

1,300+ Coalition Members  
*254 Counties*

# 1 Mission

*End domestic violence in Texas*

*Individually We Power Change,  
Together We Power A Movement*

**2024**  
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REPORT

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# A Year of Resilience, Reform, & Rising Demand

*“In the face of rising need, we rose together. With advocacy, compassion, and purpose, we delivered safety across Texas.”*



In 2024, the Texas Council on Family Violence (TCFV) stood at the crossroads of adversity and action. Against a backdrop of legal uncertainty and escalating demand for services, we emerged stronger, more united, and more resolute than ever.

We launched the year with groundbreaking conversations—including our first hybrid Townhall at Studio 919 and an unprecedented live-streamed forum with all four U.S. Attorneys in Texas, headlined by Leigha Simonton, the federal attorney who led the legal fight against *United States v. Rahimi*. As the most significant legal threat to domestic violence survivors in recent memory, *Rahimi* brought urgency and clarity to our advocacy. We are proud to now welcome Ms. Simonton as the newest member of the TCFV Board.

***Gloria A. Terry, CEO***

TCFV's voice informed the U.S. National Plan to End Gender-Based Violence, and we took matters into our own hands, awarding grants to seven communities to support Domestic Violence High-Risk Teams (DVHRTs). These teams identified 587 high-risk cases, demonstrating proactive, life-saving coordination between legal and community partners.

In a year of expansion:

- 66,000 Texans sought family violence services, including 23,047 children.
- Texas family violence programs provided 200,000 more services than the previous year.
- Yet the data compels action: 60% of survivors turned away from shelter due to capacity constraints were forced to return to unsafe environments or live in vehicles or outdoors.

We reconnected in person for the first time since the pandemic at our Statewide Conference, while also delivering 257 trainings to over 10,000 professionals and providing over 4,300 technical assistance services. Our commitment to data-driven advocacy grew through university partnerships, new equity metrics, and improved access to our Service Directory—now used by over 100 agencies.

As we move into 2025, TCFV is committed to deepening our impact, growing sustainable funding, and ensuring every survivor in Texas is met with safety, dignity, and support. Thank you for being part of this movement.

With gratitude and resolve,

# Our Mission & Values

## *Mission: Creating a Safer Texas*

*For over four decades, TCFV has built a powerful statewide coalition to advance safety, justice, and healing for survivors of domestic violence.*



**1,300+**

**Coalition Members**

Advocates, allies, and professionals across the state committed to survivor-centered change.



**100+ Member Organizations**

A connected, responsive network of service providers driving collaboration.



**Texas-Wide Presence**

TCFV is the only state-level domestic violence coalition in Texas.

### Core Beliefs That Guide Our Work



**Survivors as Experts**

We trust, center, and learn from survivor experiences.



**Prevention is Foundational**

We prioritize early intervention and systemic change.

The Texas Council on Family Violence is the only 501(c)(3) nonprofit coalition in Texas dedicated solely to creating safer communities and freedom from family violence. With a statewide reach and direct local impact, TCFV shapes public policy, equips service providers with essential tools, and initiates strategic prevention efforts. Since 1978, we have been a nationally recognized leader in our efforts to end family violence.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT TCFV](#)



## *Our Values*

Survivor = Expert  
Intersectional  
Prevention is Foundational  
Trauma-Informed  
Transformative  
Systems Change  
Responsive  
Collaborative & Innovative

*“It’s not like I didn’t reach out. It’s almost like the stars have to align; you have to get the right police officer, or you have to get the right person on the phone at whatever crisis center you call. It shouldn’t be like that. We can’t let people fall through the cracks. That’s why I feel like we need more survivors in this space.”*

*– Mariah Gardner, Survivor*

## Major Accomplishments, Milestones, New Programs & Expansions in Reach Infrastructure

*These accomplishments and statistics reflect TCFV's unwavering commitment to enhancing the safety and well-being of domestic violence survivors in Texas through advocacy, resource development, and collaborative initiatives.*

### Legislative Advocacy and Funding Increases:

- The TX Legislature approved an additional \$23 million in the 87<sup>th</sup> & 88<sup>th</sup> sessions.
- TCFV received the 1<sup>st</sup> BIPPS increase in 10 years.
- Worked to Implement New Laws from the 88<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature

### Policy Partnership Expansion:

- Established new systems for survivor-informed policy review, ensuring survivors voices are a part of policy's efforts.
- Provided direct technical assistance to legislators on domestic violence legislation.
- Implemented a new partnership with the Texas Center for the Judiciary to ensure Judges all over the state had critical training on the dynamics of family violence.



