

CRCG Responsibilities

There are multiple layers of requirements related to CRCG operations. CRCGs are embedded in the policies and procedures of various programs and resources across the state. This section outlines the roles and responsibilities of CRCGs within the CRCG MOU, programs, and resources.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

As directed by S.B. 1468, 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001, and updated in H.B. 2904, 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017, a joint MOU was developed to create a statewide system of CRCGs for all ages (children, youth, adults, and families). The state-level MOU formalizes the commitment of participating state agencies and outlines the responsibilities of local CRCGs, the State CRCG Office and Workgroup, and participating agencies. Local CRCGs may utilize the state-level MOU as a model to develop a local agreement and include state agency local affiliates and private entities.

The MOU contains information about the CRCG Program including:

- Overview
- Purpose
- Mission
- Guiding model(s)
- Consumer choice and the role of families, consumers, and caregivers
- Agency responsibilities
- Functions of local CRCGs
- Membership and organization of local CRCGs
- Eliminating duplication of services
- Responsibilities of HHSC and member agencies
- Interagency dispute resolution
- Terms of agreement

Mandated Members

The CRCG MOU is a signed agreement between the following state agencies:

- HHSC
- Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS)
- Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)
- Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) - Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments (TCOOMMI)
- TJJD
- Texas Education Agency (TEA)
- Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA)
- Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)

Agency members can provide local agency representation and participation by local or regional agency office, regional education service centers, local authorities, providers, or local contractors.² Local representatives of each agency must have the authority to contribute to decisions and recommendations made by the local CRCG.

In addition to the mandated agencies, the MOU also requires the participation of:

- People served and family representatives – a person who has experiences with physical, emotional, behavioral or mental health challenges and knowledge of the CRCG process.
- Representatives of local private sector organizations.

All members share equal status regarding making recommendations.

² Texas Government Code [§531.055\(b\)\(6\)](#)