensure every child in West Texas has a safe, stable, and permanent home in their community.

A New System of Care for West Texas

The West Texas region (Region 9) is a 30 county area that has been identified as one of the 17 proposed catchment areas in the state for Community Based Care (CBC) - a new system of care that empowers communities to find permanency and stability for local children in foster care.

The Texas foster care system will be transitioning to CBC over the next several years. Fort Worth, Abilene, Wichita Falls, Lubbock, Amarillo, and San Antonio have already transitioned to this new system of care.

“Community Based Care cannot be the beginning of community responsibility for system-involved children but must be the product of intentional community collaboration. Community-level work by organizations like One Accord for Kids is crucial to laying the foundation on which to build this new system of care.”
- Honorable Jon Specia, Former DFPS Commissioner

Community Readiness for CBC

Engage

- ✓ Discuss within your agency
- ✓ Organize or attend community meetings
- ✓ Form community partnerships

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Evaluate

- ✓ Evaluate your organization's role and capacity
- ✓ Use data to assess community needs

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Collaborate

- ✓ Cross-system collaboration with a broad range of stakeholders - education, medical, mental health, legal, workforce, community foundations
- ✓ Implement best practices and innovate across systems

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Community Based Care Timeline

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Readiness Phase:
Begin community engagement and collaboration

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Phase 1: Transfer placement and child services to community lead

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Phase 2: Transfer case management to community lead

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Phase 3: Performance accountability



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ENGAGE, EVALUATE, COLLABORATE

Performance Outcomes for Community Based Care

- ✓ Children are safe in care
- ✓ Children and families are served in their communities
- ✓ Siblings remain connected and together
- ✓ Children achieve long term success in families and youth are prepared for adulthood
- ✓ Children and youth in care experience normal, age-appropriate activities
- ✓ Children, families, and communities have a voice

Increase community
engagement and
collaboration

Flexibility,
responsiveness,
and innovation

Systems and
solutions driven
by local data

Respect for
local cultures
and values

Timeliness and
accountability