



EMPOWER

TRANSFORMING CHILD WELFARE
FOR TEXAS CHILDREN & FAMILIES

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About EMPOWER

EMPOWER is a child welfare collaborative focused on meeting the unique needs of Texas children and families. The collaborative is led by Texas Family Initiative and is supported by local providers in North Texas, including CK Family Services, Jonathan's Place, The Bair Foundation and Pathways Youth and Family Services.

This is done through a contract with the State of Texas, EMPOWER is the Community-Based Care (CBC) contractor in Metroplex East, a nine-county area that includes Dallas, Grayson, Fannin, Collin, Hunt, Rockwall, Kaufman, Ellis and Navarro counties.

The following providers are a part of the collaborative in Texas:

- **Texas Family Initiative** (TFI Texas) has a long and successful history of providing case management, adoption, residential treatment, behavioral health, and independent living services in Texas.
- **CK Family Services** has served the children and families of Texas for more than two decades. They provide behavioral health services, treatment foster care, professional home-based care, traditional foster care, adoption, post adoption, and family assessment.
- **Jonathan's Place** has cared for the abused, abandoned, and neglected children, teens, and young adults in in the Dallas Metroplex for more than 31 years..
- **The Bair Foundation** is a leading national treatment foster care provider in 9 states. For over 50 years, they have provided prevention, traditional foster care, therapeutic foster care, treatment foster care, adoption, kinship and behavioral health services for over 250,000 children.
- **Pathways** seeks to transform the lives of individuals and families it serves and, in turn, transform the communities where people live and raise their families.



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TFI GROWS TO BECOME ONE OF THE LARGEST CBC CHILD WELFARE AGENCIES IN THE U.S.

EMPOWER, a child welfare collaborative led by Texas Family Initiative (TFI) and supported by four leading Texas child welfare organizations, was recently awarded the Community-Based Care (CBC) contract in Metroplex East—a nine-county region which includes Dallas and surrounding communities. The startup for this new contract begins March 1, 2023, and EMPOWER begins accepting child placements Sept. 1, 2023.

This is the second CBC contract TFI has been awarded in Texas. Through its program, 2INgage, TFI currently provides CBC case management services to children and families in Region 2, a 30-county area that includes Abilene and Wichita Falls, Texas. 2INgage has recently seen significant successes under CBC.

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TFI is a leading child welfare agency providing experience, compassion, quality services and care. Our strength as an organization lies in doing what is best for children and families. TFI continues to create new resources and develop innovative solutions as we work to meet the needs of children and families.



Founded in Region 3, CK Family Services has served the children and families of Texas for more than two decades. They provide behavioral health services, treatment foster care, professional home-based care, traditional foster care, adoption, post adoption, and family assessment services in Region and across the state.



The Bair Foundation is a leading national treatment foster care provider in 9 states. For over 50 years, they have provided prevention, traditional foster care, therapeutic foster care, treatment foster care, adoption, kinship and behavioral health services for over 250,000 children. They are located in Dallas and throughout the state providing hope, stability and support to families in crisis.



Pathways seeks to transform the lives of individuals and families it serves and, in turn, transform the communities where people live and raise their families. For more than 30 years, Pathways has provided foster care and adoption service, residential care, and behavioral health services to thousands of children and families across Texas. Pathways has offices in Dallas, Abilene, Austin, Houston, Kerrville, Mountain Home, and San Antonio.



For 31 years, Jonathan's Place has cared for the abused, abandoned, and neglected children, teens, and young adults in in the Dallas Metroplex. Jonathan's Place offers a continuum of care by way of seven programs, which address the vital needs of children and young adults ages newborn to 23: The Emergency Shelter, Girls Residential Therapeutic program, RESET Sex Trafficking program, new-Stabilization and Assessment Center, Therapeutic & Treatment Foster Care and Adoption program, Transitional Living program, and Safe Place runaway prevention program.w)

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who we are



Social Impact

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foster futures.*

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foster homes in the
dallas metro area*

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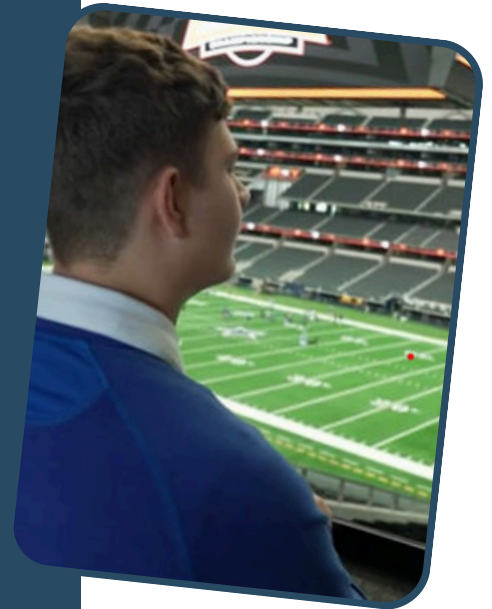
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SHINING THE SPOTLIGHT ON KIDS IN FOSTER CARE

Every month, WFAA posts a segment called “Wednesday’s Child”. This segment highlights children who are currently in foster care and are waiting to be adopted. EMPOWER works with WFAA to attract more attention to the kids in their care who are currently seeking adoption and hoping to find their forever home.

EMPOWER coordinates a fun experience for each of the children, and WFAA records and broadcasts the segment on their news channel. EMPOWER has been able to create very memorable experiences for the children in these segments. One of the children got a private tour of the AT&T Stadium. He ran onto the field, played some football, and even visited Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones' private suite.



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