Texas Child-Centered Care (T3C) System:

The *T3C System Blueprint, 7th Edition* Change Log Review

DFPS Stakeholder Webinar

November 4th 2025

Welcome

- Thank you for joining today's webinar hosted by the DFPS T3C Project Management Office.

- Today we will be reviewing changes made to the *T3C System Blueprint*, 8th Edition that was released by DFPS on October 29th 2025.

Before We Get Started

- Today's Webinar is being recorded, and the recording along with a copy of the PowerPoint presentation will be posted on the DFPS T3C Webpage: https://www.dfps.texas.gov/Texas_Child_Centered_Care/whats_new.asp.

- The TEAMS chat feature for this Webinar is not enabled, if you have questions about today's presentation or about the *T3C System Blueprint* or the T3C System in general, please e-mail them to dfpstexaschildcenteredcare@dfps.texas.gov. This mailbox is closely monitored, and we will respond to your questions.

- The T3C Project Management Office maintains a current list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the DFPS T3C System webpage. We encourage everyone to routinely review the FAQs to learn more about the effort.

- To access a copy of the ***latest*** version of the *T3C System Blueprint* please visit: https://www.dfps.texas.gov/Texas_Child_Centered_Care/documents/t3c_blueprint.pdf

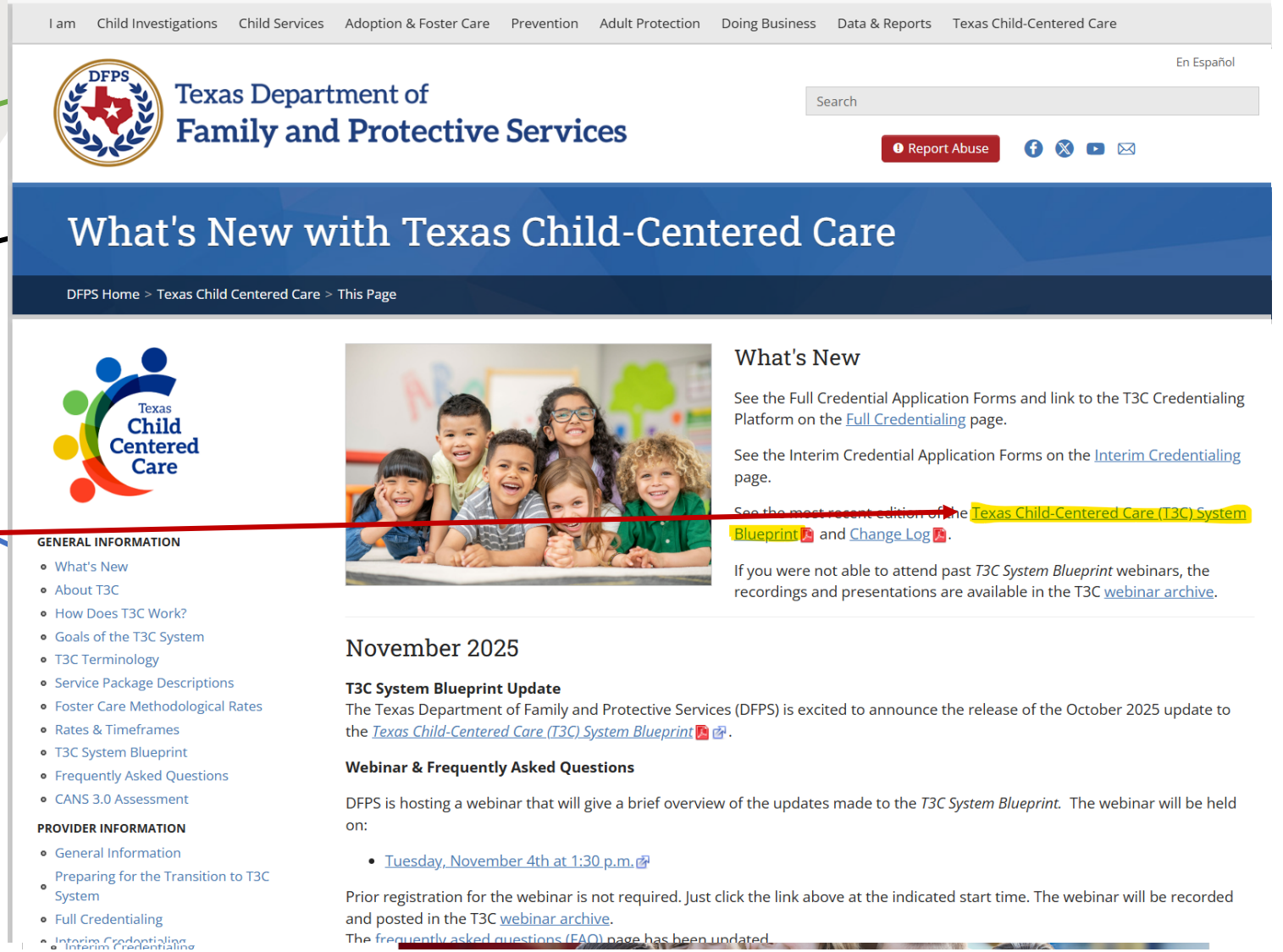
How to Access a Copy of the *latest* T3C System Blueprint

