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Fathers of the Movement: Men Leading with Care, Courage, and Accountability



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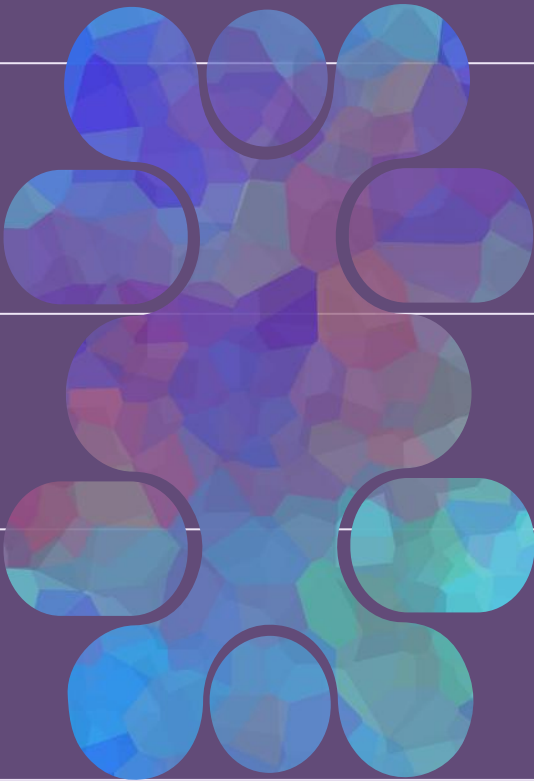
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RESOURCES

Roadmap for Safety, Justice, and Opportunity in Texas

The 2025 Needs Assessment is more than a report, it is a roadmap for creating access to safety, justice, and opportunity for survivors across Texas. Each year, more than 65,000 Texans seek help from family violence centers, and this assessment centers the voices of survivors, advocates, and underserved communities to better understand where support is working and where urgent gaps remain. The findings highlight a resilient service network under significant strain, including ongoing shelter capacity challenges, housing instability, workforce burnout, limited mental health resources, and the need for sustainable funding. They also point to clear solutions: investing in advocates, considering prevention the first intervention, focusing on economic support and many others. We encourage every member to read the 2025 Needs Assessment, and the State of the State data report, and use the findings to inform advocacy and funding conversations. The Needs Assessment will bolster our shared work to build safer futures for Texas families together by placing survivor and advocate voices at the center of our planning.



REACH OUR TEAMS

CONNECT WITH TCFV'S SPECIALIZED TEAMS FOR SUPPORT AND RESOURCES



Policy

Legislative advocacy, public policy development, and systems change to prevent and end family violence.

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Support to Service Providers

Technical assistance, training, and resources for domestic violence programs and service providers.

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Coordinated Response & Safety Strategies

Immediate support, safety planning, and intervention strategies for crisis situations.

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Prevention

Education, awareness, and community-based strategies to prevent domestic violence before it occurs.

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JURY OF MY HOME: A FATHER'S DAY REFLECTION FROM THE DA'S OFFICE

As a prosecutor, I have ask countless juries and judges to seek justice for victims of domestic violence. I have seen the broken doors, awful photos, and the devastating impact of cycles that span generations. But my most important role and the one that weighs heaviest on my heart—happens at the dinner table with my teenage daughter, not in the courtroom.

As a District Attorney, I understand the power of the law. But as a dad, I know the power of being a present father. A father who treats his child and his wife with love and respect in and out of his child's presence.

Evidence of Character

Prosecutors always speak about "breaking the cycle," but we must realize that children are the ultimate investigators. They constantly gather evidence of what a relationship should look like by watching us. I am the first man my daughter will ever truly know. The way I treat her mother, the way I handle frustration, and the way I speak about women sets the "precedent" for her life. If I model respect, she will recognize anything less as a red flag. If I model accountability, she will understand that "strength" and "aggression" are not the same thing. She will learn that manhood doesn't cancel out a woman's voice. Real men cherish the power of a woman's voice, perspective and contribution in every space, from the home to the boardroom.

Protecting the Next Generation

For our sons, we shape their views of what a man is. We must show them that being a man isn't about control or silence; it's about the courage to be vulnerable and the integrity to lead with empathy. For our daughters—especially as they navigate the complexities of their teenage years—we must be the standard-bearers. We need to be the safe harbor that teaches them their worth is intrinsic and their safety is a right, not a bargaining chip.

The Verdict

In the justice system, we deal with the aftermath of choices already made. But as fathers, we have the power of prevention. This Father's Day, I'm challenging the men of Texas to look inward and outward. Inward toward the issues we have in our own lives and outward toward the other men in our lives to challenge them when they are out of line. My greatest contribution to public safety isn't found in a case file; it's found in the culture of respect we build within our own home.

Our children deserve a legacy of peace. Because the most important trial we will ever face is the one where our children are the jury, and our daily actions are the evidence.

Happy Father's Day to the men leading with honor and heart.



