

# Texas Youth-Friendly Initiative



## Become a Champion for Youth-Centered Care

### Could your staff become more comfortable and confident in serving young (ages 10-24) clients?

Announcing an exciting opportunity to work with teams from other Texas clinics to become a champion in youth-centered services! You will learn from a group of experts, and one another, about documented strategies to help adolescents feel comfortable using your services, and continue coming back as their needs change.

### What does the process include?

Your 3-5 person Adolescent Champion team will participate in an 18-month-long community of practice with teams from 5-7 other clinics, and will have access to:

- ⇒ The Adolescent-Centered Environment Assessment Process, addressing a health center's youth-friendliness,
- ⇒ Quality improvement initiatives focused on best practices in adolescent health care and HEDIS measures,
- ⇒ "Sparks" – pre-packaged mini-trainings, for your staff, on adolescent-centered care,
- ⇒ Patient, staff, and provider evaluations to assess improvement throughout the process, and
- ⇒ Tailored technical assistance, training, and resources to reduce barriers to change and boost success.

### What changes can you expect?

Adolescent Champion Health Centers demonstrate significant improvement in the following areas:

- ⇒ Adolescent patient satisfaction,
- ⇒ Staff perception of adolescent-centered care within their clinic,
- ⇒ Provider comfort and confidence in caring for adolescents, and
- ⇒ Provider and staff knowledge of and attitudes toward confidentiality and minor consent laws.

### What is the timeline?

June – July 2018: Clinics complete application; (one site per clinic system)

August 2018: Executive Committee selects finalists and sends MOUs to participating clinics

September 2018: Launch of Cohort 3 (orientation webinar and overview of next steps)

December 2018, June 2019, January 2020: In-person meetings

March 2020: Conclusion of Cohort 3 (clinics eligible for certification)

### How can you get started?

Recruitment for Cohort 3 will begin in June 2018, and will target Central and East Texas, and the Gulf Coast. To learn more about this exciting opportunity, email Elaine Cray, Texas Campaign Project Manager, at [Elaine@txcampaign.org](mailto:Elaine@txcampaign.org). Additional information can be found by visiting:

[Texas Campaign](#), [Adolescent Health Initiative](#), and [Adolescent Champion](#).

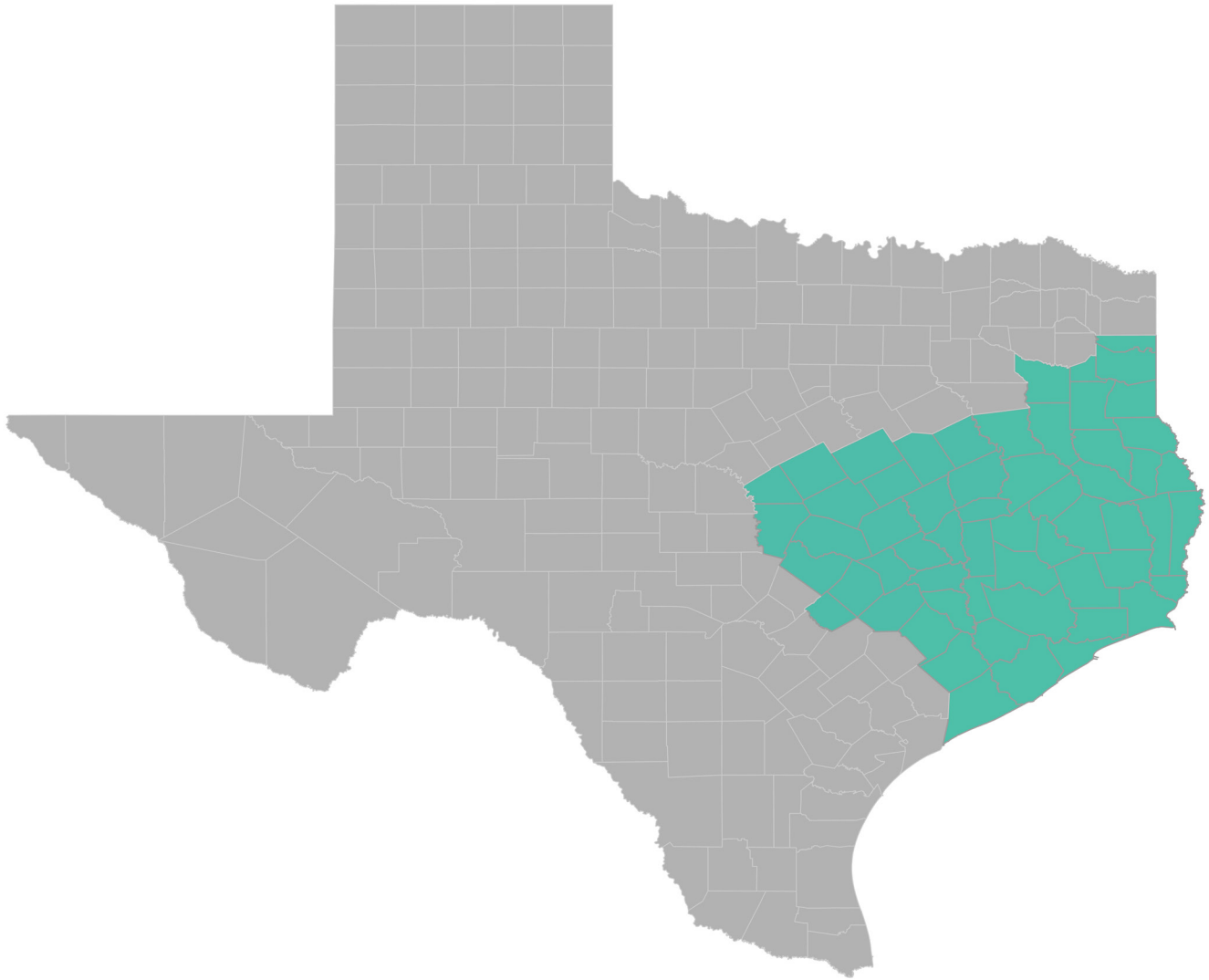
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## Project Partners

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**We are currently recruiting clinics from the following counties:**

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Anderson  
Angelina  
Austin  
Bastrop  
Bell  
Brazoria  
Brazos  
Burleson  
Burnet  
Caldwell

Chambers  
Cherokee  
Colorado  
Coryell  
Falls  
Fayette  
Fort Bend  
Freestone  
Galveston  
Gregg

Grimes  
Hardin  
Harris  
Harrison  
Houston  
Jasper  
Jefferson  
Lampasas  
Lee  
Leon

Liberty  
Limestone  
Madison  
Marion  
Matagorda  
McLennan  
Milam  
Montgomery  
Nacogdoches  
Newton

Orange  
Panola  
Polk  
Robertson  
Rusk  
Sabine  
San Augustine  
San Jacinto  
Shelby  
Smith

Travis  
Trinity  
Tyler  
Walker  
Waller  
Washington  
Wharton  
Williamson