1) Visit www.dfps.texas.gov

2)Look for Texas Child Centered Care on top of Page

3) Under General Information Click on "What's New"

4) Click on the link titled "Texas Child-Centered Care (T3C) System Blueprint"



The T3C System Blueprint & Change Log

- *The Blueprint* is a guide for Texas foster care stakeholders to gain an understanding of the framework and parameters inherent in each of the twenty-four (24) Service Packages and three (3) Add-On Services.
- A webinar that walks stakeholders through how to read the *T3C System Blueprint* is posted on the DFPS T3C webpage and can be accessed by visiting: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rw8cJR5OTB4&feature=youtu.be
- The document will be updated quarterly (January, April, July, October) to include revisions (if necessary) and provide detailed information related to transition and implementation of the T3C System.
- The Service Packages and Add-On Services are defined in the *Blueprint*, and there should not be substantive changes to requirements. Updates between editions are intended to provide additional clarification to language, largely based on stakeholder questions submitted through the FAQ process.
- Sections related to readiness/implementation, resource opportunities, credentialing, contract oversight and monitoring are intended to change between Editions, as more information becomes available.
- With the release of each quarterly edition of the *T3C System Blueprint*, DFPS will release an updated version of a "Change Log". The purpose of the *T3C System Blueprint Change Log* is to provide detailed information on changes made to the *T3C System Blueprint* between published versions for ease in tracking and to ensure transparency.
- The *T3C System Blueprint Change Log* can be accessed by visiting the following: https://www.dfps.texas.gov/Texas_Child_Centered_Care/documents/t3c_blueprint_change_log.pdf.

