

Prevention and Early Intervention

Texas Family Code Sec. 265.002.

PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES DIVISION.

"Prevention and early intervention services" means:

programs intended to provide early intervention or prevent at-risk behaviors that lead to child abuse, delinquency, running away, truancy, and dropping out of school.

Texas Family Code Sec. 265.002, continued

The division shall be called the prevention and early intervention services division and shall have the following **duties**:

- (1) to plan, develop, and administer a **comprehensive and unified delivery system of prevention and early intervention services** to children and their families in at-risk situations;
- (2) to **improve the responsiveness of services for at-risk children and their families** by facilitating greater coordination and flexibility in the use of funds by state and local service providers;
- (3) to provide greater accountability for prevention and early intervention services in order to **demonstrate the impact or public benefit** of a program by adopting outcome measures; and
- (4) to **assist local communities in the coordination and development of prevention and early intervention services** in order to maximize federal, state, and local resources.

Texas Family Code Sec. 265.004.

USE OF EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMS FOR AT-RISK FAMILIES.

(a) To the extent that money is appropriated for the purpose, the department **shall fund evidence-based programs offered by community-based organizations** that are designed to prevent or ameliorate child abuse and neglect. ...

(b) The department shall place priority on programs that **target children whose race or ethnicity is disproportionately represented** in the child protective services system.

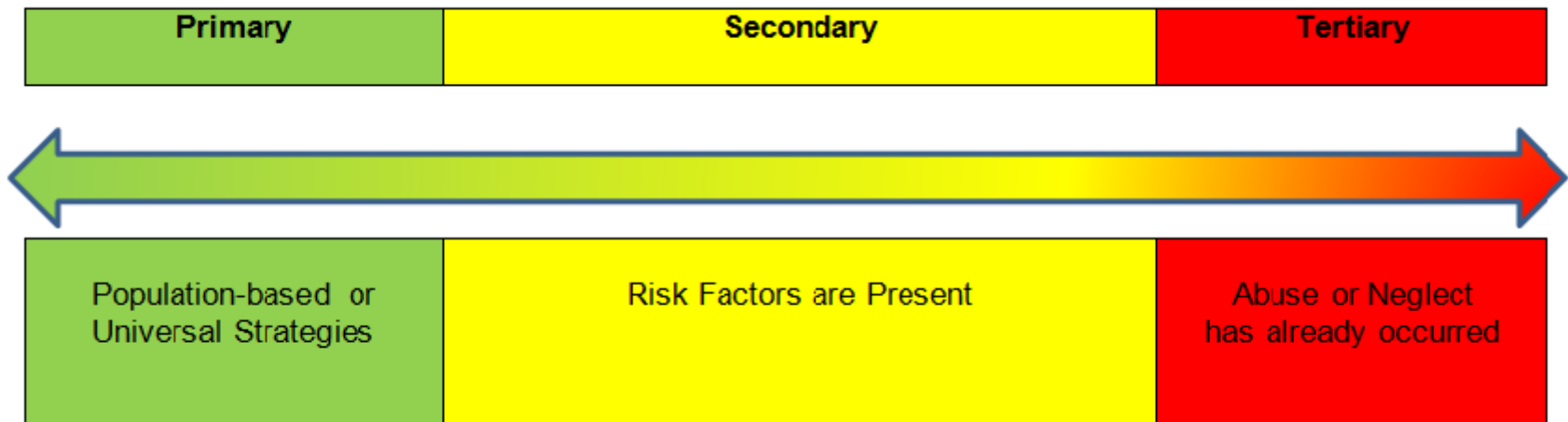
(c) The department shall **periodically evaluate the evidence-based abuse and neglect prevention programs** to determine the continued effectiveness of the programs.

Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention services focus on strengthening the following **six protective factors** in a family:

1. Nurturing and Attachment
2. Knowledge of Child Development
3. Parental Resilience
4. Social Connections
5. Concrete Supports
6. Social and Emotional Competence of the Child

For more information on the validated Protective Factors Survey, see: <http://friendsnrc.org/protective-factors-survey>

PEI's Targeted Populations

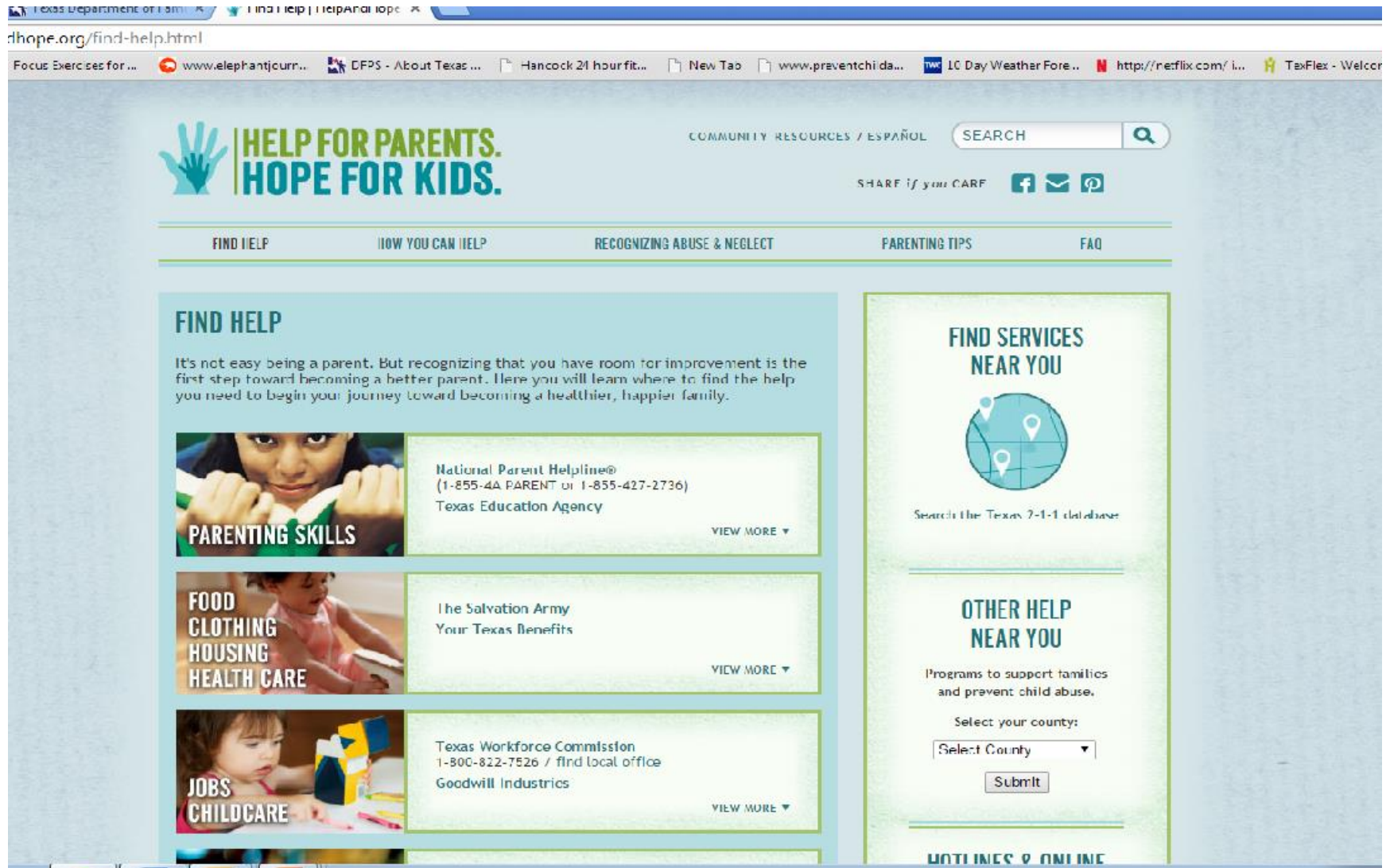




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The screenshot shows the Facebook profile for 4MyKid, a Government Organization. The cover photo features a man smiling with a young girl on his shoulders, with the text "KIDS ARE WORTH IT." overlaid. The profile picture is a teal graphic of two hands, one larger than the other. The page has 13,287 likes and a post from November 6 about healthy eating tips. A link to "www.HelpandHope.org" is visible in the browser's address bar.

