



Children's Commission.

For Judges and Attorneys Handling Child Protective Services Cases

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Upcoming Scholarship Deadlines; TBLS Child Welfare Application Extension; TBLS Exam Fee Reimbursement; and DFPS Region 1 Community Meeting

Scholarship Deadline Reminder: May 10, 2018

The Children's Commission is offering scholarships for qualifying judges to both the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges' (NCJFCJ) 81st Annual Conference and the National Association of Counsel for Children's (NACC) 41st National Child Welfare, Juvenile & Family Law Conference and optional Red Book Training. Interested judges are welcome to apply for a scholarship to either or both of these educational opportunities. The deadline to apply for either or both scholarships is midnight on Thursday, May 10, 2018. More information is available by linking to the [judicial scholarships](#) page of the Children's Commission website.

The Children's Commission is also offering registration scholarships for qualifying attorneys to both the State Bar of Texas' 2018 Advanced Family Law Course's one-day Child Abuse and Neglect Track and to the National Association of Counsel for Children's 41st National Child Welfare, Juvenile & Family Law Conference and optional Red Book Training. Interested attorneys are welcome to apply for a scholarship to either or both of these educational opportunities. More information is available by linking to the [attorney scholarships](#) page of the Children's Commission website.

Extended Deadline: Texas Board of Legal Specialization (TBLS) Exam in Child Welfare Law – May 7, 2018 and Exam Fee Reimbursement

The 2018 application period has been extended through midnight on May 7, 2018 and is available at the TBLS "[Get Certified](#)" page. Applicants will be required to pay the application fee and examination fee in order to take the exam. Following successful completion of the exam, those who become Board Certified in Child Welfare Law will be eligible to receive reimbursement of the examination fee from the Children's Commission.

For additional information about the application and reimbursement, please visit the [TBLS webpage](#) on the Children's Commission's website.

Judicial Opportunity: Region 1 Community Meeting on May 15, 2018

All judges in DFPS Region 1, which includes the following counties: Armstrong, Bailey, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Cochran, Collingsworth, Crosby, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Donley, Floyd, Garza, Gray, Hale, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hockley, Hutchinson, King, Lamb, Lipscomb, Lubbock, Lynn, Moore, Motley, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, Terry, Wheeler, and Yoakum are invited to join community leaders, provider organizations, and other key public and private partners in the child welfare system in Region 1 in a meeting regarding child welfare in the panhandle on May 15, 2018, in Plainview, Texas.

Hosted by DFPS, the Casey Family Foundation, and the Texas Alliance of Child and Family Services, this meeting will focus on capacity for serving children and families in their home communities, coordination to better serve children/youth in child welfare, and data. Recently passed federal Family First Prevention Services Act along with the changing landscape at the Federal and State level that may impact this region will also be discussed.

For more information and to register, please visit the [TACFS webpage](#).



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