# Milestones & New Programs

**HIGH-RISK  
CASES 2023**

**587**

## Key Milestones

- Held the first hybrid Townhall at Studio 919
- Hosted a forum with the 4 US Attorneys in Texas in our first (and only) live streamed event on Instagram.
- Held the first in-person TCFV Statewide Conference since covid
- TCFV informed the [U.S. National Plan to End Gender-Based Violence](#)
- **Domestic Violence High-Risk Teams (DVHRTs)**: TCFV awarded grants to seven communities to support DVHRTs, which coordinate between criminal legal advocacy, general advocacy, and community partners to provide enhanced support to survivors at the highest risk for lethal violence. These teams **identified 587 high-risk cases in FY 2023**, reflecting a proactive approach to preventing domestic violence fatalities.

## Expansions in Reach

### Training & Education Growth

- Delivered **257 trainings** to more than **10,643 professionals** statewide—including law enforcement, legal systems, and health care providers.

### Enhanced Technical Assistance

- Provided **4,318 tailored technical assistance services**, including:
  - 1,330 to DV programs
  - 2,988 to individuals seeking guidance on policy, services, or support strategies

### Data-Driven Tools & Resources

- Partnered with universities to **improve data collection and analysis capacity**, including deeper studies on family violence trends, service use, and gaps.

### Increase in Services Provided

- Texas family violence programs funded by HHSC delivered 200,000 more services in FY2024 than the previous year, highlighting a sharp rise in demand for survivor support.

### Increase in Services Provided (continued)

- Texas Battering Intervention and Prevention Program (BIPP): received a \$1.5 million increase to include: batterer intervention and prevention programs which enhance support and access to services for probationers, increase diversions from incarceration, reduce revocations, and improve the delivery of community supervision statewide. [www.tcfj.texas.gov](http://www.tcfj.texas.gov)

### Shelter Demand and Capacity:

- A 2024 study revealed that nearly 60% of survivors who were denied shelter due to capacity constraints resorted to living outside, in a car, or returning to a home with violence. This highlights the urgent need for increased shelter capacity and housing solutions for survivors.

### Children Impacted:

- In FY 2024, over 66,000 Texans sought services at a family violence program. Over 1/3<sup>rd</sup>, 23,047, of these Texans were children, emphasizing the widespread impact of domestic violence on families and the importance of providing comprehensive support to all affected individuals.

# Research & Publications

*In FY2024, TCFV advanced public understanding of domestic violence in Texas through research, data dissemination, and strategic publications. Key outputs included:*

## Building Longevity in the Movement

- 2024 Statewide Compensation Report for Texas Family Violence Service Providers – Elevates salary transparency and workforce sustainability for advocates and program staff across the state.

## Creating A Safer Texas: Non-Residential Services Impact Report

- Highlights the critical role of non-residential family violence services and their statewide reach and impact.

## TCFV Service Directory

- Annual directory listing all Texas family violence centers and Battering Intervention and Prevention Programs (BIPPs).
- Distributed to over 100 agencies, enhancing referral networks and access to support services statewide.

## Domestic Violence High-Risk Teams

- Shelter Capacity – Insight into available resources and areas of strain across Texas shelter programs.
- Service Equity and Provision – Focused on equitable access and delivery of family violence services.
- Fatality Review Findings – Key patterns and prevention strategies identified through multidisciplinary case reviews.

## Honoring Texas Victims (2024) Texas Intimate Partner Fatality Report

- Honoring Texas Victims is a report compiled by TCFV which presents an annual fatality review of victims killed by intimate partners. It pays tribute to Texans who lost their lives by memorializing their story and offers an analysis of data drawn from these tragic loses. In addition to the report, we publish victims' narratives and fact summaries for women, men, and same-sex partners.

## 88<sup>th</sup> Session Updates



# A Year in the News

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LOCAL

## Houston launches initiative to raise domestic violence awareness

As part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Houston, the city and county joined with the Texas Council on Family Violence to announce a new campaign Wednesday to get the resources victims need into their hands electronically.