Jarvis Parsons

**District Attorney
TCFV Board Member**

fathers



Judge Chad Bridges, a dedicated father, public servant, and longtime advocate for safer communities, has spent decades advancing justice through his work as a prosecutor, educator, and now as a justice on the 14th Court of Appeals. A Texas A&M graduate and University of Houston Law Center alum, he built a career rooted in family violence prosecution and victim safety, including more than 15 years as Chief of the Family Violence Division for the Fort Bend County District Attorney's Office. Alongside his wife, whom he met as a mock trial partner in law school, he is the proud father of Matthew (25) and Lauren (20). For Judge Bridges, fatherhood is grounded in presence, shared memories, and the belief that each person has both the ability and responsibility to make a difference in the lives of others.



Chris Fobbs, a devoted father, survivor advocate, and servant leader, has built his life around the belief that when we have the opportunity to help others, we should. As Executive Director of Freedom Center in Dumas, Texas, and a TCFV board member, he brings that spirit of service to his work supporting survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and to raising his three sons, Cash (14), Jace (11), and Cason (7). Shaped by lessons of hard work, resilience, accountability, faith, and community, Chris sees fatherhood as a lifetime of showing up: guiding, loving, and giving his children room to try, fail, and grow. Whether serving survivors or witnessing his sons step into compassion and responsibility, he hopes to pass down a legacy of character, courage, and service lived out through everyday action.



Kevin Dietz, a dedicated father, attorney, and advocate, has spent decades expanding access to justice and supporting survivors of domestic violence across Texas. As Deputy Director of Texas Legal Services Center, and previously as leader of Texas RioGrande Legal Aid's Family Law and Domestic Violence Practice Group, he has helped underserved Texans navigate legal challenges rooted in safety, housing, family stability, and dignity. Guided by the civic engagement and servant leadership modeled by his parents, Karen and Frank, Kevin brings those same values home as the proud father of Isabella (22), Francesca (20), and John (20) with his wife, Rachel. For Kevin, fatherhood is grounded in gratitude, shared time, and the hope that his children see service as a reflection of one's values and as a way to help build a Texas where dignity, equality, and safe communities are possible for all.

...in their honor

MEETINGS

UPCOMING REGIONAL

**JUN
24**

10:00 AM
03:00 PM



- **Region 3 Membership Training**
- Davis Conference Center, Abilene, TX
- Hosted by Area Director Alana Jeter
- Emergency preparedness, survivor safety & staff wellness

**JUL
22**

10:00 AM
12:00 PM



- **Region 8 Membership Training**
- Virtual Training
- Hosted by Area Director Rhonda Williamson
- Emergency preparedness, survivor safety & staff wellness

**JUL
28**

10:00 AM
12:00 PM



- **Region 5 Membership Training**
- Virtual Training
- Hosted by Area Director Melissa Rodriguez
- CCR, DVHRT, survivor safety & offender accountability

**AUG
11**

10:00 AM
03:00 PM



- **Region 6 Membership Training**
- Virtual Training
- Hosted by Area Director Whitney Burran
- Emergency preparedness, survivor safety & staff wellness

**AUG
25**

03:00 PM
05:00 PM



- **Region 2 Membership Training**
- Virtual Training
- Hosted by Area Director Sandra Garcia
- HHSC guidelines & TAC rule updates

Not sure which region you're in? Click [here](#) to find your region.

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Take a Chance on Safety



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HELP DESK

July 24th ✦ Chess Club ✦ 6 - 9 PM

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TCFV Statewide Conference 2026

October 27-29 in Austin, Texas

Join TCFV for the 2026 Statewide Conference,
"I'm OK, Are You OK?" connections. conversations. communities.

EARLY BIRD
prices **END JUNE 30!**

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NOW

SAVE THE DATE!

Highlighting Domestic Violence High Risk Teams



DVHRTs are a strategic initiative from TCFV to strengthen coordinated, community-based responses to domestic violence. They are local cohorts comprised of community entities and members invested in supporting survivors, including victim advocates, law enforcement, prosecutors, and other community stakeholders.

The teams identify domestic violence victims at the highest risk of homicide, implement initiatives to save lives, and provide survivor-centered safety strategies and services, from emergency shelter to counseling resources.

Recipients of the 2026 DVHRT Funding

- Abilene | Noah Project
- Amarillo | Family Support Services
- Arlington | The Archway
- Dallas | The Family Place
- El Paso | Center Against Sexual and Family Violence
- Houston | E.S. Empowered Survivor
- McAllen | Women Together Foundation, Inc.
-  NEW: New Braunfels | Crisis Center of Comal County
-  NEW: San Antonio | Family Violence Prevention Services, Inc.
- Tyler | East Texas Crisis Center

Through these partnerships, DVHRTs continue building stronger local systems that enhance survivor safety, increase accountability, and foster collaboration among communities across Texas.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



A COORDINATED RESPONSE FOR HIGH-RISK SURVIVORS IN SAN ANTONIO AND BEXAR COUNTY

“In late fall 2025, a generous grant from the Texas Council on Family Violence allowed Family Violence Prevention Services, Inc. (FVPS) to expand its nearly 50 years of service through the launch of a Domestic Violence High Risk Team (DVHRT). As FVPS began building the structure for this initiative, a potential challenge became an opportunity when an existing multidisciplinary risk committee operated by the City of San Antonio and Bexar County was identified. Rather than duplicate efforts, partners came together to create one coordinated DVHRT with enhanced reach, collaboration, and data tracking.