4MyKid
Government Organization

KIDS ARE WORTH IT.

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David Whiteside and Cindy Scott Cannon like this.

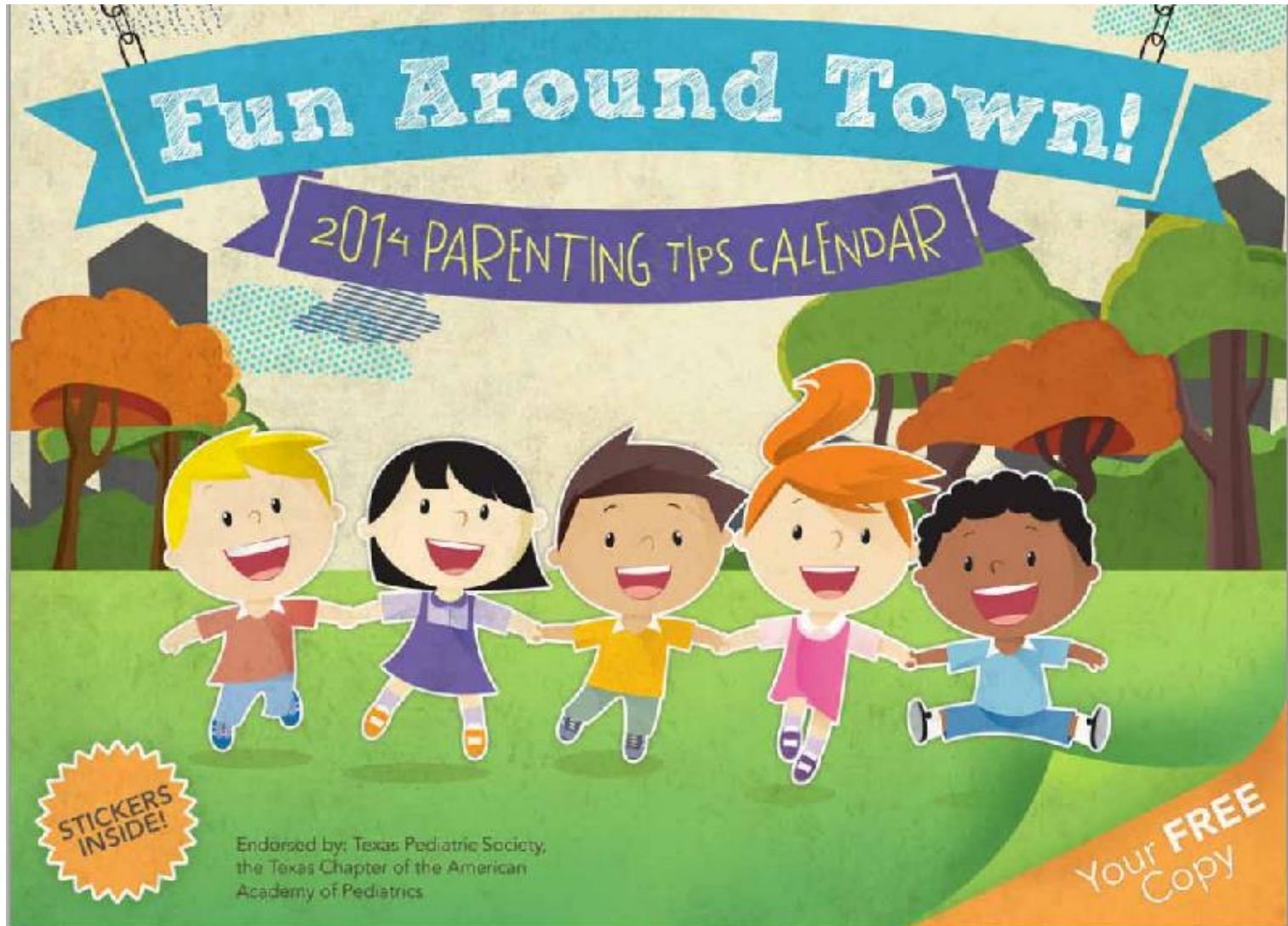
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4MyKid
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Eating healthy doesn't have to cost a lot of money. Check out these great tips on planning meals, recipes & shopping. <http://bit.ly/1GtlBox>

