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# Child Sex Trafficking in Texas: *Challenges, Progress and Hope*

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# Child Sex Trafficking Team

## Mission

**Bring justice** for survivors by holding traffickers, buyers, and those who profit from trafficking accountable.

**Restore** survivors through immediate and long-term services and supports they need to recover.



**Protect** children by building their awareness of and resilience to child exploitation and curbing demand for child sex trafficking.

**Recognize** child sex trafficking in all its forms by raising public awareness.

**Recover** survivors through collaborative efforts spanning multiple systems.

# Guiding Principles

## CSTT and its partners commit to the following principles:

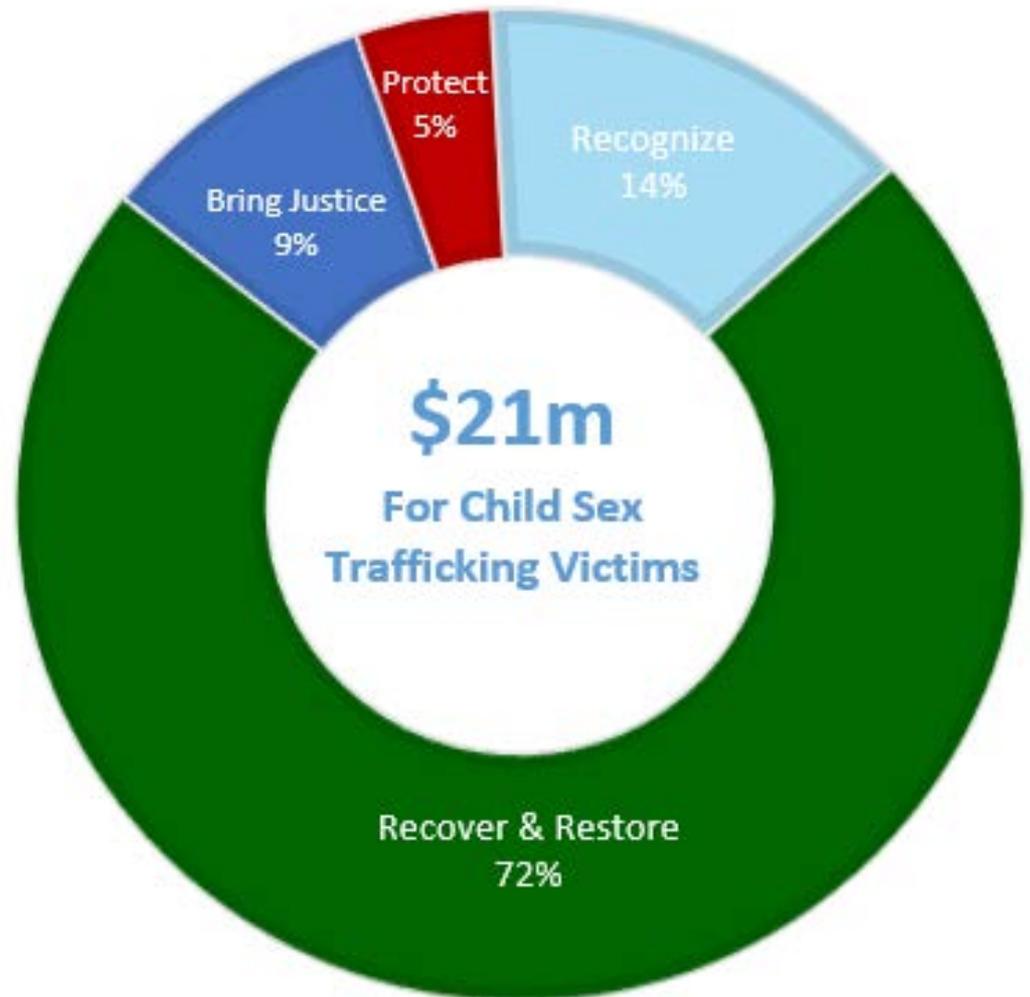
1. Our systems and programs prioritize the needs of exploited youth and strive to give equal access to services regardless of system involvement.
2. We treat exploited youth as victims and survivors, not perpetrators.
3. We are collaborative.
4. We are survivor informed.
5. We seek to prevent exploitation by educating the public, supporting protective factors for all youth, and by building resiliency of our most vulnerable youth.
6. Our approaches, systems and services are trauma informed and responsive, and include trust based relationships.
7. We develop and support community-based, sustainable resources and services.
8. We are committed to long-term individualized services, including planning for and re-engaging with youth after relapse.
9. We research the causes of and effective responses to exploitation and we evaluate and continuously improve our activities.
10. We work to prevent and reduce demand for exploitation and to hold all exploiters, including facilitators and those who benefit from exploitation, accountable.



