

# The Children's Partnership (TCP)



The Children's Partnership (TCP) has been serving the Travis County community since 1998 as a leader in creating and sustaining our community's System of Care. The Travis County System of Care is a coordinated network that maintains meaningful partnerships within systems, families and youth. Our System of Care adheres to the core values of being community based, family driven and youth-guided, and culturally and linguistically competent.

The Children's Partnership (TCP) provides services and supports to children and youth with complex mental health needs and their families. The goal of The Children's Partnership is to help families increase their capacity to live, work, learn and participate fully in their community. Many of the children and youth have experienced psychiatric hospitalization; residential treatment center placement; school suspensions and involvement in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems. TCP, through the wraparound process, collaborates with families to develop an individualized plan of care that builds on the strengths of the child, the family, and their team. Services occur in the families' home or at community locations and the child and family take the lead in setting goals and deciding how to meet them. Parents and families are the acknowledged experts in their child's life.



The Children's Partnership (TCP) uses a community-based service model with the Care Coordination staff embedded in the partner agencies. Travis County Health and Human Services (TCHHS) provides TCP with program oversight, training, technical assistance and management of the shared database. Additionally, TCHHS maintains 3-Parent Liaison positions (Certified Family Partners) that serve families in TCP by providing education, advocacy, links to community resources and family support. TCP in collaboration with the local mental health authority, Integral Care, maintains flexible funding for program participants that funds a variety of supports and services. Integral Care maintains a Provider Network that TCP utilizes with the flexible funding to support the individualized plans developed by the child, families and their team. Currently, TCP has Care Coordinators (also known as Wrap Facilitators) within these agencies/entities: Travis County HHS, Travis County Juvenile Probation Department, Integral Care, and Austin, Del Valle, and Pflugerville Independent School Districts. TCP receives all program referrals from the Travis County CRCG – known locally as Community Partners for Children.

To learn more about The Children's Partnership, please contact:

Sonia Hartman, Travis County System of Care Manager  
(512) 854-5022

[Sonia.Hartman@traviscountytexas.gov](mailto:Sonia.Hartman@traviscountytexas.gov)

Christinia Kuehn, Travis County Social Services Administrator  
(512) 854-3724

[Christinia.Kuehn@traviscountytexas.gov](mailto:Christinia.Kuehn@traviscountytexas.gov)



**the children's  
partnership**