

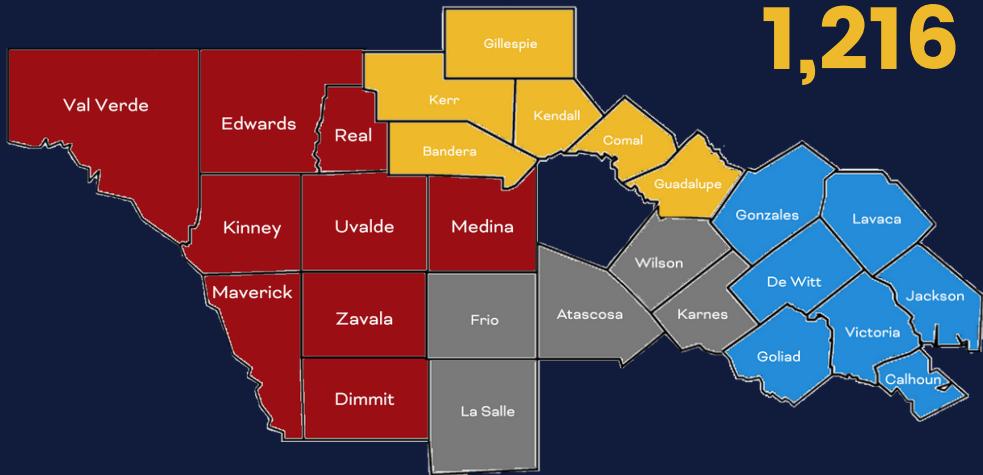
# YEAR IN REVIEW

July 2022–June 2023

South Central & Hill Country Region

Children served

**1,216**



Placements completed

**2,336**



Kinship families served

**672**



Adoptions finalized

**156**



Children reunified

**127**



Youth graduated

**25**

**136**

providers we work with

**78%**

of placements in region 8 (including Bexar County)

**76%**

of paid placement days spent in family setting

Parenting & Prevention

**1,173**

Home and virtual visits conducted

**142**

Families served

**191**

Children served

**96**

New families enrolled in the Parents as Teachers program

## LETTER FROM THE CEO

As we look forward to a new and promising school year, I'm compelled to look back and appreciate just how far we've come. In May, SJRC Texas celebrated 40 years of caring for the kids in our community with the greatest needs. The Hamilton family opened the doors to what began as St. Jude's Ranch for Children in 1983, laying the foundation for a caring, healing home where children would feel a sense of belonging.

Helping children and families is at the heart of our work and I'm proud to say, we continue to find new and innovative ways to carry out this mission. This past spring, we opened our first Family Resource Center (FRC) in New Braunfels, which has become a hub for Prevention and Family Engagement. We served 191 families through our parenting and prevention programs. 96 families were enrolled in our Parents As Teachers Program and more than 1100 parent education visits were conducted. The FRC, which is open to all families in the community has a play area, family exercise classes, a resource closet and private visitation rooms. In partnership with UT Health, we are also able to provide a med clinic staffed with a full-time nurse.

This last year was also the first in which we took over full case management services for the children we serve in the 27 rural counties surrounding Bexar County through our Belong division. In addition to finding foster care placement, our permanency team works with families to provide wrap around services and assist in reunification efforts. Over the last year, the Belong Division of SJRC Texas served more than 1200 youth who had suffered the trauma of abuse, abandonment or neglect. The success of our placement program is in part due to the wonderful partnerships we have with more than 130 providers. The due diligence of our leadership and intake team has resulted in having 0 children without placement over the last 12 consecutive months.

Metrics are part of our story, but the real impact is felt when we hear from our children and families. A new mom, who recently adopted a son, shared this revelation with our staff:

"Since taking Elijah in, our home has been taken to another level of fulfillment. He has brought so much joy, love, laughter, and excitement to our hearts. Prior to having him here our home was very organized. I really didn't have a routine. I was more of a spur of the moment type of person. I loved unplanned adventures, but now I think things through. I am mindful of the words I speak and most importantly my actions. Elijah was placed in our home because he was in need of nurturing, guidance, love and protection. It turns out he has been guiding me to becoming a better version of myself."

We are all learning alongside the children we serve as they help inform our thought process, decisions and future planning. We strive to always be better and evolve with the needs of our children and families. Thank you for your support and for being part of building stronger communities through volunteering, donating, fostering and believing in the work we do.

Together for our Children,



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