# Investment in Our Strategies So Far

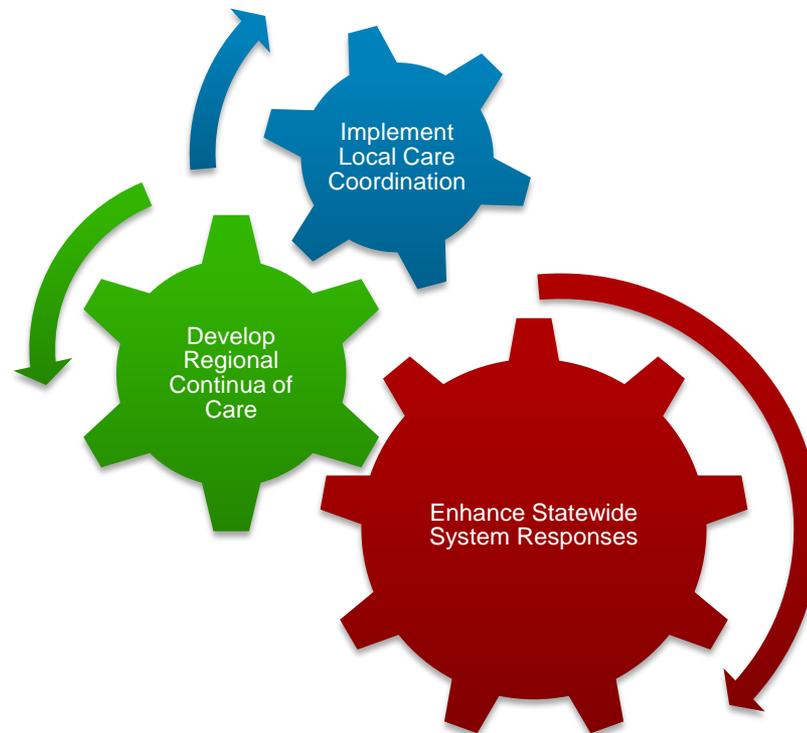
Since CSTT's launch, over \$21 million in projects have been funded, focused largely providing critical services to survivors.

The Legislature appropriated \$5.7 million for the 2016/2017 and the 2018/2019 biennium. With additional grant funding, we've been able to invest \$21 million in our strategies so far.



# Texas' Size and Diversity and the Urgency of Victims' Needs Necessitates a Concurrent Approach

We work **statewide** to improve system responses and raise awareness, **regionally** to develop regional continua of care, and **locally** to implement the coordination of care for survivors.

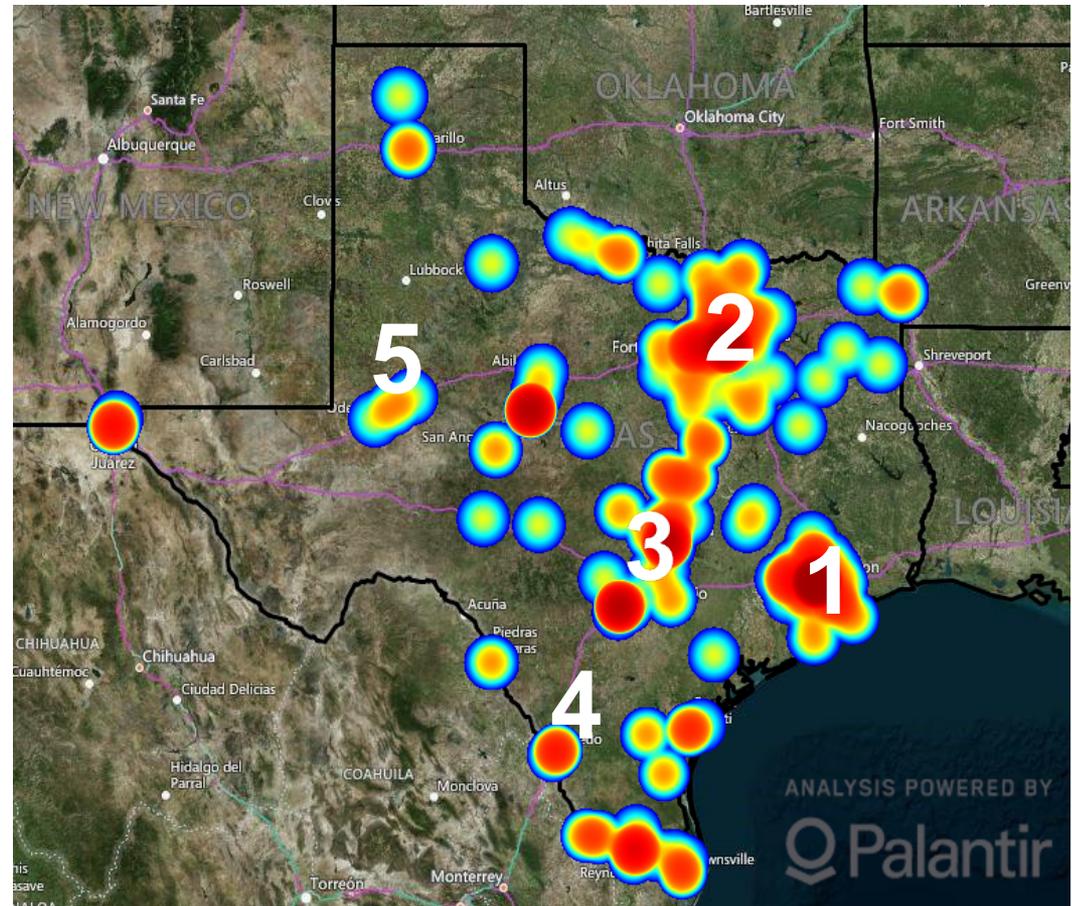


# Regional Continua of Survivor Care

Each region will have the tools, training, and services needed to ensure that victims are recognized, recovered, and given the trauma-responsive services needed to heal and thrive in the short and long-term.