Looking for ways to help your family eat

PEI's Community Outreach: Parenting Calendar





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*Family Crisis
Counseling,
Respite Care,
and Universal
Prevention*

Community Based Family Services

*Parent Education,
Support and
Home Visiting for
Families
Investigated by
CPS*

**Parent
Education
and Respite**
*Parent
Education
and Support*

**Statewide
Youth Services
Network**
*Juvenile
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Prevention
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HOPES
*Community
Block Grants for
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Services for
Families with
Children Under
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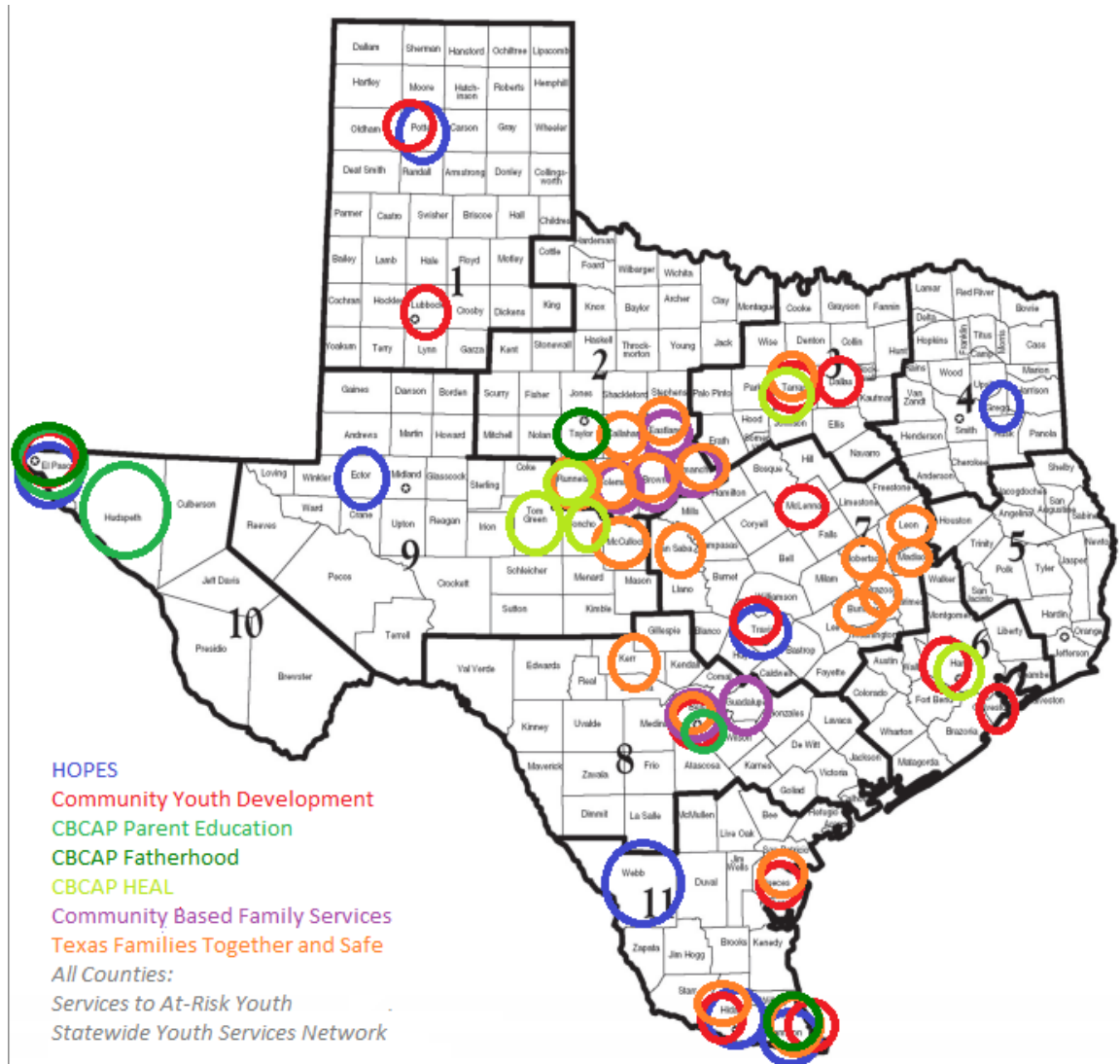
HEAL
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Education,
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**Texas Families
Together and
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**Community
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Development**
*Youth
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for Targeted
Families*