How to Access a Copy of the *T3C System Blueprint Change Log*

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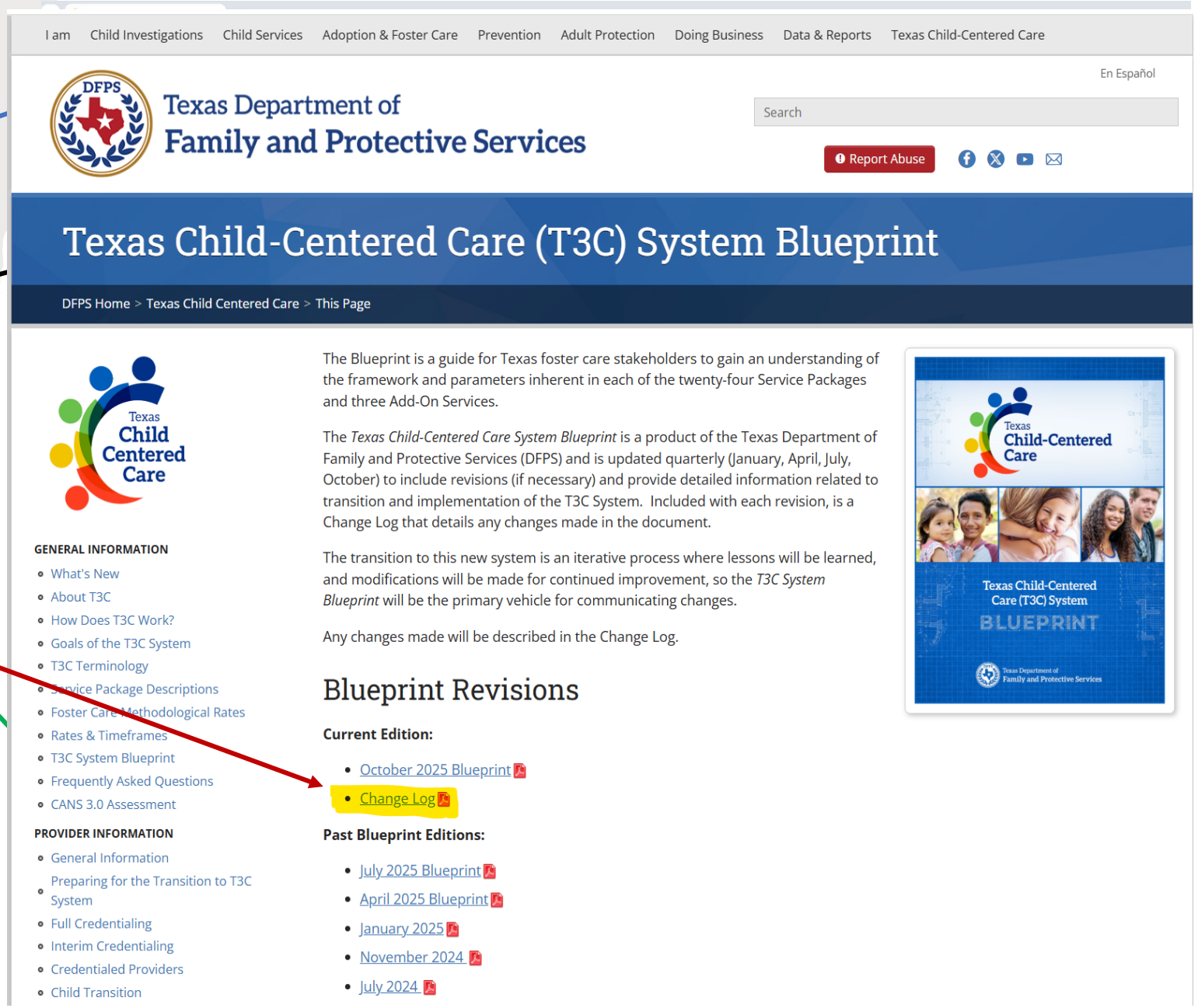
3) Under General Information Click on "T3C System Blueprint"

4) Click on the link titled "Change Log"



