

Making a Difference... One at a Time



*Community Resource
Coordination Groups
of Texas*



2002 Calendar
and 2001 Progress Report





Expanding the Possibilities

CRCGs of Texas

The challenges of a child, youth, adult and their family may become so great that a collaborative community intervention partnership is needed to help develop a plan of care to prevent someone from falling through the cracks of the system.

Often there is an assumption that staff from complementary service agencies or organizations frequently talk to each other and discuss common practices and interests, but often, the opposite happens. Service providers are challenged with very full schedules and large caseloads. Time may not be available for this interchange of expertise, thus causing further fragmentation of the service system.

The CRCG is a county-based interagency group of public and private sector providers who come together in partnership with families and consumers to develop an individual service plan. These local interagency teams use collaborative decision-making processes to create and locate resources for persons whose needs cannot be met by any single agency.

Sam and Ben

A local Independent School District is concerned about two young boys, Sam, age 11, and Ben, age 6.

The two boys have been truant 6 out of the last 13 days of school. The boy's father, present at the hearings with the truancy judge, promised to get them to school, yet the next day they are absent again. The school nurse has been concerned about Sam's recent illness that included a high fever. School teachers have noticed that Sam, characteristically a bright student, seems to be carrying the weight of the world on his shoulders, grimacing constantly and appearing well guarded when they have made attempts to discuss his personal/home situation.

After a bit of investigation, the school officials learn that the problems go much deeper. Sam and Ben's father is a recovering alcoholic. The family has no transportation as the father's license was revoked due to a DWI. He is also awaiting a settlement from an accident that he hopes will help the family get on their feet.

Currently, Sam and Ben's mother is hospitalized for psychotic episodes due to her mental illness. She is very dedicated to caring for her children. She has said that she will hurt herself if her kids are taken away. The family lives in a tent near a trailer park and winter is approaching.

Meeting the Need

The local Community Resource Community Group (CRCG) came together to address the needs of this family. Developing a plan to sustain the family staying together was critical as the father (Sam and Ben's sole means of support with the mother still in in-patient treatment) was due to be picked up due to breaking the terms of his probation.

Through the CRCG, the adult service providers working with the father and mother were connected to the school staff that were working with the two boys.

The CRCG team identified housing options and ways to better assess the needs of the boys to be successful in school.

Transportation to school, as well as transportation for general family needs, was also identified and fulfilled.

The local mental health providers provided an assessment and the necessary services to address the needs of the two boys.

Without a community-based team to partner with families, it is easy to see how families can be overwhelmed in their effort to deal with very complex needs.

Since 1987 when the legislation spurred the CRCG movement for children and youth, counties have experienced improvement in the delivery of coordinated services. The legislative charge was not directly funded yet local CRCGs have developed and strengthened interagency relationships through this collaborative process. Because of the demonstrated success of the Children and Youth CRCGs, various communities across the state started to utilize the model with adults with interagency needs. Thus, a new CRCG movement that targets the interagency needs of adults has been born in Texas.



*The State CRCG Teams and State Office are proud to share this
Year 2002 Calendar with you.*

*It is intended to serve as a useful tool and a progress report to
highlight state and local CRCG activities.*



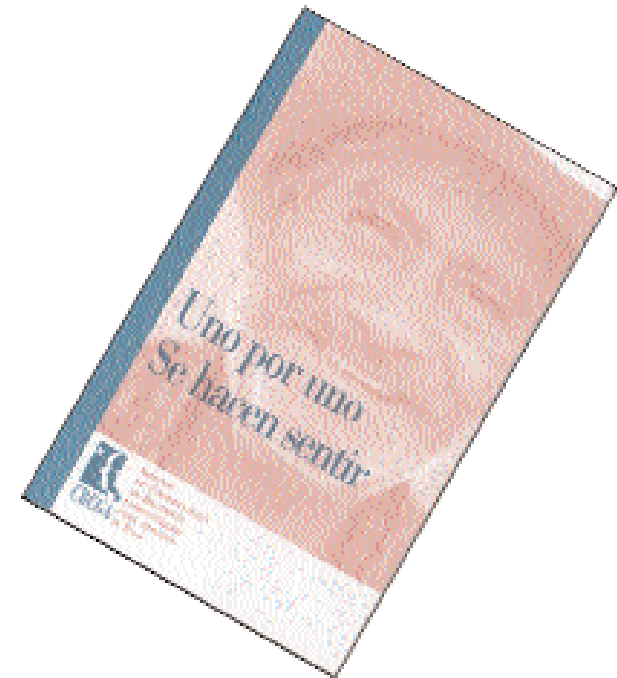
*If you would like more information on the CRCG initiatives, you may contact the State CRCG Office at (512) 206-4564
or visit the State CRCG website at www.hhsc.state.tx.us/crcg/crcg.htm*

