



HEALING FROM HARVEY:

TEXAS CENTER FOR CHILD AND FAMILY STUDIES AWARDS

ADDITIONAL \$1.1 MILLION IN REBUILD TEXAS FUND GRANTS

Grants Extend Reach of Recovery and Prevention Efforts for At-Risk Children and Families

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AUSTIN, TEXAS—The Texas Center for Child and Family Studies (“the Center”), the 501c3 non-profit arm of the Texas Alliance of Child and Family Services (TACFS), today announced grant awards totaling \$1.1 million from the Rebuild Texas Fund to support the Center’s Healing from Harvey work, focused on recovery and relief efforts for at-risk families and children impacted by Hurricane Harvey.

The funding expands on an initial round of \$800,000 for grants, announced in February and awarded in April, that is being put to work in local agencies and non-profit organizations across Houston, Beaumont and the Texas Gulf Coast.

“A year later, we have seen that Texans’ compassion and hearts are as big as our state, but there is still work to be done to support the recovery of so many families in Beaumont, Houston and all along the Texas Gulf Coast that are still reeling from Harvey’s devastation,” said Cecilia Abbott, First Lady of Texas. “The Center for Child and Family Studies’ Healing from Harvey grants and the work of the Rebuild Texas Fund are making a real impact on the lives of children and families in our state’s foster care system.”

“We’re grateful for the Rebuild Texas Fund’s continuing commitment to our state’s most vulnerable children and families, as they continue to recover from the devastation of Hurricane Harvey. These new grant awards will not only support ongoing and substantial relief and recovery efforts but further expand our work and reach in the hurricane-impacted communities,” said Katie Olse, Executive Director of TACFS and the Center.

These phase two awards support 14 community child and family organizations and agencies. The grantees are working to address the compounding trauma on children and families who survived Hurricane Harvey. The projects are also looking at ways to address the slow growth or loss of foster care capacity as a direct result of the hurricane and include efforts to prevent abuse and neglect.

Healing from Harvey Phase 2 grant recipients include:

Arms Wide Adoption Services (\$100,000): Arms Wide will utilize funds for a multi-pronged project that will expand eligibility for post-permanency support services to include at-risk families, enhance outreach to families in Permanent Managing Conservatorships, build capacity to recruit, assess and license additional foster/adoptive families, and will enhance trauma informed services and training opportunities for families.

Arrow Child & Family Ministries (\$100,000): Arrow will utilize funds to expand upon their successes from the Phase 1 grant. Their project will utilize advanced recruitment techniques to build additional foster care capacity.

Baylor College of Medicine (\$100,000): Baylor College of Medicine will utilize funds to provide integrated behavioral health for children living in areas highly affected by Harvey who are in foster care, kinship care or at risk for going into foster care and foster youth transitioning to adulthood. The overarching goal is to mitigate additional trauma caused by Harvey in children with a history of complex trauma.

Boys and Girls Club of Houston (\$100,000): Boys and Girls Club of Houston (BGCH) will utilize funds to provide resiliency building programs for at-risk youth served through two of their newest Clubs— Kashmere Gardens/Northforest Club and YES Prep Southside Club.

CK Family Services (\$100,000): CK will utilize funds to create new capacity to meet the emotional, mental and behavioral health needs of vulnerable children and youth living in Hurricane Harvey effected counties by developing and ensuring availability of, and access to, Mental Health Rehabilitation and Targeted Case Management services.

DePelchin Children’s Center (\$99,863.83): DePelchin will utilize funds from this grant to implement ParentingHelp, which identifies children at risk for involvement with Child Protective Services and provides home-based, positive parenting techniques and training to the parents of children ages 6-17.

Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health Texas (\$100,000): Devereux will utilize funds to help finance the start-up cost of the expansion of their residential unit. Funds will enable them to continue their effort to expand the program that was interrupted by the storm. The 22-bed residential unit would increase capacity to serve more at-risk Texas youth.

Girls Haven (\$100,000): Girls Haven will utilize funds from this grant to expand their Phase I development of a Supervised Independent Living Program which allows girls ages 18 to 22 to remain in care while living in an off-campus apartment.

Grace Manor (\$50,000): Grace Manor will utilize funds from this grant to increase the rate of kinship families reaching permanence for children in their care by supporting them to achieve foster or adoptive licenses.

The Jim H. Green Kidz Harbor Inc. (\$76,467) – Kidz Harbor will utilize funds to continue the rebuild of their residential facility after flooding from the storm.

Prairie Harbor (\$46,853): Prairie Harbor would utilize funds from this grant to continue construction work on their Residential Treatment Center (RTC) in Nueces County. Construction was halted due to the storm. The region is without an RTC.

Presbyterian Children's Homes & Services (\$51,816): Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS) will utilize funds to expand their Child and Family Program (CFP) in Houston and Corpus Christi. The CFP stabilizes families going through a crisis by providing short-term, family-focused case management services.

Tejano Center for Community Concerns (\$50,000): Tejano Center for Community Concerns (TCCC) would utilize funds to support kinship caregiver through training and case management services.

YES Prep Public Schools (\$50,000): YES Prep will utilize funds to support the development and implementation of a Trauma and Grief Counseling Program for students affected by Hurricane Harvey to ensure they have the support services needed to remain on the path to college. The Trauma and Grief Counseling Program will also provide professional development and training in trauma informed care to YES Prep teachers and Student Support Counselors.

“It’s clear that the need is still great, and the Rebuild Texas Fund stands ready to support the work of these 14 community organizations as they address the varied and complex post-hurricane challenges facing the child welfare system. We are pleased to continue to support recovery efforts for this most vulnerable population,” said Neeraj Aggarwal, Director of Rebuild Texas Fund.

The Center will continue to monitor oversee existing Phase 1 grantees’ work with children and families in the greater Houston, Beaumont and Texas Gulf Coast regions. To learn more about **The Center for Child and Family Studies’ Healing from Harvey work**, visit tacfs.org/thecenter. To learn more about the **Rebuild Texas Fund**, visit rebuildtx.org.

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About The Texas Center for Child and Family Studies

The Center is the 501c3 non-profit arm of the Texas Alliance of Child and Family Services (TACFS) which was formed in 1976 by mission-driven direct care organizations to strengthen the care, services, and practices for at-risk children, youth, and families. It achieves this mission through education and training, collaboration, and advocacy. Online at tacfs.org/thecenter.

About Rebuild Texas Fund

The Rebuild Texas Fund is a collaborative project of the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation and the OneStar Foundation, established to support the rebuilding efforts in communities impacted by Hurricane Harvey. The Rebuild Texas Fund works alongside organizations within the impacted communities that are making an impact in the following six focus areas: community and economic development; health; housing; education and childcare; transportation and workforce; and capital for rebuilding small businesses. The Rebuild Texas Fund will continue to fund projects and organizations within these areas through the end of 2019. Funding through the Rebuild Texas Fund is provided to eligible nonprofit, government, corporate, and philanthropic organizations working on the ground in Texas communities, that have been affected by Hurricane Harvey. More information about the Rebuild Texas Fund is available at rebuildtx.org.