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To: Local Mental Health Authorities (LMHA)
Executive Directors
Children's Mental Health Directors
Chief Executive Officer, ValueOptions of Texas, Inc.
Chief Executive Officer, North Texas Behavioral Health Authority

From: Trina Ita, Director 
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Division, Program Services Section II

Re: Proposed New Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Rule for the Youth Empowerment Services (YES) Waiver

Purpose: To provide an opportunity for stakeholder input on a proposed new TAC rule for the YES Waiver.

Of Note: A new proposed rule for the YES Waiver will govern the inquiry list that is maintained by each LMHA and create a percentage of openings in the waiver that are reserved for children who are at imminent risk of being relinquished to state custody.

Comments on the proposed rule text must be submitted from December 1st-15th, 2015 to Erin Oehler at erin.oehler@dshs.state.tx.us.

Contact

For questions regarding the YES Waiver, please contact Jennifer Martinez at JenniferM.Martinez@dshs.state.tx.us or (512) 206-5864.