Please enjoy this CRCG calendar and keep the collaborative spirit!

*Community Resource Coordination Groups (CRCGs) of Texas is a collaborative process serving
Texans in partnership with:*



*Families & Consumers
Texas Health and Human Services Commission
Texas Commission for the Blind
Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse
Texas Council on Offenders with Mental Impairment
Texas Department of Criminal Justice
Texas Department of Health
Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs
Texas Department of Human Services
Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation
Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services
Texas Department on Aging
Texas Education Agency
Texas Interagency Council on Early Childhood Intervention
Texas Juvenile Probation Commission
Texas Rehabilitation Commission
Texas Workforce Commission
Texas Youth Commission
Private Sector Service Providers*





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Mission

The Community Resource Coordination Groups of Texas provide a mechanism which enables local public and private agencies, organizations and families to work together in collaboration to meet the needs of individuals which no one agency can meet.

January 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Confederate Heroes' Day
20	21 Martin Luther King Day	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

 **Notes**

What are Community Resource Coordination Groups?



Community Resource Coordination Groups (known as CRCGs) are local interagency groups, comprised of public and private 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.

The Children and Youth Community Resource Coordination Group (CRCG) initiative has been successfully serving children with interagency needs since 1987. The collaborative decision-making processes used by these local interagency staffing teams have resulted in significant improvement in the delivery of coordinated, cost-efficient services. There are currently 150 local CRCGs serving children and youth available to all 254 counties.

February 2002

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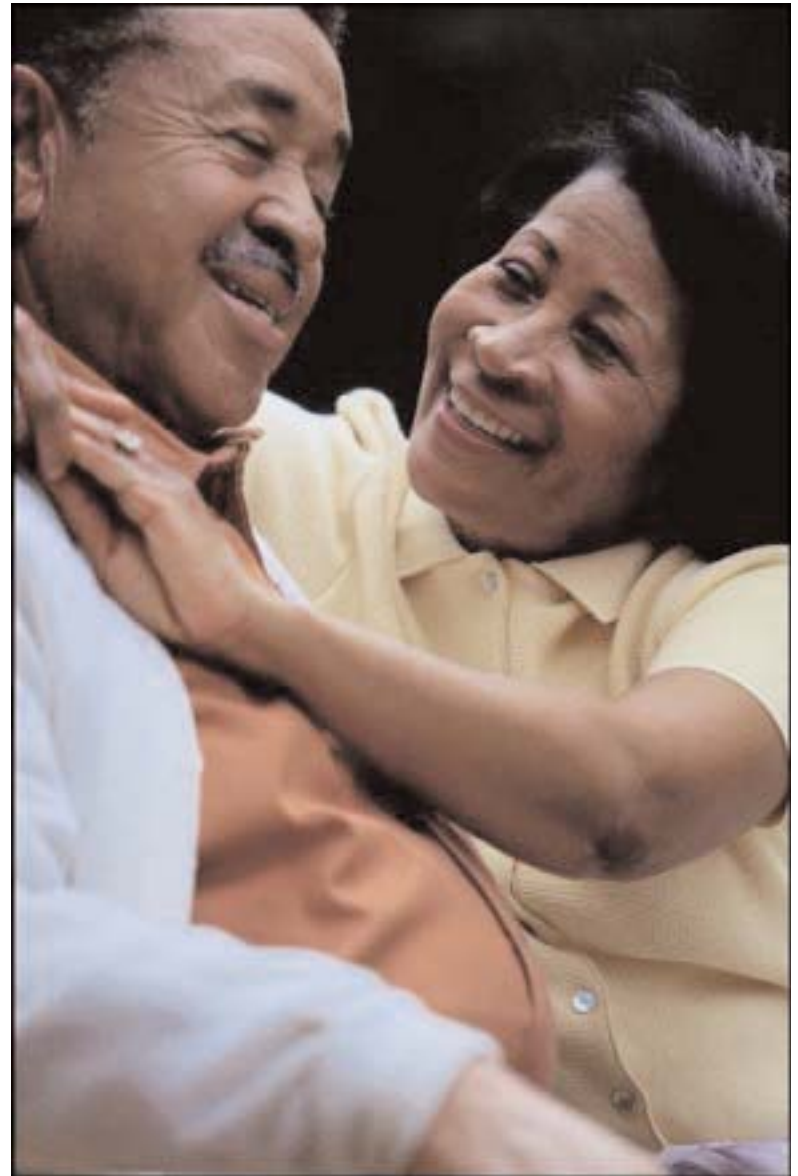
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CRCG for Adults (CRCGA)

