



SECTION 2

Community Outreach & Partnerships

Developing Partnerships

Developing partnerships in your community where a youth count will occur is instrumental to a successful count. It is a key strategy used to recruit volunteers. Partnering organizations offer unique knowledge about the youth they serve and may provide new strategies to help count youth and improve their participation in a count. Research from previous youth counts show that partnerships and relationships built during a youth count yields long term benefits too, like sustained collaboration among youth groups and increasing community capacity to better serve young people experiencing homelessness.¹

When identifying organizations or groups to work with consider the following recommendations:

SERVICE PROVIDERS	EDUCATION	GOVERNMENT	COMMUNITY
Runaway & Homeless Youth Programs	McKinney-Vento School Liaison staff	Local Child Welfare Staff	Faith-based Organizations or Youth Groups
Youth Shelters	Community Colleges	Mental Health Service Providers	Local Faith-based Groups with Street Outreach Efforts
Youth Drop-in Centers	Universities – Social Work and Nursing Students	Law Enforcement	Food Banks
Street Outreach Teams		Local Elected Officials	Advocates for Youth
LGBTQ Providers		Libraries	
Substance Use Treatment		Parks and Recreation Departments	

¹ California Homeless Youth Project, We Count, California!: Lesson Learned from Efforts to Improve Youth Inclusion in California’s 2015 Point-in-Time Counts, September 2015

TIP:

Community Resource Coordination Groups (CRCG) are local interagency groups, comprised of public and private health and human service providers who come together to develop individual services plans for children, youth, and adults whose needs can be met only through interagency coordination and cooperation. There are approximately 160 CRCGs available to all 254 Texas counties. Contacting your local CRCG is an opportunity to notify multiple service providers in your area about *Youth Count Texas!* and identify potential partners. To find your CRCG: http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/crcg/Local_CRCGs/local_NEW.html

TIP:

Services to At-Risk Youth (STAR) is a statewide program. The STAR program contracts with community agencies to offer family crisis intervention counseling, short-term emergency respite care, and individual and family counseling. Youth up to age 17 and their families are eligible if they are dealing with conflict at home, truancy or delinquency, or have a youth who runs away from home. STAR services are available in all Texas counties. Contacting the STAR provider in your area may help you to identify partners and recruit volunteers for *Youth Count Texas!*.

LOCATION	STAR PROVIDER	CONTACT INFORMATION
East Texas – Cherokee and Anderson counties	ACCESS (Anderson-Cherokee Community Enrichment Services)	http://www.accessmhmr.org/information/star.htm 903-586-3175
North Texas – Hill, Johnson, Parker, Palo Pinto, Tarrant counties	ACH Child & Family Services	http://www.realhelpforreallife.org 817-886-7106
East Texas - Tyler	Andrews Center	http://www.andrewscenter.com 903-581-2835
South Texas – Bexar, Crockett, Kinney, Schleicher, Sutton, Val Verde, counties	BCFS	http://www.discoverbcfs.net/star 210-677-8877

Rio Grande Valley	Buckner	http://www.buckner.org/our-work/rio-grande-valley 956-668-0145
Southeast Texas	Buckner	http://www.buckner.org 409-861-0582
West Texas – Bailey, Baylor, Briscoe, Castro, Childress, Cochran, Cottle, Crosby, Dickens, Foard, Floyd, , Garza, Hale, Hardeman, Haskell, Hockley, Kent, King, Knox, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Parmer, Stonewall, Swisher, Terry, Throckmorton, Wilbarger, Yoakum counties	Catholic Charities, Diocese of Lubbock	http://www.cclubbock.org/youth-and-families 806-765-8475
Denton, Dallas counties	CCD Counseling	http://familytreeprogram.org 888-837-0666, ext. 1
South Texas - Nueces, Kleberg, and Jim Wells counties	Circles of Care	https://www.circlesofcareinc.org/star/ 361-852-3812
Austin, Colorado or Fayette counties	Colorado County Youth and Family Services	http://www.ccyfs.org/#!star-/cshb 979-732-8355

South central Texas – Aransas, Atascosa, Bastrop, Bee, Caldwell, Comal, Frio, Goliad, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Karnes, Lee, Live Oak, McMullen, Rufugio, San Patricio, Wilson, Zavala counties	Connections Individual and Family Services	http://www.connectionsnonprofit.org/services.asp?id=6 830-629-6571
East Texas	Deep East Texas Council of Governments	http://www.detcog.org 800-256-7696
Southeast Texas - Harris, Fort Bend or Waller counties	DePelchin Children’s Center	http://www.depelchin.org/atrisk-youth-programs/ 713-730-2335
El Paso county	El Paso Center for Children	http://epccinc.org/programs/at-risk-youth-star 915-562-4765
Southeast Texas– Chambers, Galveston, Liberty counties	Family Service Center of Galveston	http://www.fsc-galveston.org/about/programs/services-to-at-risk-youth/ 409-762-8636
Central Texas – Hays County	Greater San Marcos Youth Council	http://www.gsmyc.org/counseling.html 512-754-0500
South Texas – Calhoun, DeWitt, Jackson, Lavaca, Victoria counties	Gulf Bend MHMR Center	http://www.gulfbend.org/poc/view_doc.php?type=doc&id=41197 361-582-2348

Andrews, Borden, Brewster, Coke, Concho, Crane, Culberson, Dawson, Ector, Fisher, Gaines, Glasscock, Howard, Hudspeth, Irion, Jeff Davis, Loving, Martin, Midland, Mitchell, Nolan, Pecos, Presidio, Reagan, Reeves, Runnels, Scurry, Sterling, Terrell, Tom Green, Upton, Ward, and Winkler counties	High Sky Children's Ranch	http://www.highsky.org/programs_stay_together.html 432-694-7728
Central Texas - Bandera, Blanco, Burnet, Edwards, Gillespie, Mason, Llano, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Mason, Menard, Medina, Uvalde counties	K'STAR	http://www.kstar.org/locations/locations.html 830-869-5404
Central Texas - Travis County	LifeWorks, Inc.	http://www.lifeworksaustin.org/youth_adult.html 512-735-2465
Southeast Texas - Montgomery County	Montgomery County Youth Services	http://youthmc.org/crisis-counseling/247817 936-756-8682
Brown, Coleman, Jones, McCulloch, Mills, San Saba, Taylor counties	New Horizons Ranch and Center, Inc.	http://www.newhorizonsinc.com/starprogram.html 325-437-1852

Bowie, Cass, Gregg, Harrison, Marion, Panola, Red River, Rusk, and Upshur counties	Sabine Valley/Community Healthcore	http://www.communityhealthcore.com 903-753-9744
South Texas - Laredo County	Serving Children & Adults in Need, Inc.	http://www.scan-inc.org/star.htm 956-725-2522
Central Texas – Williamson County	STARRY, Inc.	http://www.childrenatheartministries.org/STARRY-Counseling-Round-Rock 254-773-5802 ext. 8151
West Texas, - Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donely, Gray, Hartley, Hutchinson, Ochiltree, Potter counties	Texas Panhandle MHMR	http://www.texaspanhandlecenters.org/services-to-at-risk-youth-star-program.html 806-349-5603
Central Texas - Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon/Madison, Limestone, Robertson, Milam/Falls, Washington	Twin City Mission	http://www.twincitymission.org/star.shtml 979-822-7511
Brazoria county	Youth & Family Counseling Services	979-864-1577 ext. 141