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PRESS RELEASE

Statewide Youth Services Network Receives Contract to Support the Development of a Texas Homeless Youth Survey Tool

Texas Network of Youth Services receives contract from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs

Austin, July 6, 2015: Texas Network of Youth Services (TNOYS) has been awarded a contract with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to support the development of a Texas Homeless Youth Survey Tool. The survey tool will be used for a statewide count to determine the number of youth experiencing homelessness in Texas and the needs of those youth. This contract is a result of a bill passed in the 84th Texas Regular Legislative Session, House Bill 679 by Representative Sylvester Turner, which called for the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to conduct a study of homeless youth in Texas.

"We are very excited about the momentum that is building in Texas to address youth homelessness, thanks to the leadership of Representative Sylvester Turner, Senator Uresti, and others," said Texas Network of Youth Services Executive Director, Christine Gendron. "TNOYS has been working to make this happen since 2010. We were excited when House Bill 679 passed and we were even more excited to be selected by TDHCA to design a Homeless Youth Survey Tool to be used for the study. The development of the Homeless Youth Survey Tool presents an enormous opportunity. Data that will be collected through the Homeless Youth Survey Tool will be used to ensure that quality services are available for our state's most vulnerable children and youth. TNOYS looks forward to working in partnership with continuum of care agencies and other stakeholders across Texas on the development of this tool to support youth who are homeless."

For more information on this project and how you can provide feedback on the survey tool, please visit the organization's website at www.tnoys.org.

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About Texas Network of Youth Services:

Texas Network of Youth Services (TNOYS) is a statewide network of members who share a vision of Texas where all young people are valued, their strengths are recognized, and they have access to the resources, support, and opportunities they need to live healthy and fulfilling lives. Our mission is to improve, support, and protect critical services for youth in crisis and their families.

About the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs:

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs is committed to expanding fair housing choice and opportunities for Texans through the administration and funding of affordable housing and homeownership opportunities, weatherization, and community-based services with the help of for-profits, nonprofits, and local governments. For more information about fair housing, funding opportunities, or services in your area, please visit www.tdhca.state.tx.us or the [Learn about Fair Housing in Texas](#) page.