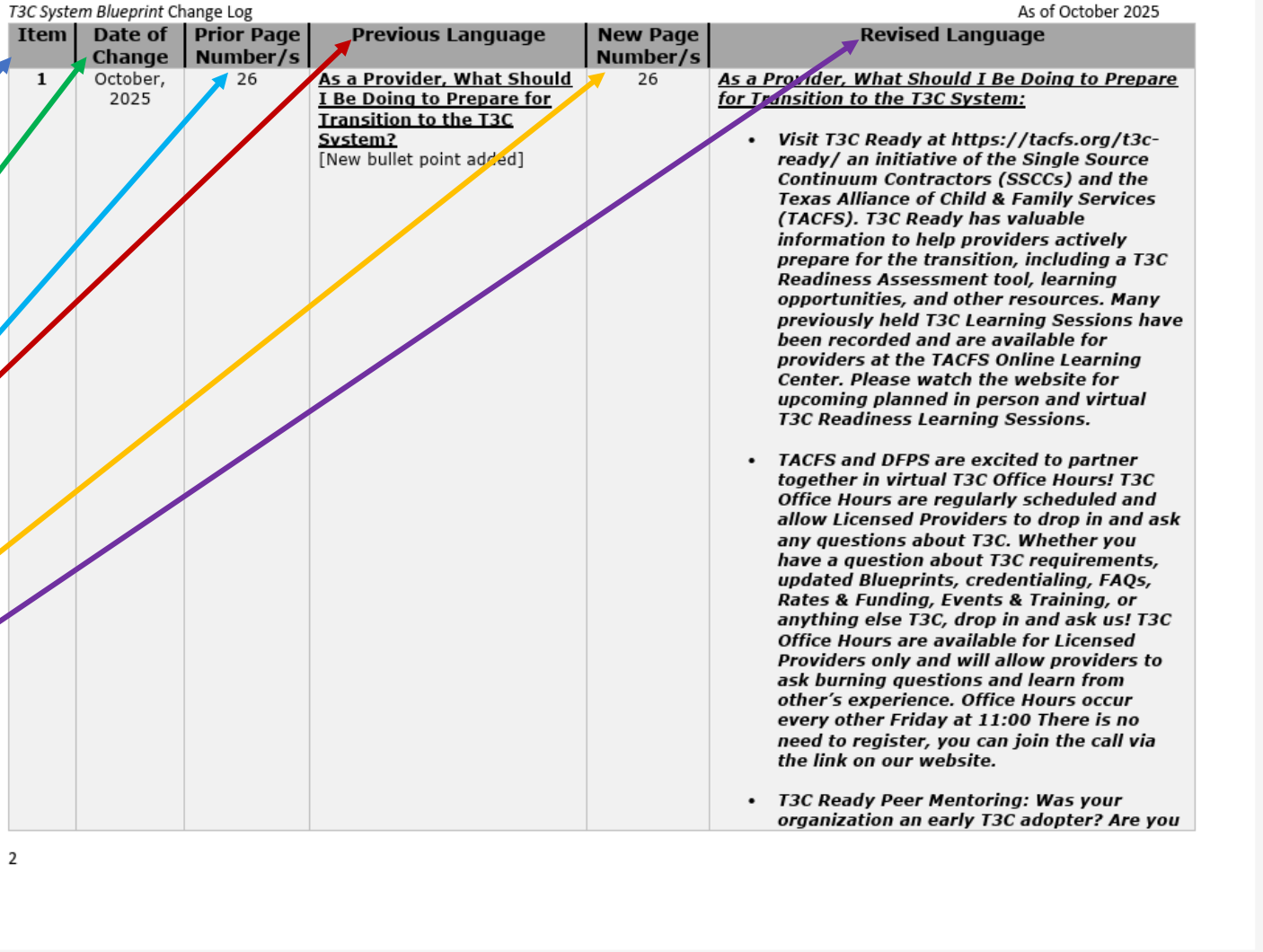
How to Read the Change Log

The Cover Page will always include the "As of" date, so that it is clear when the log was last updated.

The Change Log will be refreshed quarterly and will show a running list of all changes made between editions.

The Change Log reflects the following:

Item number- running list of numerical changes
Date of Change-reflects date of edition where change was made
Prior Page Number-where changed content was located in prior edition
Previous Language-language used in prior edition that is changing.
New Page Number-changed content reflected in latest edition.
Revised Language-reflects changes made to language in track changes.