Because of the success of the CRCG youth model, CRCGs for Adults with multiagency needs are developing across the state.

A state level CRCGA team that mirrors the composition of a local CRCGA oversaw a demonstration project in which 6 CRCGAs were implemented. Since the conclusion of the demonstration project, 8 additional sites have begun serving adults with complex multiagency needs through a Community Resource Coordination Group.

Some sites have combined the CRCG serving Children and Youth with a CRCG serving Adults, creating a CRCG for Families (CRCGF). The CRCG for Families model continues to evolve and offers the opportunity for child-serving and adult-serving providers to come together to comprehensively address the needs of children, youth, adults and families.



March 2002

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The State CRCG Office is supported through the pooling of resources from the members and their affiliations of the State CRCG and CRCGA Teams. The State CRCG Office supports the county-based CRCG process by:

Providing technical assistance through consultation and training to local and regional CRCGs.

Sharing information on promising practices from CRCGs across Texas.



Recommending improvements for CRCG operations.

Developing and maintaining CRCG data collection systems and a State CRCG Website.

Promoting the CRCG process thru educational presentations.

Serving as a liaison between the local CRCGs and the State CRCG/CRCGA Teams.

April 2002

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CRCG Training Events

The State CRCG and CRCGA Teams sponsored several recent training events including a statewide



conference in October 2000 and a summer two-day training workshop. Produced by the State Office, over two hundred people participated in the Statewide CRCG Conference, "Connecting Communities" that featured speakers including Dr. Gaynell Colburn, physician, wellness health consultant, vocalist, and percussionist; Naomi Haines Griffith, teacher, welfare worker, family member; and Pamela Marshall, consultant, community development specialist, and caregiver.

The CRCG Conference for 2002 is planned for September 30 - October 3, 2002 in San Antonio, Texas and will celebrate 15 years of Community Resource Coordination Groups in Texas.

May 2002

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26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	

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CRCG Training Video Series

A three-part series of videos was developed by a partnership agency, the Texas Education Agency, in conjunction with the State CRCG and State CRCGA Teams to train new and veteran CRCG and CRCGA members about the CRCG process.

One video illustrates the use of the CRCG to help students who are falling between the cracks in the system. A second video focuses on how CRCGs help young adults in transition from the school to adult services. The final video examines how CRCGAs can help adults through this interagency process.

June 2002

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Local Tools and Information Sharing

With staff turnover at all levels, it is important to educate all those involved with this collaborative process including potential partners or people who could benefit from the CRCG.

A Guide for New Chairs was completed in August 2000.

A Guide for New Members was disseminated in June 2001. Both provide a clear and concise orientation for new chairs or new representatives to CRCGs and CRCGAs.