News

## Texas U.S. Attorneys say domestic violence prevention transcends politics



NEWS > COURTS

## A Supreme Court ruling is reshaping how feds prosecute domestic violence cases in Texas

The state's four U.S. attorneys met in Dallas to discuss how a Supreme Court ruling in a gun rights case involving an Arlington man is impacting their approach to prosecuting domestic violence cases.



# *Honoring Texas Victims* **A Statewide Call-to-Action**



On **October 1, 2024**, TCFV hosted its **annual Town Hall**, unveiling the Honoring Texas Victims report. The report documented 205 Texans killed by intimate partners in 2023.

The event featured survivor Mariah Gardner, who shared her harrowing experience of surviving a violent attack that tragically claimed the life of her infant daughter.

Gardner emphasized the need to recognize the broader spectrum of domestic violence, stating, "I think if we included every act of physical violence it would be staggering; it would be so heartbreaking and chilling."

Learn More About  
TCFV's TOWN HALL



## Operation Purple Ribbon:

### *Federal & State Collaboration to Combat DV*

In November 2024, the U.S. Department of Justice, in partnership with TCFV, launched Operation Purple Ribbon. This initiative aims to federally prosecute domestic abusers, particularly those with prior convictions or protective orders, who illegally possess firearms. U.S. Attorney Damien Diggs highlighted the initiative's goal: "to bring together and unite federal, state, and local resources for the sole purpose of holding domestic abusers accountable."

-KFDM

## Strengthening the Justice Response:

### *Equipping Prosecutors to Address Stalking and DV*

In January 2024, the Texas Council on Family Violence (TCFV) collaborated with the Texas District & County Attorneys Association (TDCAA) to present a Continuing Legal Education (CLE) webinar titled "A Different Lens: Domestic Violence Considerations in Stalking Prosecutions." This free, one-hour training provided prosecutors across Texas with concrete tools to effectively charge stalking cases while centering survivor safety. The webinar emphasized the intersection of stalking and domestic violence, offering strategies to recognize patterns of abuse and implement evidence-based prosecution practices.

-Texas DA Association



## Elevating Service Standards:

### *New State Law Mandates Uniform Shelter Practices*

In September 2024, Texas enacted Senate Bill 1841, a law establishing uniform standards for family violence centers receiving state funding. This legislation, long championed by TCFV in partnership with Family Violence Prevention Services, mandates that centers provide trauma-informed, voluntary services, including 24/7 crisis hotlines, on-site medical clinics, safe lodging, and peer support programs led by survivors. Importantly, the law prohibits requiring survivors to participate in additional services as a condition for receiving shelter, respecting their autonomy and individual needs.

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# Mission Investment

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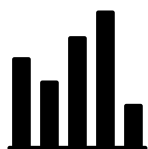
GROSS REVENUE

\$5,099,986



TOTAL EXPENSES

\$5,065,036



OPERATING REVENUE OVER EXPENSE

\$34,950



RESTRICTED ENDOWMENT NET EARNINGS

\$1,001,188



CASH AT END OF MONTH

\$551,941

AT CLOSE OF 2024, TCFV HAD AWARDED \$4,975,129 IN GRANTS OUT OF THE ENDOWMENT SINCE INCEPTION

IN 2024 ALONE, TCFV PROVIDED GRANTS FROM OUR OPERATIONS (NOT ENDOWMENT) OF \$744K ~ 15% OF THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET TO DV ORGS.



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*Thank You to our 2024 Supporters*

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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)  
Texas Health and Human Services Commission  
Office of the Attorney General  
Office on Violence Against Women

# Leadership & Governance

## *Gratitude to Our Board*

*As we reflect on the milestones of 2024, we extend our deepest gratitude to the extraordinary members of the TCFV Board of Directors. Your steadfast guidance, strategic vision, and unwavering commitment to ending domestic violence in Texas have shaped another year of impact, innovation, and resilience. Your leadership has anchored us through critical legislative victories, expanded survivor-centered initiatives, and trailblazing partnerships at the intersection of policy, prevention, and safety. With every challenge met and every breakthrough made, your dedication ensured TCFV remained a trusted force for change across the state of Texas and beyond.*

## *Board of Directors*

**Chairman of the Board: Twila Carter**, Houston Council Member At-Large, Position 3

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**Secretary: Darlene Lanham, Region 9:** Executive Director |Asian Family Support Services of Austin

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**Deborah Tomov, Region 7:** Executive Director | Family Services of Southeast Texas