**Fatherhood
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*Father
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and Support*



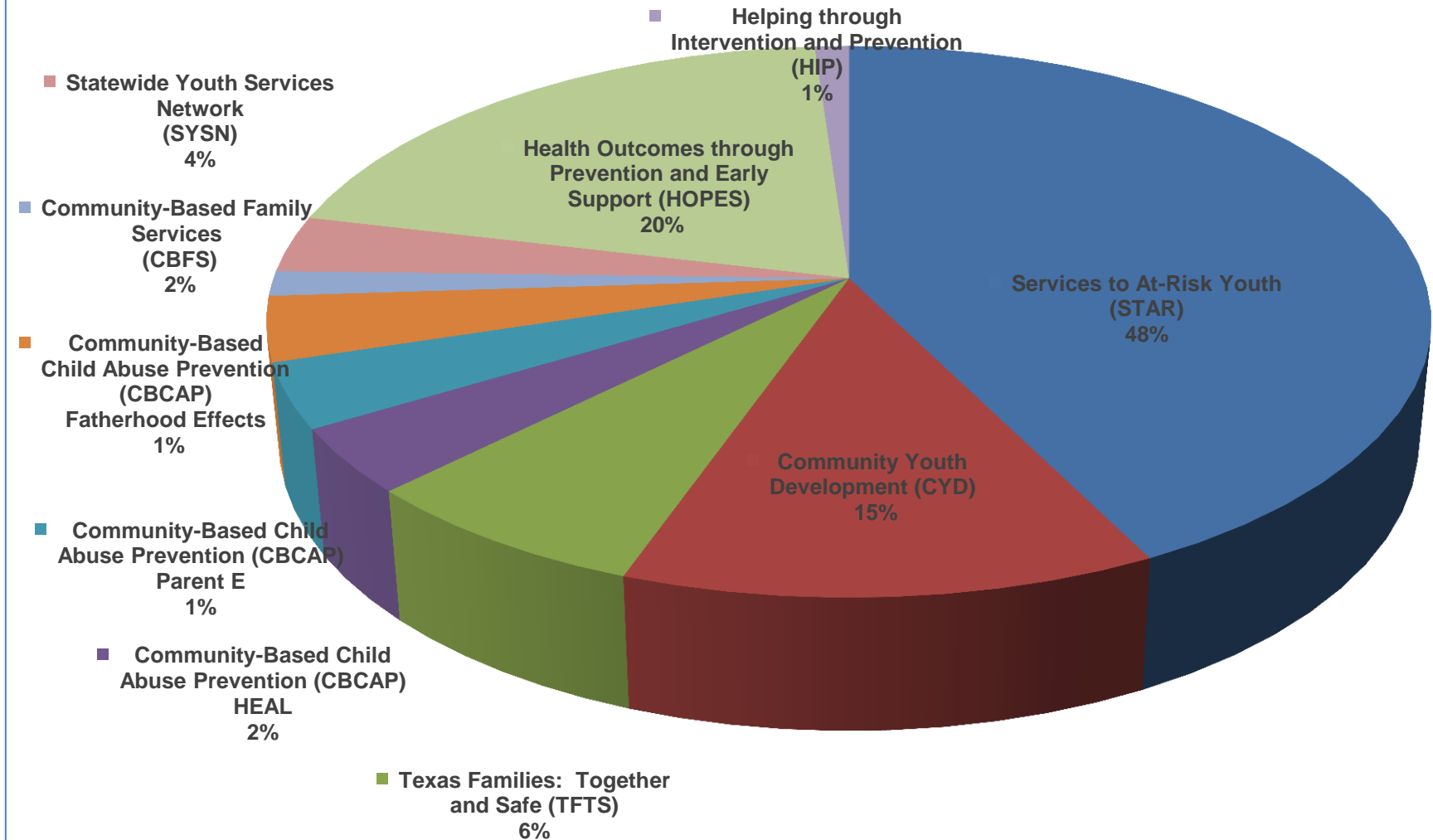
Prevention & Early Intervention Services

