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CRCG Events Calendar

Jan. 21 — CRCG Bridge Call, 2-3 p.m. CT

Jan. 29- CRCG Webinar, 2-3 p.m. CT

Feb. 18 — CRCG Bridge Call, 2-3 p.m. CT

Mar. 17 — CRCG Bridge Call, 2-3 p.m. CT

CRCG State Office Updates

2020 CRCG Regional Collaboration Events

The State CRCG Office along with CRCG partner agencies, including the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD), are in the process of launching regional collaboration events in the spring of 2020. These will occur in each of the seven TJJD regions across the state and will be open to CRCG leaders and members, partner agencies and programs, community members and stakeholders, and individuals and families in each region. The primary goals of these events will be to support regional collaboration by creating space to network, share and brainstorm; promoting and exploring statewide resources and programs; and providing program specific training and support. Additional details including registration information will be announced soon.

CRCG Recognition Awards

Thank you to everyone who submitted a CRCG Recognition Award nomination form. The State CRCG Office received many nominations that demonstrate the great work and successes of local CRCGs across the state. The State CRCG Office is in the process of making selections on the top nominees. Award announcements will be made in January 2020.

State CRCG Office Gathering Data for 2020 Legislative Reports

The State CRCG Office is currently gathering data from local CRCGs for the biennial CRCG legislative report and for the Texas System of Care (TxSOC) CRCG-informed report, which is mandated by Senate Bill (S.B.) 241, 86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019.

The biennial CRCG legislative report will cover calendar year 2019 to align the report with future legislative sessions. The report includes the number of persons served through CRCGs; outcomes of provided services; barriers to providing effective services; and information to improve the delivery of services to persons needing multiagency coordination. Previous reports can be found on the CRCG website [Reports](#) page.

The TxSOC report will include summarized evaluations of the provision of SOC services for children with severe emotional disturbances in each CRCG community. It will also include recommendations for overcoming barriers to the provision of SOC services and improving the integration of those services. You can view additional information about S.B. 241 on the [Texas Legislature Online website](#).

Both reports allow CRCGs to provide valuable feedback about services and supports for individuals and their families within their communities to HHSC, CRCG partner agencies, the Governor, and the Texas Legislature in 2020. The feedback provided may be used to increase collaboration and coordination, family and community-based support, training opportunities, and funding among local communities.

Data for the reports will be collected through the CRCG data collection system and the CRCG and TxSOC community evaluation survey which will be distributed to local CRCGs in January 2020. All survey responses and data requests from CRCGs for these reports will be due by **February 29, 2020**

CRCG Site Visits

Freestone and Limestone Counties CRCG

The State CRCG Office had the opportunity to visit the Freestone/Limestone Counties CRCG and would like to give a big thank you to the chair, Hilda Contreras, and the CRCG members for inviting us to provide training and technical assistance. Information was provided on a variety of topics including CRCG history and process, sharing the responsibility of leadership roles, addressing low referrals, and marketing your CRCG.

Travis County CRCG, Community Partners for Children (CPC)

The State CRCG Office would like to thank Travis County CRCG, Community Partners for Children (CPC), for welcoming us to their CPC meeting. The State CRCG Office enjoyed learning about the unique CPC meeting process. CPC members engage in a two-step review for each youth and family. This includes dividing members into four focus groups based on their area of expertise in School, Family and Home, Systems, and Mental Health and Other Challenges to review referral packets for each family that will be joining the CPC meeting for the day. After the focus groups conclude, there is a full membership review where the chair facilitates an open discussion with each focus group about potential recommendations for supports and strategies. After the review has concluded, CPC welcomes youth and families to the meeting to discuss their current needs and to provide information, recommendations, and resources for the family to explore.

Kimble, Mason, Menard and Schleicher Counties CRCG

The State CRCG Office had the exciting opportunity to visit Junction Independent School District leaders who brought together a vast array of community members for a planning meeting to form a CRCG in their local area. We would like to thank Jurahee Silvers, Principal of Junction Elementary School, for inviting the State CRCG Office, and to Tim Timmerman, Runnels County CRCG chair, who made a guest appearance to provide valuable information and insight into the CRCG process, and firsthand knowledge of the impact that CRCGs can make in their local communities. We are looking forward to seeing this CRCG develop and make a difference in the lives of individuals and families served.

Resources

CRCG website

The [CRCG website](#) has great resources for leaders and members, including guidebooks covering all things CRCGs, and resources for families and community members.

Webinar Recordings

The State CRCG Office webinars bring valuable resources and information to CRCG partners and members. Click the links below to view previous recordings.

[Statewide Services and Supports for Youth and Young Adults with Mental Health Needs](#)

[CRCG Leadership: Sharing the Responsibility](#)

[CRCG Data Collection System Training](#)

Sharing Is Caring

Please share our newsletter with your colleagues or anyone that might benefit from this information!

Contact Us

We would love to hear from you! If you have thoughts, concerns, comments, ideas or anything else that you'd like to share, please contact the State CRCG Office.

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Spotlight on CRCGs

The State CRCG Office acknowledges efforts and successes of different CRCGs in this spotlight section. To share success stories for upcoming newsletters, send an email to CRCG@hhsc.state.tx.us.