**Emilee Whitehurst** (At Large) President & CEO |Houston Area Women's Center

**Rhonda Williamson, Region 8:** Executive Director | Safer Path Family Violence Shelter

# Leadership & Governance

## *Gratitude to Our Senior Leadership*

As we celebrate the milestones of 2024, we're filled with gratitude for the vibrant, forward-thinking leaders of TCFV's Senior Leadership Team. Your energy, authenticity, and vision have not only driven bold strides in our mission to end domestic violence in Texas, but have also shaped a culture where every voice is valued, every challenge is met with collaboration, and every success is shared. You lead with heart and clarity, welcoming honest dialogue, empowering staff as thought partners, and investing in teams that thrive. Because of your commitment to building something meaningful—together—TCFV continues to grow as a trusted, innovative force for lasting change.

## *TCFV Senior Leadership Team*

**Gloria Terry, Chief Executive Officer**

**Ana Martinez, Chief Financial Officer**

**Joya Hayes, Director of Human Resources**

**Dr. Lisa Eversole, Director of Fund Development**

**Maria Jose Angelelli, Director of Support to Service Providers**

**Molly Voyles, Director of Public Policy**

**Roy Rios, Director of Prevention**

**Jessica Malcolm, Executive Assistant to CEO**





As we close out 2024, the work ahead calls for innovation, bold partnerships, and sustained momentum to ensure safety, dignity, and justice for all Texans impacted by domestic violence. The path to 2026 and beyond is clear: we must grow our capacity, strengthen survivor-centered systems, and lead with policy, prevention, and technology to confront emerging threats and scale effective solutions.

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*TCFV is committed to meeting the evolving needs of survivors with bold, future-focused strategies. As we look ahead, our priorities include:*

### FINANCIAL STABILITY

Sustainability and Innovation

Diversifying income through merchandise, grassroots giving, and impact-focused partnerships

Staff recruitment and retention

Statewide launch of awareness campaign

### POLICY

89<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session

Advancing protections for survivor privacy, housing, economic security, and securing vital state funding

### PREVENTION

Youth Leadership: Growing peer-led education, healthy relationship curricula, and digital consent awareness across Texas schools

### SUPPORT SERVICES PROVIDER

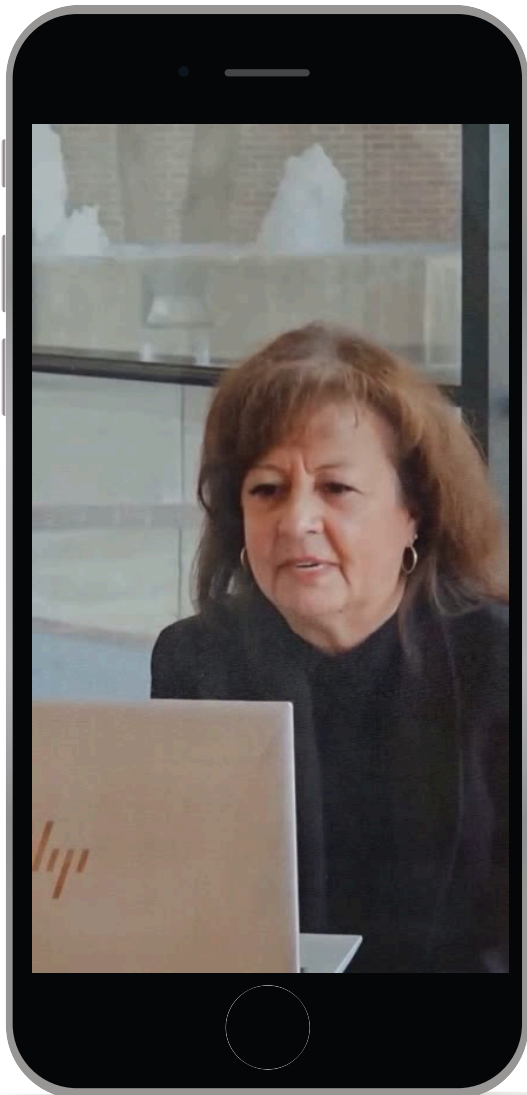
Investing in mobile advocacy, transportation solutions, and culturally responsive services for remote and tribal communities

Restructure adding emphasis to Coordinated Community Response & High Risk Team work

*TCFV remains focused on shaping a safer, more equitable future for all survivors across Texas.*

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