

News Letter 2024



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Parker County ISD Counselor & SRO Summit

The 3rd annual Parker County ISD Summit took place on July 31, 2024, at Weatherford College! Hosted by the Parker County System of Care, this event brought child and family serving agencies from across the county to share best practices and collaborate on ways to support students and their families! For over 85 attendees, ranging from local school staff, private practice therapists and key community stakeholders, this event was a valuable opportunity to grow professionally and make a difference in our community.

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Back to School!



Our Project T.H.R.I.V.E. School-Based Therapist Ashten, and Certified Youth Peer Support Specialist, Alicia, met with our Springtown ISD partner Mrs. Zbyski to prepare for the 2024-2025 school year! We wish all of our Parker County ISD an amazing school year!

With school in full swing, the Project T.H.R.I.V.E. youth peer groups are gearing up to begin! Check out the example flyer to get a taste of what you could bring to your campus too! Reach out to Alicia Whitaker at awhitaker@pecanvalley.org if you're interested in adding some youth peer group fun to your school!



Resources on back-to-school: [Child Mind Institute](#)

Guiding Principles Spotlight!

Systems of Care provide developmentally appropriate mental health services and supports that promote optimal social-emotional outcomes for youth and their families in their homes, schools and community settings.

[Learn more here!](#)

Creating services Together, for more **Healthy youth** and families, that are **Renewable, Innovative,** **Viable, and Equitable**



System of Care



Overview

<i>What does T.H.R.I.V.E. stand for?</i>	Creating services Together, for more Healthy youth and families, that are Renewable, Innovative, Viable and Equitable .
<i>What is the mission of Project T.H.R.I.V.E.?</i>	To provide an innovative, collaborative system of care that promotes health and wellness for all children, youth, and families- FOR the community, BY the community.
<i>What are the benefits of school-based mental health services?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep students at their primary campus Least restrictive classroom environment Reduce time away from instruction Reduce transportation barriers Transition between hospital/RTC and school Early identification and prevention
<i>Who does Project T.H.R.I.V.E. serve?</i>	Our school-based services program aims to support youth who are enrolled in a partnering district and are diagnosed with behavioral issues, depression, anxiety, and trauma, etc.
<i>Who is does the Project T.H.R.I.V.E. team consist of?</i>	<p>Ashley Lilavois, Project Director: alilavois@pecanvalley.org</p> <p>Georgie Martinez, Eval. Assistant: gmartinez@pecanvalley.org</p> <p>Ashten Wiedebusch, School-Based Therapist: awiedebusch@pecanvalley.org</p> <p>Andrea Benitez, School-Based Case Manager: abenitez@pecanvalley.org</p> <p>Alicia Whitaker, Youth Peer Support Specialist: awhitaker@pecanvalley.org</p>

If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health crisis, Pecan Valley Centers crisis services are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year by calling 1-800-772-5987

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

“The Summit presentations were powerful and included vital information for working with youth, keeping up for current trends, I appreciated the research on the impact of social media use, and found concerning the ease of availability of harmful drugs for youth at gas stations. The entire summit was beneficial and the lunch was delicious! Thank you so very much!”

“Collaborating with PVC to build a strong Parker County System of care has been a dream come true. Bringing local resources together into partnership to bridge the current gaps in our community and building relationships with the same goal in mind will be key for a successful SOC.”

“I felt the Summit was a beneficial and productive day. I liked the variety of topics addressed as well as the growth of the vendors represented. Keep growing, y’all did a great job.”

“Working with the Parker County system of care team and participating in the events provides invaluable opportunities to collaborate with diverse professionals, and share insights, ultimately enriching the community's well-being through comprehensive support and resources. These experiences foster a holistic approach to care, promoting synergy among community stakeholders, resulting in more effective interventions and positive outcomes.”

“It has been wonderful having Project T.H.R.I.V.E. in Springtown ISD. Project T.H.R.I.V.E. has created an opportunity for multiple students to receive services that would have otherwise been difficult for them to receive outside of school. Peer support groups have also been very successful at Porcupine Academy. The students ask for group and look forward to it each time. It is exciting to see students engage and interact with each other in a healthy and non-judgmental way while also knowing they are learning something about themselves.”

“My experience while receiving care from this specific system of care has been lovely. The people at Pecan Valley actively strive to help people and make them better, they do not judge people for their actions or anything for that fact, and they are always teaching different coping mechanisms that are suitable to the specific person/circumstances. I would absolutely recommend them to anyone.”