A CRCG/CRCGA Power Point Presentation was shared with local CRCGs and CRCGAs for use in public awareness presentations.

Information and additional tools are available through the CRCG website www.hhsc.state.tx.us/crcg/crcg.htm.

The Bridge - a publication of the Community Resource Coordination Groups of Texas published periodically over the year provides a resource for information sharing targeted to local CRCGs and CRCGAs.

July 2002

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Resource Development

As a result of the success encountered with CRCG grants funded to four CRCGs in State Fiscal Year 2000 to enhance or expand local CRCG programs, the State CRCG Team for Children and Youth authorized work with a consultant CRCG Grant Specialist.

The intent and focus of the work is to help address the need for resource development within local CRCGs. A mini-conference on Integrating Resources was held in July 2001 to provide additional information and tools for CRCGs and CRCGAs.

August 2002

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25	26	27 LBJ's Birthday	28	29	30	31

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Data Collection

An automated data collection system was developed & implemented in 2000 for data related to CRCGs for Children and Youth. The web-based system allows local CRCG representatives to input their



information using the Internet.

Revisions were made to the data collection system related to CRCGs for Adults, including the option of data submission via the Internet utilizing an EXCEL spreadsheet. An integration of the CRCG and CRCGA data systems, planned for next year, will create a single data collection system for all types of CRCGs.

The information sent to the State Office is

used to reflect the local CRCG work. This information is provided to key decision-makers and leaders, such as the legislative report to the Governor and participating state agency CEOs. Local CRCGs request special reports from the State Office that break out their CRCG information to outline supportive data used to seek additional resources or grants.

September 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labor Day	3	4	5	6	7 Rosh Hashanah
8 Rosh Hashanah	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Yom Kippur	17	18	19	20	21
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State Teams

The State CRCG and State CRCGA Teams provide oversight and guidance for the Community Resource Coordination Groups of Texas.

State Team members include representatives from partner state agencies, private child-serving and adult-serving agencies, and family and consumer/caregiver representatives.



The teams met together in October 2000 and August 2001 to plan for the current and upcoming year.

Committees of the State Teams include:

*Training
Planning & Policy
Public Awareness
Data & Evaluation
Budget and Funding.*

October 2002

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27	28	29	30	31 Halloween		



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New Authorizing CRCG Legislation

The 77th Legislature enacted Senate Bill 1468, a bill that strengthens and supports the work of the Community Resource Coordination Groups of Texas. The bill, signed by Governor Rick Perry, calls for a joint Memorandum of Understanding between health and human services agencies and other state-level partners to promote a statewide system of local-level interagency staffing groups (CRCGs) to coordinate services for persons of any age in need of multiagency services.

In general, this legislation updates the previous authorizing CRCG legislation for children and youth and adds the requirement to implement a system for CRCG for adults. New features of this bill include the requirement to have a parent or family member on the children and youth CRCG and/or a consumer or caregiver member on the adult CRCG as a standing representative. In addition, the new legislation calls for a legislative report every two years to report the benefits and barriers of CRCG activities to the Governor of Texas and to participating agency CEOs.

November 2002

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24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving	29 Day After Thanksgiving	30



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CRCG Recognized through Legislative Initiatives



Inclusion of the local CRCG process is recognized and addressed through several legislative bills passed this year through the 77th Legislature.

Senate Bill 368 focuses on efforts to support permanency planning for children and youth with developmental disabilities. Permanency planning is a philosophy and planning process that focuses on the outcome of family support by facilitating a permanent living arrangement with the primary feature of an enduring and nurturing parental relationship. The local CRCG can support the permanency planning philosophy by ensuring that all community-based options are explored when a child or youth is being recommended for an institutional placement out of their home or community. Senate Bill 368 requires that entities that place children and youth with developmental disabilities in an institution shall notify the local CRCG within three days of the placement.

Another bill passed this past legislative session, Senate Bill 665, charges the Health and Human Services Commission to develop an Office of Early Childhood Coordination. Through the statewide strategic planning process for the delivery of health and human services to children younger than six years of age, existing programs and models such as the Community Resource Coordination Groups are to be considered.

