

Interested in becoming a YES Waiver Provider?

Youth Empowerment Services are available to eligible youth in the following counties served by **Helen Farabee Centers**: Archer, Baylor, Childress, Clay, Cottle, Dickens, Foard, Hardeman, Haskell, Jack, King, Knox, Montague, Stonewall, Throckmorton, Wilbarger, Wichita, Wise, and Young. The information below includes: a) positions currently open; b) qualifications for service-specific providers; and c) position descriptions and other related details.

Animal-Assisted Therapy

Qualifications: Must be certified by Pet Partners, Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association (EAGALA) or Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship (PATH).

Description: Animals are used in goal directed treatment sessions, as a modality, to facilitate optimal physical, cognitive, social and emotional outcomes.

Art Therapy

Qualifications: Certified by the Art Therapy Credentials Board.

Description: Human service profession in which an art therapist uses art media, the creative process, and the resulting artwork to the participant explore feelings, identify behavior problems, and increase self-awareness.

Music Therapy

Qualifications: Certified by the Certification Board for Music Therapist.

Description: Utilizes musical or rhythmic interventions specifically selected by a registered music therapist to accomplish the restoration, maintenance, or improvement of social or emotional functioning.

Nutritional Counseling

Qualifications: Nutritional counseling must be provided by a person who is a registered, licensed, or provisionally licensed dietitian by the Texas Board of Examiners.

Description: Assists participant in meeting basic and/or special therapeutic nutritional needs, including, but not limited to, counseling in nutrition principles, dietary plans, and food selection and economics.

Community Living Supports (CLS)

Qualifications: Must be a credentialed Qualified Mental Health Professional–Community Services (QMHP–CS) or the equivalent who: a) has a Bachelor’s or Master’s degree from an accredited college or university with the minimum hours equivalent to a major in an approved behavioral science, medicine, nursing, education, or special education; or, b) is a Registered Nurse; or c) has completed an alternative credentialing process identified by the Department of State Health Services.

Description: Provides curriculum-based skills training to a participant or their caregiver to promote independence and integration into the community.

Recreational Therapy

Qualifications: A licensed professional with documented training and experience relative to the specialized therapy being provided. Must be certified by the National Council of Therapeutic Recreation Certification (CTRS), or certified as a Texas Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (TRS/TXC).

Description: Activities prescribed as a treatment intervention to restore, remediate, or habilitate improvement in a participant's functioning and independence, while reducing or eliminating the effects of the participant's serious emotional disturbance.

Employment Assistance

Qualifications: Must be licensed, at least 18 years of age, have a current driver's license, and pass the criminal history and abuse registry checks. Must have bachelor's degree, associative degree, or high school diploma.

Description: Assists in locating paid employment at or above minimum wage in an integrated employment setting in the community that meets the participant's personal and career goals.

Family Supports

Qualifications: High school diploma, one cumulative year of receiving mental health community services for a mental health disorder or one cumulative year navigating the system as a parent or caregiver.

Description: Provides peer mentoring and support to the primary caregivers; engages the family in the treatment process; models self-advocacy skills; provides information, referral and non-clinical skills training; maintains engagement; and assists in the identification of natural/non-traditional and community support systems.

Supported Employment

Qualifications: Must be licensed, at least 18 years of age, have a current driver's license, and pass the criminal history and abusive registry checks. Must have a bachelor's degree, associative degree, or high school diploma.

Description: Assistance provided to help sustain competitive and integrated employment, to a participant who, because of a disability, requires intensive, ongoing support to be self-employed, work from home, or perform in a work setting in which individuals without disabilities are employed. A participant receiving supported employment earns at least minimum wage if not self-employed.

Supportive Family-Based Alternatives

Qualifications: Includes a resident in the home who is over 18 years, has a current driver's license and valid automobile insurance, is not the LAR or guardian of the YES participant, must be CPR trained & certified (this can also be provided by Helen Farabee Centers at no cost), criminal history and background checked, etc.

Description: Provide therapeutic and model appropriate behaviors for the participant's family, the participant temporarily resides in a home other than the home of his or her legally authorized representative (LAR). The objective is to enable the participant to successfully return home to live in the community with his or her family.

Non-Medical Transportation

Qualifications: Be at least 18 years old, have a current driver's license, and pass the criminal history and abuse registry checks.

Description: Enables participant to gain access to Waiver and other community services, activities, and resources.

Respite

In-Home

Qualifications: Be at least 18 years old, have a current driver's license, and pass the criminal history and abuse registry checks.

Description: In-home respite service is provided on a short-term basis because of the absence of, or need for relief for, the legally authorized representative (LAR) or other primary caregiver of a Waiver participant.

Out-Of-Home: Camp

Qualifications: Be at least 18 years old, have a current driver's license, and pass the criminal history and abuse registry checks, licensed by the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) or camps that are accredited by the American Camp Association.

Description: Short-term camp for LAR or other primary caregiver of participant.

Out-Of-Home: Licensed Child Care Center (LCCC)

Qualifications: Be at least 18 years old, have a current driver's license, and pass the criminal history and abuse registry checks, licensed by the Department of Family and Protective Services, in accordance with 40 TAC, Chapter 746.

Description: Provided on a short-term basis because of the absence of, or need for relief for, the legally authorized representative or other primary caregiver of a YES Waiver participant.

Respite provided by a LCCC is divided into preschool age and school age groups, in accordance with the following: Preschool age respite is provided for youth ages three to five years old. School age respite is provided for youth ages six to 18 years of age, up to a youth's 19th birthday.

Out-Of-Home: Registered Child Care Home (RCCH)

Qualifications: Be at least 18 years old, have a current driver's license, and pass the criminal history and abuse registry checks, licensed by the Department of Family and Protective Services, in accordance with 40 TAC, Chapter 746.

Description: Provided on a short-term basis because of the absence of, or need for relief for, the legally authorized representative or other primary caregiver of a YES Waiver participant. Respite provided by a RCCH is divided into preschool age and school age groups, in accordance with the following: Preschool age respite is provided for youth ages three to five years old. School age respite is provided for youth ages six to 18 years of age, up to a youth's 19th birthday.

Out-Of-Home: Residential Child Care

Qualifications: Be at least 18 years old, have a current driver's license, and pass the criminal history and abuse registry checks, licensed by the Department of Family and Protective Services, in accordance with 40 TAC, Chapter 746.

Description: Provided on a short-term basis because of the absence of, or need for relief for, the legally authorized representative or other primary caregiver of a YES Waiver participant. Respite at a residential child care can be provided in the following Department of Family and Protective Services verified or licensed settings:

1. Foster home;
2. Child-placing agency; or
3. General Residential Operation.

For additional information and contract assistance, qualified providers should contact:

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- All providers must be at least 18 years of age, have a current driver's license, and pass the criminal history and abuse registry checks. Helen Farabee Centers is a drug-free workplace.