

# Travis County's CRCG – Community Partners for Children





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### What is a CRCG?

CRCGs (Community Resource Coordination Groups) are local interagency groups comprised of public and private agencies that provide community collaboration and opportunity to expand existing service teams for individuals whose needs can be met only through interagency coordination and cooperation.

CRCGs were created by the Texas legislature in 1987 to direct state agencies to collaborate at the local level to serve individuals with complex needs.

<https://crcg.hhs.texas.gov/>

**Social Service  
Systems that  
CRCGs  
Facilitate  
Collaboration  
Among**

- **School and Educational Service Providers**
  - **Juvenile Justice**
- **Child Protection/Child Welfare**
  - **Local Non-Profits**
- **County and City Social Service Departments**
- **Mental and Behavioral Health Providers**  
**(Local IDD and MH authorities)**



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### What is CPC?

Community Partners for Children (CPC) is Travis County's CRCG meeting and is a community partnership of approximately 20 public and private community service organizations in Travis County. This partnership creates a single-point of community collaboration and team building for families of children with complex needs.

CPC is part of Travis County's Children's Mental Health System of Care and is the first step in accessing some higher-level programs and supports.

# Current CRCG-CPC Partner Agencies

- Any Baby Can
- The Arc of the Capital Area
- Austin ISD
- Austin Municipal Court – Youth Services
- Austin Recovery Network
- Centers for Children and Families (Post Adopt)
- Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, UT Dell Medical School
- Del Valle ISD
- Integral Care – Child & Family Services
- Integral Care – IDD Services
- Maximus – Medicaid Managed Care
- Partners Resource Network
- Texas Child Study Center
- Tx Dept of Family & Protective Services
- Tx Dept of State Health Services
- Tx Juvenile Justice Dept
- The Children's Partnership
- Travis Co. Health & Human Services
- Travis Co. Juvenile Probation Dept
- Youth Advocate Programs

# CRCG-CPC Referrals

# CRCG- CPC Criteria

- Children & Youth of Travis County
- Children & Youth between the ages of 0-22yo
- Children and Youth with multiple system involvement
- Children and Youth whose Physical Challenges, Mental Health Challenges and/or Developmental Challenges significantly impact their ability to function

# When to Refer to CRCG- CPC

The family has accessed...

- Available community resources
- Involved agencies have exhausted internal resources

*and despite this...*

The child/youth continues to have unmet needs



# Who Can Refer to CRCG- CPC

- Community Professionals
- Schools
- Clinical Providers
- Parents/Guardians

Anyone who is concerned about a child or youth with complex needs residing in Travis County.

# How do I make a referral

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Visit the CRCG-CPC website for more information and referral forms - [Community Partners for Children \(traviscountytexas.gov\)](http://traviscountytexas.gov)

Start the referral process: [CRCG-CPC Meeting Inquiry Form \(jotform.com\)](http://jotform.com)

# CRCG- CPC Referral Process

- Identify Family
- Contact CRCG-CPC Liaison to screen family
- Explain CRCG-CPC process to family
- Verify family's interest and willingness to participate in CRCG-CPC meeting
- Complete Referral Packet
- Submit Referral Packet to liaison prior to CRCG-CPC meeting

# CRCG- CPC Referral Packet

- CPC Brochure
- CPC Family Guide
- CPC Consent
- Referral Form
- Child/Youth Interest Form
- Supporting Documents  
(examples: evaluative data, assessments, school documents, hospital/placement discharge paperwork, disciplinary records)

## Responsibilities of Referring Entity

- Ensure completed CRCG-CPC referral packet is submitted in timely manner.
- Prepare family for the CRCG-CPC meeting
  - Collaborate with family to identify any barriers to participation in the meeting
  - Ensure the family understands the CRCG-CPC process and their role in the meeting
- Participate in CRCG-CPC meeting
- Participate in the development and implementation of the CRCG-CPC recommendations

## Responsibilities of the Family

- Identify the supports that would improve the family's functioning
- Collaborate with the referring source to complete the referral packet
- Communicate any support required to attend and/or participate in the meeting
- Participate in the development and implementation of the CRCG-CPC recommendations

# Attending & Presenting at CRCG-CPC

Those that refer children & youth are expected to attend the CRCG-CPC session

- CRCG-CPC meetings usually occur in the afternoon on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday each month
- Currently all CRCG-CPC meetings are virtual, and each session is scheduled for 45-60 minutes.

# CRCG-CPC Recommendations

- During the session, a list of recommended services and supports will be developed in partnership with the CRCG-CPC members, family, and currently involved organizations present.
- The Recommendations are the ideas and suggestions that come out of the session and only a starting point. A service or support does not need to be listed to be tried.
- They are always voluntary.
- The family and their service team can decide if they want to try some, all, or none of the recommendations.



# The Children's Partnership



A Family driven  
community-based  
collaborative which  
implements the  
wraparound  
approach to support  
families in meeting  
the needs of their  
children

# The Children's Partnership serves families using the wraparound process facilitated by care coordinators

## Current TCP Partners

- Austin ISD
- Del Valle ISD
- Integral Care Child & Family Services
- Integral Care Intellectual & Developmental Disability Services
- Travis County Health and Human Services
- Travis County Juvenile Probation Department



# Criteria for The Children's Partnership

- **Primary Mental Health Diagnosis**
  - (or MH Diagnosis and enrolled to Integral Care IDD Services)
- **Multi system involvement**
- **Ages 5-17**
- **Eligible for services through a TCP partner agency providing care coordination**

# The Children's Partnership Care Coordinators

- Care Coordinator's coordinate, communicate and collaborate with the family, referring entity, community providers and resources.
- Care Coordinators facilitate the wraparound process and the development of a Plan of Care.
- Care Coordinators are responsible for maintaining an open line of communication, to decrease duplication of services, engagement, and fidelity to the Wraparound Model.

# The Children's Partnership - Related Services

## Parent Liaison Support

- Families enrolled to TCP can chose to have a Parent Liaison join their team
- The Parent Liaison is a parent or caregiver who has lived experience raising a child with mental, emotional, or behavioral health challenges or a physical or developmental disability
- The Parent Liaison can provide a wide variety of support in the form of education, support, and linkage with community resources, advocacy and supports families in navigating the various child-serving systems such as schools, child welfare, mental health and juvenile justice

# The Children's Partnership - Income Guidelines

All families made eligible for The Children's Partnership have access to Care Coordination and Parent Liaison support at zero cost regardless of income.

For contracted services (non-traditional therapies, mentors, etc.) to be funded the family's income must be 200% or below the federal poverty income guidelines.

When needed, the TCP care coordinator will work with the family to explore alternative available funding sources for these services including healthcare benefits and additional community program enrollment.

# The Children's Partnership - Related Services

## System of Care Placement Funding

(previously known as TRIAD)

- When a child or youth between the ages of 8 to 17 require more intensive treatment services, they can be considered for additional funding to assist with intensive outpatient programs (IOP), partial hospitalization programs (PHP), and/or a residential treatment center to ensure their safety and emotional well-being.
- The goal of CRCG-CPC and TCP is to support children and youth in the least restrictive environment. A CRCG-CPC referral is always the first step and community-based services through TCP will be recommended and attempted prior to consideration of funding for placement.

\*Families income must be 200% or below the FPIG to be eligible

## Travis Co. CRCG -Community Partners for Children

- CRCG-CPC for short
- Just a meeting
- Multiple roles & purposes in our community

## The Children's Partnership

- TCP for short
- Service delivery program
- Receives referrals from CRCG-CPC meetings

Who's  
Who &  
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The Children's Partnership

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