Correctional Management Institute of Texas, 6th Annual Mental Health Conference

Sara Underwood, State CRCG Office, presented with Angie Bates, CRCG co-chair and administrative jailor at the Robertson County Sheriff's Office, at the 2019 Correctional Management Institute Annual Mental Health conference in Galveston, Texas. The presentation provided an overview of CRCGs and explored how CRCGs can be utilized for prevention and re-entry service coordination to decrease justice system involvement and reduce recidivism rates by connecting people with complex needs to comprehensive, community-based services and supports. Angie shared how the rural community of Robertson County has been able to bring people together and connect resources and supports through their CRCG, highlighting the relationships with their local faith-based community as a core component to their success in meeting people's needs. The State CRCG Office would like to thank Angie Bates for her willingness to collaborate and dedication to her community as a CRCG leader.

Upcoming CRCG Events

CRCG Bridge Call Series

The State CRCG Office offers a monthly bridge call series for local CRCG leaders and members to share ideas, discuss challenges, and network.

Bridge calls are held every third Tuesday of the month at 2:00 p.m. (CT). During each call, a CRCG leader presents an overview of group structure and processes followed by audience questions and discussion relevant to CRCGs. Mark your calendars for the upcoming bridge calls and join other CRCGs for collaborative discussions!

Dial-in number: (877) 820-7831, Access code: 952056#

- January 21, 2:00-3:00 p.m. CT / 1:00-2:00 p.m. MT
- February 18, 2:00-3:00 p.m. CT / 1:00-2:00 p.m. MT
- March 17, 2:00-3:00 p.m. CT / 1:00-2:00 p.m. MT

CRCG Webinar Series

The State CRCG Office offers webinars that cover resources, programs, and technical assistance to support CRCG efforts. A notice will be sent to all CRCGs and a registration link will be posted on the [CRCG website Resources page](#) when each webinar is scheduled. Recordings for past webinars are available on the [Resources page](#).

Please join us for the January CRCG webinar:

Veterans Mental Health Coordination and Programs (VMHCP)

January 29, 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. CT

Participants will learn about statewide mental health programs and services for veterans to help support the people and families you serve. Tim Keesling, HHSC Director of Veterans Mental Health Coordination and Programs, will provide an overview of programs and how they can be accessed.

[Register](#)

CRCG Partner Agency Updates

Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

The Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Systems Development Group supports population-based services for children with special health care needs relating to the Title V Block Grant and is part of the Maternal and Child Health Section at the Texas DSHS. The program partners with community-based contractors around Texas to provide support for families with children and youth with special health care needs and disabilities.

Services may include in-home or center-based respite, parent to parent connections, educational trainings and workshops, support groups,

community recreational activities and more. Not all services are available in all parts of the state. Case Management for families is also available through DSHS regional offices.

The program leads two statewide learning collaboratives that meet quarterly by teleconference call to share knowledge, implementation strategies, and best practices. Providers, youth and young adults, parents, caregivers, as well as representatives from health care plans, hospital and university systems, and local community organizations are invited to participate. Upcoming calls are scheduled on the following dates:

**Medical Home Learning Collaborative, Wednesday, January 15, 2020
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**Texas Title V Transition Workgroup, Wednesday, February 12, 2020,
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

For Medical Home and Transition to Adulthood Learning Collaborative registration details and more information about our program, please contact:

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Other News and Events

Conferences

2020 Gang Intelligence and Supervision (GIS) Conference

January 14-17, 2020

Austin, TX

The GIS Conference hosted by the Correctional Management Institute of Texas will provide training opportunities to a wide audience including those who work in jails/prison, community corrections, leadership, law enforcement, and school administration. Registration is now open, and an agenda of the event can be found on the registration page.

[Register](#)

2020 Texas Transition Conference

February 26-28, 2020

San Antonio, TX

The 2020 Texas Transition Conference is a two-day event, with a pre-conference session, focused on providing evidence-based practices that result in a smooth transition from school to adult life for youth with disabilities. Participants will receive intensive training in five focus areas: Student-focused Planning, Family Involvement, Interagency Collaboration, Student Development, and Program Structure. Conference attendees include educators, transition specialists, vocational coordinators, service agency representatives, and youth with disabilities and their families. Registration and exhibitor information can be found at the link below.

[Register](#)

NatCon20

April 5-7, 2020

Austin, TX

NatCon20, the largest conference in behavioral health care and your destination for next-level learning, peer-to-peer engagement and high-octane entertainment. Don't miss the excitement of NatCon20, to be held April 5-7, 2020, at the Austin Convention Center in Austin, Texas. Registration and housing are now open.

[Register](#)

37th Annual Texas Network of Youth Services (TNOYS) Conference on Services to Youth and Families

June 23-26, 2020

Houston, TX

This conference provides a valuable learning experience for youth and the professionals who work with them across a variety of systems, including juvenile justice, education, child welfare and more. It provides hands-on learning opportunities on building resilience, developing cultural competency, understanding important cutting-edge practices such as trauma-informed care, and much more.

[Register](#)

Resources

Aunt Bertha

Aunt Bertha is a search engine that connects individuals to free or reduced cost services like medical care, food, housing, and job training in their local area. To start searching for local services in your community, click [here](#).

2-1-1

2-1-1 is a vital service that connects millions of people to help every year. Some of the resources that 2-1-1 connects individuals to is crisis services, food, health care, housing and utilities, and employment. Additionally, 2-1-1 links individuals to services that have been impacted by natural disasters and human trafficking; are active members of the U.S. military, veterans, and their families; and coming out of correctional, alcohol and drug treatment, and mental health facilities and needing help transitioning back into the community. Call 2-1-1 or visit the [website](#) to search for services.