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1	October, 2025	26	**As a Provider, What Should I Be Doing to Prepare for Transition to the T3C System?** [New bullet point added]	26	***As a Provider, What Should I Be Doing to Prepare for Transition to the T3C System:*** • *Visit T3C Ready at https://tacfs.org/t3c-ready/ an initiative of the Single Source Continuum Contractors (SSCCs) and the Texas Alliance of Child & Family Services (TACFS). T3C Ready has valuable information to help providers actively prepare for the transition, including a T3C Readiness Assessment tool, learning opportunities, and other resources. Many previously held T3C Learning Sessions have been recorded and are available for providers at the TACFS Online Learning Center. Please watch the website for upcoming planned in person and virtual T3C Readiness Learning Sessions.* • *TACFS and DFPS are excited to partner together in virtual T3C Office Hours! T3C Office Hours are regularly scheduled and allow Licensed Providers to drop in and ask any questions about T3C. Whether you have a question about T3C requirements, updated Blueprints, credentialing, FAQs, Rates & Funding, Events & Training, or anything else T3C, drop in and ask us! T3C Office Hours are available for Licensed Providers only and will allow providers to ask burning questions and learn from other's experience. Office Hours occur every other Friday at 11:00 There is no need to register, you can join the call via the link on our website.* • *T3C Ready Peer Mentoring: Was your organization an early T3C adopter? Are you*

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What changed between the 7th and 8th Editions of the T3C System Blueprint?

Item 1.
As a Provider, What Should I Be Doing to Prepare for Transition to the T3C System?

Reason for Change:
Updated information on applying to be a T3C paid Peer Mentor CPA or GRO to help other-like agencies as they make their way through the transition to T3C and information on upcoming T3C Ready Accelerator events that will be offered through the T3CReady.org campaign, which is a partnership of the SSCCs and the Texas Alliance of Child and Family Services.

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					interested in being a paid T3C mentor for one of your peers? Then consider lending your expertise and learning! The goal is to use peer-to-peer learning to support individuals within organizations who are designing and developing their T3C programs and are not yet credentialed. We are looking for individuals who work for a T3C credentialed child placing agency and/or a general residential organization who would mentor a peer from a like organization on specific aspects of T3C requirements. We will pay the mentor for both their time mentoring along with a stipend for preparatory time. The commitment: 10 virtual one-hour virtual mentoring sessions within 6 months of the first session date. T3C Ready will provide an orientation along with support materials to facilitate your success. Mentors will be paid and preparatory time. Additional details are available at https://tacfs.org/t3c-ready/#mentors. Opportunities to apply to connect with a T3C Ready mentor are coming soon. • ***Coming in 2026: T3C Ready Accelerator events live across the state. These 2-day workshops will focus on hands-on work to develop organizational T3C readiness. Experts will provide small group learning & application around subjects such as treatment models, policies & procedures, logic models, completing the T3C credentialing application and more. Please stay tuned for additional information regarding dates and locations.***

Item 2.
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Foster Care Methodological Rates

Reason for Change:

Added language to clarify that the CPA is responsible for ensuring the Foster Family Home Caregiver receives the pass-through amount associated with any relevant Add-On Service while the child is in Intermittent Alternate Care (aka respite), but do not need to be paid to the respite caregiver.

Please note that this applies to Fiscal Year 2026 Rates as well, and the title will be updated in the January 2026 edition of the Blueprint.

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2	October, 2025	28	**Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Foster Care Methodological Rates** Some children, youth, and young adults will have multiple needs where they may meet the criteria for more than one Service Package. The primary Service Package will be determined based on discussion and agreement between the SSCC or DFPS (in areas that have not yet moved to the CBC model) and the provider operation accepting and providing services to the child. Payment will be made for the selected primary Service Package the child is receiving – meaning only one primary Service Package rate per day of care will be applied. If the child is receiving a T3C Service Package (except for Short-Term Assessment Support Services) through a Child Placing Agency, and the agency is Credentialed to provide Add-On Service(s), for which the child is eligible, each Add-On Service rate will be paid in addition to the primary Service Package rate for the Service Package. Add-On Service rates do not apply to General Residential Operation Tier I or Tier II settings (as	28	**Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Foster Care Methodological Rates** Some children, youth, and young adults will have multiple needs where they may meet the criteria for more than one Service Package. The primary Service Package will be determined based on discussion and agreement between the SSCC or DFPS (in areas that have not yet moved to the CBC model) and the provider operation accepting and providing services to the child. Payment will be made for the selected primary Service Package the child is receiving – meaning only one primary Service Package rate per day of care will be applied. If the child is receiving a T3C Service Package (except for Short-Term Assessment Support Services) through a Child Placing Agency, and the agency is Credentialed to provide Add-On Service(s), for which the child is eligible, each Add-On Service rate will be paid in addition to the primary Service Package rate for the Service Package. ***The Foster Family Home Pass through Portion of Add-On Service daily rates are still paid to the child's Foster Family Home Caregiver during days taken of Intermittent Alternate Care, but do not have to be paid to the provider of the Intermittent Alternate Care.*** Add-On Service rates do not apply to General Residential Operation Tier I or Tier II settings (as shown in Tables 3 and 4 below).

