

# CWREC NEWSLETTER

## The Quarterly Guide



## Welcome to the CWREC Fall Newsletter

Welcome to the Fall edition of our organization's newsletter! We are excited to continue this journey of communication and collaboration - a platform designed to foster connection, share insights, and celebrate the achievements within our vibrant CWREC community. Together, let's inspire, inform, and empower one another in our journey to liberation. Thank you for your dedication to our community's well-being. Together, we can make a difference!

Email [CWREC@traviscountycps.com](mailto:CWREC@traviscountycps.com) to contribute to future

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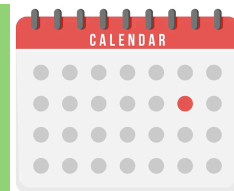
DATA SHARING

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AWARENESS

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CO-CREATING



### Next Advisory Meeting

December 4th from  
10:30-Noon

### Town Hall - Know Your Rights

12/14/2024



Town Hall  
Planning Meeting  
10/15/24, 6-7p  
CST [Join Zoom](#)



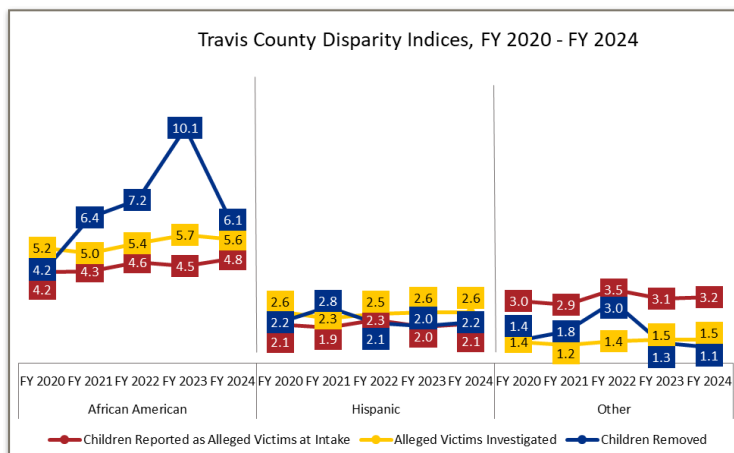
## DFPS Disproportionality & Disparity Analysis 2024

### Travis County Moves the Needle

According the [2024 DFPS Disproportionality and Disparities Analysis](#), “Travis County showed the largest disparities of the seven largest counties, with African American children 4.8 times more likely to be reported, 5.6 times more likely to be investigated, and 6.1 times more likely to be removed than White children; **however, Travis County also showed the largest decrease in disparity for African American children removed, from 10.1 in FY 2023 to 6.1 in FY 2024.**”

The report lists over key take aways:

- Across Texas, racial/ethnic disparities followed similar trends between FY2023 and FY2024.
- Statewide, compared to White children, African American children are:
  - 1.9 times more likely to be reported,
  - 2.2 times more likely to be investigated,
  - 2.1 times more likely to be removed.
- Statewide, Hispanic children had similar outcomes compared to White children.



- Latine/Hispanic children in Travis County experienced disparities from 2.1 to 2.6 times more likely at each decision point

**The decrease in the removal disparity in Travis County “may be largely attributed to the intentional focus in Travis County of multi-system community partnerships, including judicial, educational and child welfare partners, which impact child welfare outcomes.”**

## October is Domestic Violence awareness Month

What are you or your organization doing to support survivors?

**1<sup>IN</sup> 4** US WOMEN

EXPERIENCED VIOLENCE BY A PARTNER AT SOME POINT IN HER LIFE.

**2 OUT OF 3** CHILDREN

ARE EXPOSED TO TRAUMA AND VIOLENCE.

**1<sup>IN</sup> 5** TWEENS

KNOWS A VICTIM OF DATING VIOLENCE.

For more information visit the Futures Against Violence [website](#).

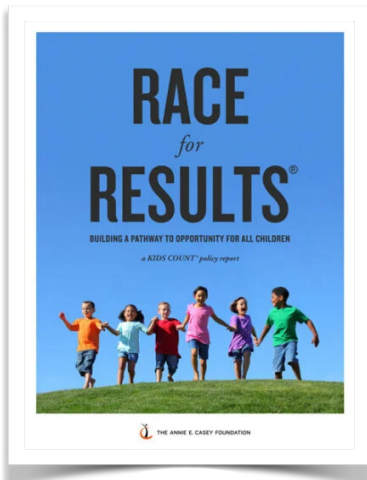
# KIDS COUNT POLICY REPORT

## POLICY IMPACTS FAMILIES

At a recent CWREC Advisory Meeting, a participant asked "How does Texas compare to other states?". To answer that question, we are sharing the KIDS COUNT policy report, ***Race for Results***. The report is created annually by The Annie E. Casey Foundation.

The report looks at key indicators for child well-being and provides recommendations for a brighter future. The reports points out that disparities remain for children and families of color across key indicators.

Click [here](#) to read the complete report



## Hispanic Heritage Month in Travis County

September 15-October 15 is Hispanic Heritage Month. Click [here](#) for events sponsored by the Austin Public Library.

### Resources

[Texas Youth Helpline](#)

[Office of Consumer Affairs Hotline](#)

[Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid Family Defense Project](#)

[Travis County Model Court](#)

### CASA OF TRAVIS COUNTY, INC

CASA of Travis County is looking for a **Resource Specialist** who can support CASA's mission by connecting families and placements with community resources and information to provide stable, long-term support to the children in their care. CASA is specifically looking for a **Spanish speaking** individual. This position, Resource Specialist, requires someone who can work closely with Child Advocacy Specialists and their volunteer advocates to assess family needs, locate resources, and build and maintain relationships with community service providers to address needs.

This position is part of a CASA initiative to prevent families from entering the foster care system.

For additional information, click [here](#). To apply, click [here](#).