FVPS is also incorporating the project into its Battered Women and Children’s Shelter, which serves an average of 1,000 survivors each year and provides more than 40,000 bed nights of care. Through voluntary lethality screenings, survivors identified as particularly high risk may be connected with specialized case managers and, with informed consent, referred into the DVHRT process for coordinated support.

FVPS is grateful to TCFV for supporting the planning and implementation of this project. As President and CEO Marta Prada Peláez shared, “It matters to all!!!” The DVHRT model brings partners together to serve survivors and reduce lethality in the community.”



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TCFV ANNOUNCES 2026 SWALM GRANT RECIPIENTS

TCFV is proud to recognize the 2026 SWALM Grant recipients, whose projects reflect a broad range of survivor-centered needs across Texas, including shelter and housing improvements, security enhancements, flexible funding, culturally specific services, and prevention programming.

This year, TCFV distributed **\$334,958** in SWALM Grant funding to 13 organizations serving survivors and communities across the state.

Notably, five of this year's funded projects focus on prevention initiatives, representing a higher level of prevention-focused investment than typically seen in prior SWALM cycles. These efforts include youth engagement, community education, healthy relationship programming, training, and outreach designed to interrupt cycles of violence before they begin.

The 2026 SWALM Grant recipients are:

Aid to Victims of Domestic Violence	Matagorda County Women's Crisis Center, Inc. DBA The Crisis Center
Asian Family Support Services of Austin	Resource & Crisis Center of Galveston County, Inc.
Bay Area Turning Point, Inc.	Safer Path Family Violence Shelter
FamilyTime Crisis & Counseling Center	Texas Muslim Women's Foundation DBA Peace in the Home Family Services
Freedom House	The Family Place
Highland Lakes Family Crisis Center	Women Together Foundation, Inc.
Hope's Door New Beginning Center	

Through these grants, programs will strengthen safety, expand access to services, improve facilities, support survivors' immediate needs, and advance prevention work in communities throughout Texas.

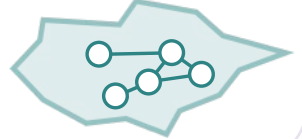
TCFV congratulates the 2026 SWALM Grant recipients and extends appreciation for their continued commitment to survivor safety, healing, and prevention.

DID YOU KNOW?

TCFV connects Texans to trusted resources and support.

In 2025, TCFV strengthened programs, equipped advocates, informed communities, and connected survivors and providers to resources statewide.

online, local, and statewide



313

training opportunities delivered



12,458

attendees reached through conferences, trainings, and community partners



879

unique technical assistance requests supported



NATIONAL PR REACH

4.54B



Top sources by views / reach

Yahoo!	4.24B
MSN News	110.2M
NewsBreak	89.6M
Authority Mag.	48.8M
KHOU-11	8.8M

Down the Rabbit Hole podcast

1,689

total plays on Spotify

436 hrs



Top website areas

17,415

Membership views

views

Program Resources	15,874
Survivor Resources	15,164

Social media channels: audience size and visibility

The source graphic reports followers and impressions/reach/views.



Facebook

8,020
followers282,913
impressions

Instagram

1,899
followers97,024
impressions

LinkedIn

2,774
followers46,684
impressions

YouTube

26
followers6,382
impressions

X / Twitter

1,579
followers5,065
impressions

TikTok

2
followers157
impressions

More platforms. More voices. One mission: supporting a Texas free from family violence.



Source: TCFV Impact Report 2025, page 07 - Statewide Reach & Impact.

JUNE OBSERVANCES

AWARENESS ~ ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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June 19

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Juneteenth commemorates the end of slavery in the United States and honors the strength, resilience, and freedom of Black communities. As we recognize this day, we also acknowledge the ongoing work required to advance equity, safety, and justice for all families. TCFV remains committed to centering survivor voices and supporting communities in the shared movement toward liberation and healing.

LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH

Month of June

PRIDE

Pride Month recognizes LGBTQ+ history, visibility, dignity, and community. It is a time to celebrate the courage and contributions of LGBTQ+ people while acknowledging the barriers many still face, including violence, discrimination, and isolation. TCFV affirms that every survivor deserves safety, respect, and support that honors their full identity.

Other June Observances

- National Safety Month**
Safer practices at home, work, and in the community.
- PTSD Awareness Month**
Understanding trauma, healing, and support.
- World Refugee Day - June 20**
Recognizing displaced communities and resilience.
- Men's Health Month**
Preventive care, screenings, and wellness.
- Immigrant Heritage Month**
Honoring immigrant stories and contributions.
- Father's Day - June 21**
Recognizing fathers and father figures.

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