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# Texoma Community Center

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Local Mental Health Authority & Local Intellectual and Developmental Disability Authority

*Cooke* ⌘ *Fannin* ⌘ *Grayson*

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## **Texoma Community Center Receives Crisis Counseling Program Grant in Response to COVID-19**

**(Sherman, Texas, May 28, 2020)** The Texoma Community Center (TCC) has been awarded the Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program Grant (CCP) Immediate Services Program (ISP) in response to COVID-19 related behavioral health support needs in Cooke, Fannin and Grayson counties. The program as identified by the State of Texas is, Texans Recovering Together and will last 60 days.

Authorized under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act), the program is funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and is Administered through an interagency Federal partnership between FEMA and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Mental Health Services. The program requires a Presidential declaration of disaster for Individual Assistance for short-term behavioral health support when disaster response needs are beyond States' capacity.

As the Local Mental Health Authority (LMHA) for Cooke, Fannin and Grayson counties, TCC is using the funding opportunity to reach large numbers of people affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Vicky Lindsey, the TCC, Texans Recovering Together Program Manager said, "By assessing the emotional needs of survivors and making referrals to behavioral health services when necessary, identifying community resources and disaster relief services, TCC hopes to provide emotional support, education, basic crisis counseling, and a connection to familial and community support systems." While different than most CCP programs, the biggest challenge for COVID-19 response is providing non face-to-face services, "Having constant planning for incident response has positioned TCC to ensure open access to all services through Telehealth and virtual means", says Lindsey.

To access the Texans Recovering Together program, please call a toll free line established especially for Cooke, Fannin and Grayson counties at 1-888-592-1515, email [TCCcares@texomacc.org](mailto:TCCcares@texomacc.org) or visit TCC's website at [www.texomacc.org](http://www.texomacc.org).

*TCC is one of 39 Texas Community Centers, which are governmental entities as defined by Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code. TCC also operates a 501.C.3 Non-profit for fundraising purposes. All fundraising activities and donations are provided under the Texoma Community Center, Volunteer Services Council.*

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