Item 3. Table 1. Child Placing Agency/Foster Family Home T3C Methodological Rates Community-based Service Packages

Reason for Change:

Technical correction, the correct CPA retainage portion of the Sexual Aggression/Sex Offender Support Services rate is $95.69

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			shown in Tables 3 and 4 below).		
3	October, 2025	29	**Table 1. Child Placing Agency/Foster Family Home T3C Methodological Rates Community-based Service Packages** Sexual Aggression/Sex Offender Support Services – Child Placing Agency Retainage Portion – $88.57	29	**Table 1. Child Placing Agency/Foster Family Home T3C Methodological Rates Community-based Service Packages** Sexual Aggression/Sex Offender Support Services – Child Placing Agency Retainage Portion – ~~$88.57~~ ***95.69***

Item 3. (continued) Table 2. Child Placing Agency/Foster Family Home T3C Methodological Rates Community-based Add-On Services

Reason for Change:
Technical correction to the CPA Retainage portion of the Transition Support for Youth & Young Adults Add-On Service Rate of $11.28 per day.

		October, 2025	30	**Table 2. Child Placing Agency/Foster Family Home T3C Methodological Rates Community-based Add-On Services** Transition Support Services for Youth & Young Adults Add-On Service – Child Placing Agency Retainage Portion - $11.27	30	**Table 2. Child Placing Agency/Foster Family Home T3C Methodological Rates Community-based Add-On Services** Transition Support Services for Youth & Young Adults Add-On Service – Child Placing Agency Retainage Portion - ~~$11.27~~ ***11.28***

Item 4.
Cost Reports

Reason for Change:
Clarification to acknowledge that HHSC-Provider Finance worked with stakeholders to finalize the build of the T3C Cost Report Template.

4	October, 2025	32	**Cost Reports** In the spring and summer of 2025 HHSC, in consultation with DFPS and stakeholders, will finalize the cost report template to support the T3C Service Packages and Add-On Services. Cost reports associated with T3C services will not be collected for FY 2025, since the transition to the new foster care model	32	**Cost Reports** In the spring and summer of 2025 HHSC, in consultation with DFPS and stakeholders, ~~will~~ finalized the cost report template to support the T3C Service Packages and Add-On Services. Cost reports associated with T3C services will not be collected for FY 2025, since the transition to the new foster care model occurred halfway through the fiscal year, with only a small subset of providers. Please note that this does not change cost reporting requirements for 24-hour residential childcare services that are not T3C related. Cost reports will still be required for non-T3C

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Item 5.
The Credentialing Process

Reason for Change:
Update added to ensure current language is used for anticipated release of the Re-Credentialing requirements.