December 2002

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22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas	26 Day After Christmas	27	28
29	30	31				



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Statistics 2001

Data is collected from local CRCGs serving all individuals in Texas. The CRCGs for Adults Initiative are actively working toward gathering more significant data from local sites serving the adult population. There is much more data available from the CRCG for children and youth due to the longer history of operating as local collaboratives and the increased volume of local CRCGs for children and youth. Below are highlights from the statewide data collected that has been collected from the CRCGs for Children and Youth for Calendar Year 2000, January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000.

ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS

Highest Referrals: Independent School Districts, Community Mental Health Centers, and Juvenile Probation Departments

Highest Attendance at CRCG Meetings: Independent School Districts, Community Mental Health Centers, Juvenile Probation Departments, Private Sector Child-Serving Providers, local Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, and local Texas Department of Health.

Most Responsible for CRCG Service Plans: Community Mental Health, Independent School Districts, Juvenile Probation Departments, private sector providers, and local Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services.

PROGRESS HIGHLIGHTS

Ages of Youth Served: 46% served are ages 13 through 16

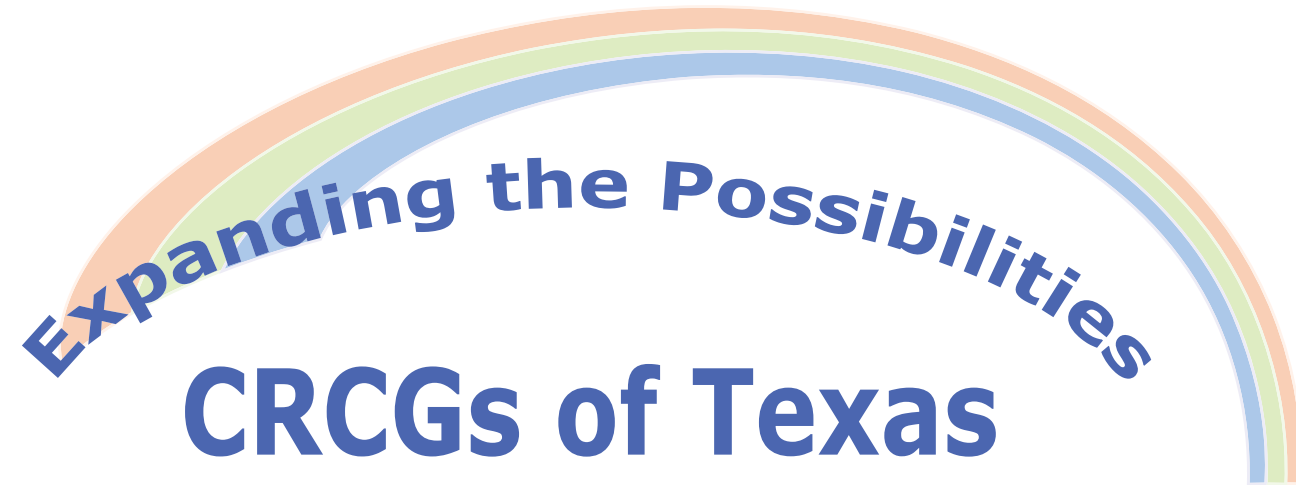
Gender and Ethnicity: Over one-half are Caucasian males

Top four Goals Cited on CRCG Service Plans: Services to keep Child in Home or Community, Educational Supports, Residential Treatment, and Respite Care.

Primary Service Need for Residential Services: Treatment for Substance Abuse

Goals Met on Follow-Up: 69% of all goals met on the four to six month follow-up

The above statistics are based on a 58% return rate of all local CRCGs that serve children and youth (978 CRCG referrals).



Contact the State CRCG Office!

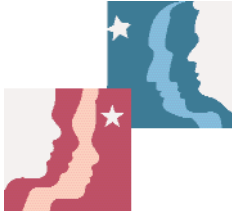
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