PEI Programs	FY 15 Contract Totals	Number of Contracts	Number of Counties Covered	Number of Children/Families to be Served
Services to At-Risk Youth				
Family crisis counseling, respite care, and universal prevention	\$19,271,874	28	254	26,848
Community Youth Development				
Youth leadership activities in 15 targeted zip codes	\$5,801,543	13	15	13,343
Texas Families: Together and Safe				
Parent education, support, and home-visiting	\$3,241,611	4	19	3,319
Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention				
Parent Education and Respite Care		3	4	719
Fatherhood Education and Support	\$1,717,205	2	3	440
HEAL (Home Visiting, Education and Leadership)		3	5	274

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Community-Based Family Services Parent education, support and home-visiting for families investigated and closed out by CPS	2	6	470	\$660,000
Statewide Youth Services Network (SYSN) Juvenile delinquency prevention programs	2	254	2,336	\$1,500,00
Healthy Outcomes through Prevention and Early Support (HOPES) Targeted community funding for collaborative services to support families with children 0-5	8	8	2,123	\$9,120,000
Helping through Intervention and Prevention (HIP) Home-visiting for targeted high-risk families with newborn children.	Based on Targeted Families			
TOTALS FOR PEI	65 contracts	All counties receiving some PEI services	49,872 Children/ Families	\$39,812,233

PEI's Programs: Funding by Area, FY 2014-2015



Evaluation and Program Effectiveness

- DFPS currently measures programmatic effectiveness using:
 1. A validated pre and post services survey of these protective factors; and
 2. Entry into the child welfare and the juvenile justice system (if applicable).
- DFPS is currently exploring further measures of program effectiveness through a contract with the University of Texas at Austin School of Social Work (UT).
- UT will evaluate the effectiveness of HOPES as well as make recommendations for future programmatic evaluation and data collection based on historical PEI data and a national review of other prevention programming effectiveness measures.

1. As of September 1st, PEI reports directly to the Commissioner as recommended by the Sunset Commission.

2. As directed by Sunset, PEI is beginning the process to develop a five-year strategic plan for preventing child abuse and neglect. Among other topics, this process will focus on:
 - a. Effective, Evidence-Based Services;
 - b. Data Collection, Research and Evaluation;
 - c. Coordination with other State Agency Prevention, Community Efforts and Private Funders; and
 - d. Prioritizing:
 - Public Awareness and Injury Prevention;
 - Early Childhood and Well-being Promotion; and
 - Strengthening At-Risk Families and Youth.

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