	5	October, 2025	32	**The Credentialing Process** Information on the Interim Credential was released in the July 2024 edition of the *T3C System Blueprint*. Details on the step-by-step process for the Full Credential were released in the January 2025 edition of the T3C System Blueprint. DFPS anticipates providing updated information regarding the Re-Credentialing process, including the estimated timeline to begin the process and the expected timeline for completing the process, in the July 2025 *T3C System Blueprint.*	33	**The Credentialing Process** Information on the Interim Credential was released in the July 2024 edition of the *T3C System Blueprint*. Details on the step-by-step process for the Full Credential were released in the January 2025 edition of the T3C System Blueprint. DFPS anticipates providing updated information regarding the Re-Credentialing process, including the estimated timeline to begin the process and the expected timeline for completing the process, in ~~**the July 2025**~~ ***an upcoming edition of the*** *T3C System Blueprint.*

Item 6.
The Credentialing Process

Reason for Change:
New paragraph added that provides guidance on Credentialing process for Non-Financial Providers.

6	October, 2025		**The Credentialing Process** [New paragraph added]	33	**The Credentialing Process** ***Non-Financial Providers that are only providing Basic Level of Care residential services at no cost to any DFPS/SSCC children or the state, can apply for the Full Credential in the most applicable Service Package (T3C Basic Child Care Operation for GROs, T3C Basic Foster Family Home Support Services for CPAs) and identify within the Full***

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					Credential Application any T3C requirements that they are requesting to waive. The Non-Financial Provider must explain how your program will ensure that the quality of care and services envisioned under T3C for children in DFPS custody receiving a particular Service Package would not be substantially dissimilar from the care for children placed in that Service Package at an operation that meets all of the T3C requirements. Determinations on Credential Applications for Non-Financial Providers containing a waiver request will be considered by DFPS on a case-by-case basis.

Item 7.
What is an Interim Credential?

Reason for Change:
Update to language to ensure it reflects current tense.

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			fully Credentialed. Providers approved for an Interim Credential to provide a particular Service Package or Add-On Service are required to become fully Credentialed before the Interim Credential expires on the last day of the twelfth calendar month after the issuance of the Active Interim Credential status. The Active Interim Credential for any one Service Package or Add-On Service is issued to the eligible provider one time only and is not renewable. DFPS released the Interim Credential Applications in December 2024 and the Full Credential Applications in January 2025. Applications for the Interim Credential will be accepted through the end of December 2025, at which time the Interim Credential will no longer be an option. All providers seeking to offer a T3C System Service Package or Add-On Service after December 2025, will be required to apply for the Full Credential. Additional guides and specific submission instructions for the Credentialing Platform can be found on the DFPS T3C webpage, along with the Application.		January 2025. Applications for the Interim Credential will be accepted through the end of December 2025, at which time the Interim Credential ***application*** will ***be retired and a new Interim Credential will*** no longer be an option. All providers seeking to offer a T3C System Service Package or Add-On Service after December 2025, will be required to apply for the Full Credential. Additional guides and specific submission instructions for the Credentialing Platform can be found on the DFPS T3C webpage, along with the Application.

Item 8.
New Header- Agency Authority

Reason for Change:

New section explaining DFPS' authority over the Credential application process and award added.

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8	October, 2025	42	[Add new header] [Add new paragraph]	42	Agency Authority ***Reservation of Rights*** ***The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to accept, deny, or otherwise reject any application for T3C Credentialing, whether Interim, Full, or Interim-to-Full, in whole or in part, at any stage of the review or approval process. Submission of an application does not guarantee approval, issuance of a Credential, or the right to contract with DFPS or any Single Source Continuum Contractor (SSCC). DFPS may reject any application that, in its judgment, fails to meet applicable T3C requirements or is otherwise inconsistent with the goals, intent, or integrity of the Texas Child-Centered Care (T3C) System.***

Item 9.
Staffing Requirements

Reason for Change:

Clarifying language added that the Transitional Support/Mentor staff are required as a part of the Aftercare.

