

History

CRCGs originated with Texas legislation passed in 1987 directing state agencies serving children to develop a community-based approach to provide better coordination of services for children and youth with complex multi-agency needs. In the late 1990s, interest emerged to adapt the CRCG model to serve adults with complex multi-agency needs. For more than 20 years, CRCGs have remained dedicated to serving individuals and families in their communities.

Key History and Legislation Related to CRCGs¹

- 1987** The Texas Legislature enacted Senate Bill (S.B.) 298, 70th Legislature, Regular Session, 1987, requiring eight public agencies to work together to assist children and youth with complex needs whose needs could not be met by a single agency.
- 1988** The CRCG model established interagency service planning at the local county level. This model was piloted in Henderson, Tarrant, Travis, and Val Verde counties in 1988 and 1989.
- 1990** The State CRCG Office was established to develop the CRCG process and oversee implementation of the MOU.
- 1993** The State CRCG Office was established as a permanent office under HHSC to provide ongoing technical assistance and training for CRCGs.
- 1996** Total statewide coverage for CRCGs serving children and youth was accomplished. A local CRCG to serve children and youth was available to all 254 counties in Texas.
- 2001** The Texas Legislature enacted S.B. 1468, 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001, codified in Texas Government Code §531.055, requiring the development of an MOU for CRCGs that serve adults.
- 2014** Health and Human Services hired a CRCG Statewide Coordinator who guided the office in providing statewide support in the areas of communication, training and TA, and data and research.

¹ A detailed legislative history pertaining to CRCGs is available at <https://crcg.hhs.texas.gov>.

2017 The 85th Texas Legislature updated Texas Government Code §531.055 to include the Texas Education Agency as a member agency in the joint memorandum of understanding. Further, it expanded the responsibilities of the State CRCG Workgroup.

The Texas Legislature enacted House Bill (H.B.) 1204, 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017, establishing a mechanism to allow the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) to refer children under 12 years old to CRCGs for service coordination as an alternative to adjudication.

The Texas Legislature enacted H.B. 928, 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017, requiring Department of Family and Protective Services staff to inform local CRCGs about tuition and fee waiver programs that are available to children and youth who have experience in the foster care system or with adoption.

The State CRCG Office was transferred to the OMHC within HHSC because the mission of CRCGs align with OMHC's.

2019 The 86th Texas Legislature updated Government Codes § 531.421 and §431.422 by repealing the word "consortium" and replacing it with "commission" meaning HHSC.

The State CRCG Office launched a new data collection system.