

# 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

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

**Qualifications:** Licensed professional with documented training and experience relative to the specific service, OR be appropriately trained and obtain certification through a YES Waiver-endorsed certification program specific to the type of program and animal(s) involved. YES Waiver-endorsed certification programs include: Certified by Pet Partners, Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association (EAGALA), Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship (PATH), Trauma Focused Equine Assisted Psychotherapy (TF-EAP), or Equine Experiential Education Association (E3A).

## Art Therapy

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

**Qualifications:** Licensed professional with documented training and experience relative to the specific service, OR certified by the Art Therapy Credentials Board.

## Music Therapy

**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.

**Qualifications:** Licensed professional with documented training and experience relative to the specific service, OR certified by the Certification Board for Music Therapists.

## Nutritional Counseling

**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.

**Qualifications:** Must be a registered, licensed, or provisionally licensed dietitian by the Texas Board of Examiners.

### **Recreational Therapy**

**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. Recreational activities may include, but are not limited to: Arts and crafts, aquatic activities, dance and movement, drama/theater, experiential interventions, games, outdoor recreation, sensory stimulation and integration, sports, and yoga.

**Qualifications:** Licensed professional with documented training and experience relative to the specialized therapy being provided, OR certified by the National Council of Therapeutic Recreation Certification (NCTRS), OR certified as a Therapeutic Recreation Specialist Texas (TRS/TXC).

### **Community Living Supports (CLS)**

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

**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.

### **Family Supports**

**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.

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

### **Employment Assistance**

**Description:** Assistance provided to help the individual locate paid employment at or above minimum wage in an integrated employment setting in the community that meets the participant's personal and career goals.

**Qualifications:** Must be 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.

### **Supported Employment**

**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. Includes adaptations, supervision, and training related to an individual's needs.

**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.

### **Supportive Family-Based Alternatives**

**Description:** Provide therapeutic support 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.

**Qualifications:** At least one adult in the home who is over 18 years of age, has current driver's license and valid automobile insurance; is not the LAR or guardian of the YES participant; must be CPR trained & certified; must pass criminal history and background check.

### **Non-Medical Transportation**

**Description:** Enables participant to gain access to Waiver and other community services, activities, and resources, as specified in the participant's Wraparound Plan.

**Qualifications:** At least 18 years of age, has a current driver's license and valid automobile insurance, and pass criminal history and abuse registry checks.

### **Respite**

#### **In-Home**

**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.

**Qualifications:** At least 18 years old, current driver's license, and pass criminal history and abuse registry checks.

#### **Out-Of-Home Camp**

**Description:** Day or overnight camp respite service is provided by camps that are licensed by the state of Texas or accredited by the American Camp Association (ACA)

**Qualifications:** At least 18 years old, current driver's license, and pass criminal history and abuse registry checks; licensed by the Department of State Health Services or accredited by the ACA.

#### **Out-Of-Home Licensed Child Care Center (LCCC)**

**Description:** Respite provided by a LCCC; divided into age groups as follows- preschool age (3-5 years) and school age (6-18 years).

**Qualifications:** At least 18 years old, 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 26 TAC, Chapter 746.

#### **Out-Of-Home: Licensed Child Care Home (LCCH)**

**Description:** Respite provided by a LCCH; divided into age groups as follows- preschool age (3-5 years) and school age (6-18 years).

**Qualifications:** At least 18 years old, current driver's license, and pass criminal history and abuse registry checks; licensed by the Department of Family and Protective Services, in accordance with 26 TAC, Chapter 747.

*Out-Of-Home: Residential Child Care*

**Description:** Respite at a residential child care can be provided in the following Department of Family and Protective Services settings and must be verified or licensed by HHSC:

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

**Qualifications:** Foster Family Provider must be verified with HHSC in accordance with 26 TAC 249; Child Placing Agency Provider must be a child placing agency license with HHSC in accordance with 26 TAC 749; GRO Provider must be a residential child care operation in accordance with 26 TAC 748 or a Waiver Provider agency certified by HHSC as a LMHA or LBHA.

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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.