9	October, 2025	150	**Staffing Requirements** Child Placing Agency must have dedicated Transitional Support/Mentor staff and infrastructure to support youth and young adults while receiving the Transition Support Services for Youth & Young Adults Add-On Service and as a part of the Aftercare plan.	150	**Staffing Requirements** • Child Placing Agency must have dedicated Transitional Support/Mentor staff and infrastructure to support youth and young adults while receiving the Transition Support Services for Youth & Young Adults Add-On Service ~~and as a part of the Aftercare plan~~. • ***Child Placing Agency Aftercare Transitional Support/Mentor Staff.***

Item 10.
Generally Appropriate Staff to Youth or Young Adult Ratio Based on Add-On Service

Reason for Change:
The Transition Support Add-On Service includes Aftercare Transitional Support/Mentor Staff– the generally appropriate staff to child ration was included 1 child for every 20 staff.

10	October, 2025	150	**Generally Appropriate Staff to Youth or Young Adult Ratio Based on Add-On Service** [Added bullet]	150	**Generally Appropriate Staff to Youth or Young Adult Ratio Based on Add-On Service** • ***1 Child Placing Agency Aftercare Transitional Support/Mentor Staff for every 20 youth and young adults receiving the Transition Support Services for Youth & Young Adults Add-On Service.***

Please Remember:

- **Each Service Package and Add-On Service is Distinct- while there may be some policies/procedures, model(s), etc. that are common across your agency/organization– having a clearly defined program that is designed to meet the custom needs of children (based on the specific Service Package/ Add-On Service) through targeted services/interventions/treatment is required under the T3C System.**
- **The T3C System does not replace any of the requirements associated with your permit and minimum standards.**
- **Being Credentialed qualifies a provider to offer a specific Service Package and Add-On Service but is not the same as having a DFPS or SSCC residential child contract to serve children, youth, and young adults. Once Credentialed, the provider's DFPS and/or SSCC Residential Contract(s) will have to be amended in order to serve children under the new Service Package or Add-On Service.**
- **The placement process changes under the T3C System- using a *Collaborative Universal Screening/Services Planning Process*, the child's needs dictate the type of Service Package to be sought, and providers are identified based on whether they are Credentialed *and* Contracted to provide the Service Package.**

Reminders

The Interim Credential Application will remain active until the end of December 2025, so please plan accordingly. After December 2025, providers must apply using the Full Credential Application.

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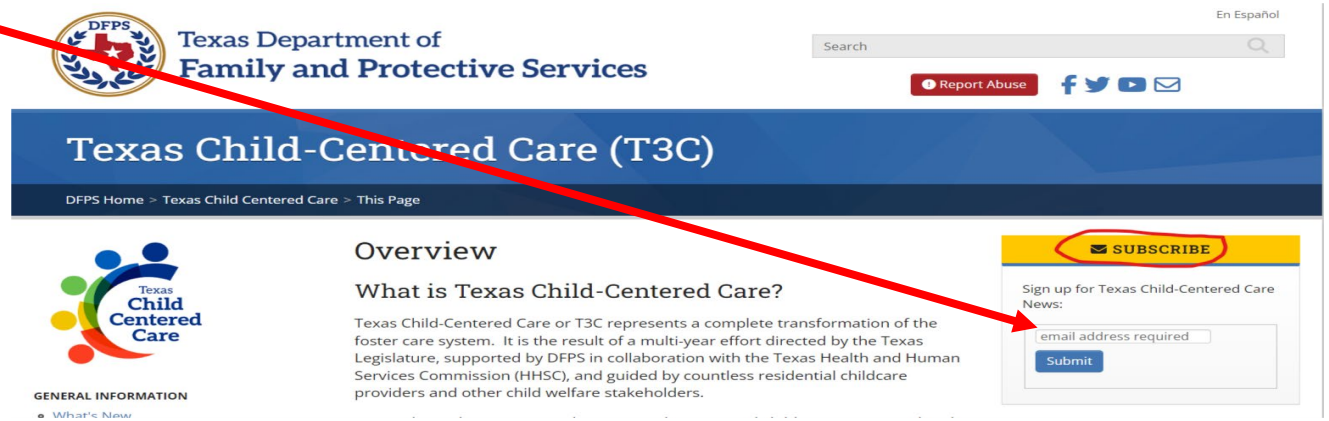
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