Each region will have a **CSTT Regional Administrator** to ensure growth and continuous improvement of the continua.

1. East Texas
2. North Texas
3. South Texas
4. Central Texas
5. West Texas



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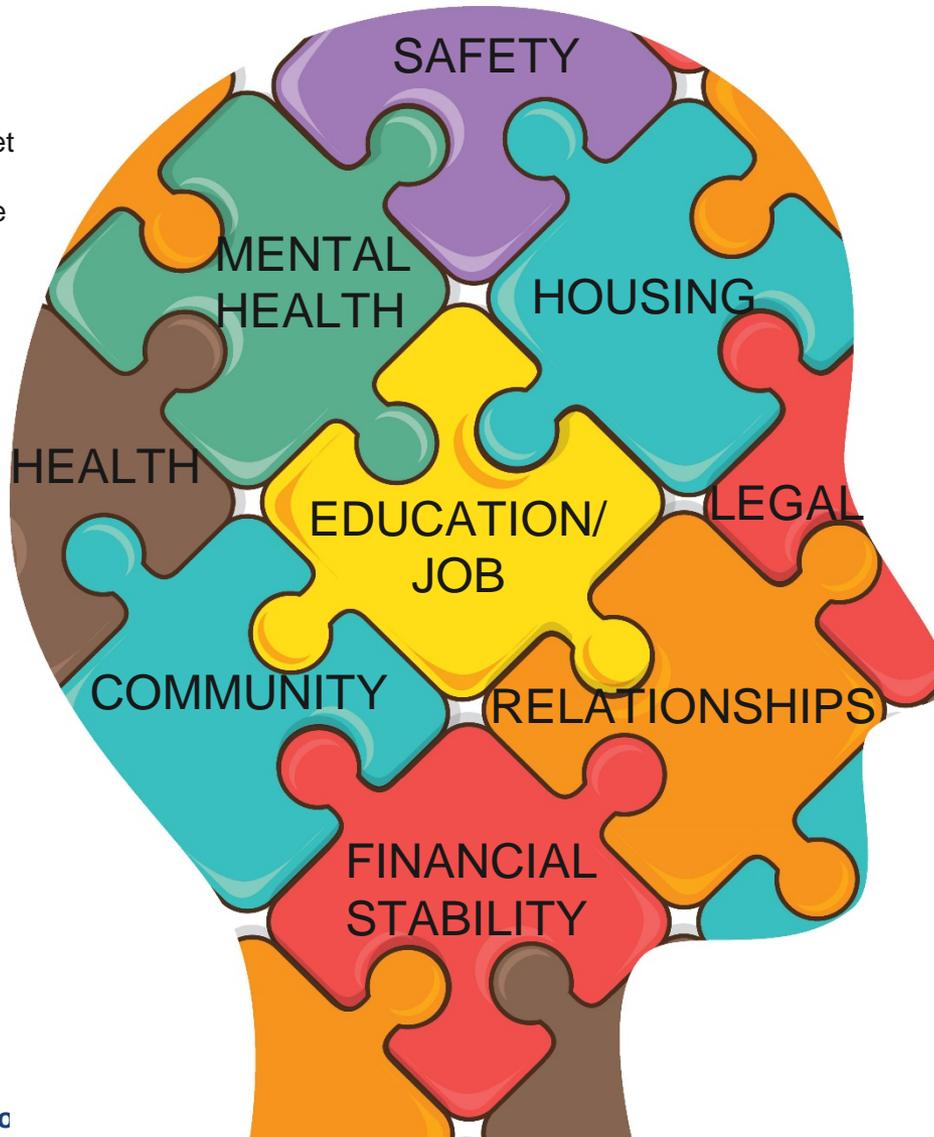
It takes a variety of services in the short and long term to put the pieces together.

Drop in programs and street outreach. Safe homes. Safety planning. Protective orders.

Emergency and ongoing medical and behavioral health services, including inpatient and community options.

Customized educational and vocational services and mentoring.

Transition back into the community. Opportunities for survivor leadership.



Specialized emergency and long term placements. In-home care and family support. Supportive housing.

Legal representation for set-aside of related criminal history, for family matters, and any other legal needs.

Personal advocates that build trust based relationships that support survivors throughout recovery and restoration. Peer support. Family therapy.

Financial assistance to access services. Help with credit recovery and debt issues, financial security.

# Questions?

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