

# Transforming Cultures of Care

TRAUMA INFORMED CARE FOR CSEY

A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN

Texas Office of the Governor Child Sex Trafficking Team & TCU's Karyn Purvis Institute of Child Development

## Project Focus – TBRI® Training and Implementation

**EXPLORATION PHASE:** Programs, organizations, or systems are beginning their journey to implement trauma-informed care, and have chosen to explore Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI). The KPICD provides training to raise awareness about the impact of trauma and how TBRI can promote healing. The training is designed to support organizations or systems in the exploration phase, and bring new organizations into this phase.

**IMMERSION PHASE:** Programs, organizations, or systems are committed to implementing TBRI. As a result, the KPICD works with identified “change agents” and provides consultation to meet varying implementation needs. Through consultation the KPICD assists organization and systems in adapting TBRI to specific contexts which promotes innovation, best practice and a utilization-focused transformation of the culture of care.

**EXTENSION PHASE:** During this phase, the culture of care within an organization or system has been transformed and sustained. Exploration begins again as the transformed entities extend their expertise to other programs, organizations, or systems which then begin their journey to provide trauma-informed care using TBRI.



**Partnership in the KPICD**  
CSEY Project occurs when an organization is committed to TBRI implementation. Benefits of partnership include training as well as ongoing coaching and support from KPICD staff.

## Since Our Partnership Launch in 2018

**2,700+**  
INDIVIDUALS  
have been trained with TBRI to provide trauma-informed care to children and youth who have experienced trafficking and those who are at risk.



**1000+**  
PRACTITIONERS  
have been trained and can train others in the trauma informed strategies of TBRI.

**10** SYSTEMS  
TBRI is changing systems. KPICD is training those in juvenile justice, child welfare (residential care, foster care), medical, legal, law enforcement, education, mental health, and advocacy.

**50+** ORGANIZATIONS  
are currently committed to implementing trauma-informed care utilizing TBRI in their organizations to better serve youth.



**450+** ORGANIZATIONS  
throughout the state have participated in TBRI training.



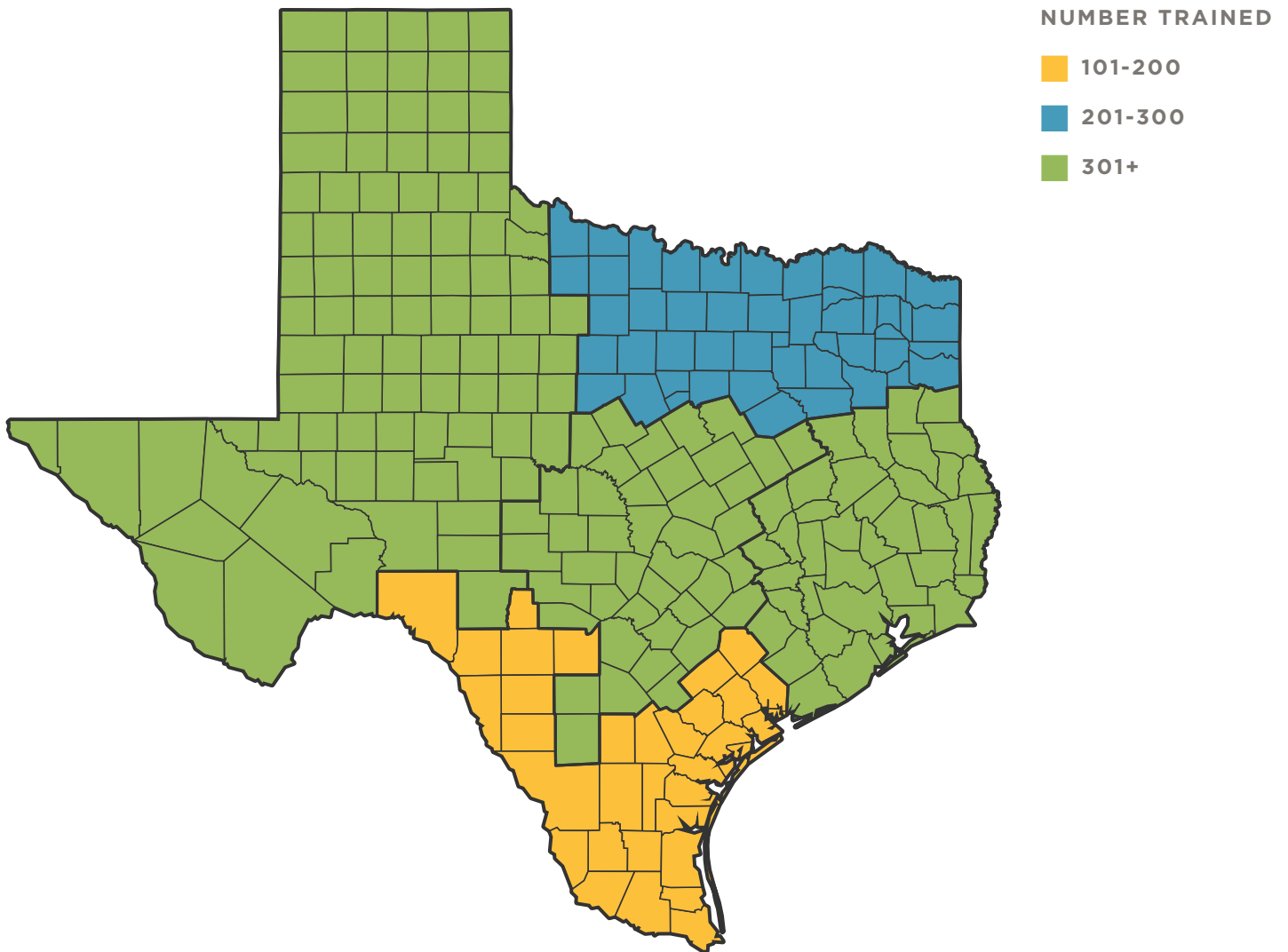
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# Project Impact in 5 Texas Regions



**Project expansion throughout the State of Texas is on-going.**

**To search for TBRI practitioners in your area, search this website: [child.tcu.edu/tbri-practitioner-list](http://child.tcu.edu/tbri-practitioner-list)**

We have been able to use all of the TBRI principles, strategies and tools in meaningful ways – not only with our youth, but the community as a whole. We have been able to increase understanding of the needs behind behaviors of our youth among stakeholders, partners and caregivers. We are all finally starting to speak the same language and the benefits are shining through our youth. They are learning to feel safe, to trust, and most importantly, to use their voice knowing that they have caring adults ready to listen and that we are in this together!

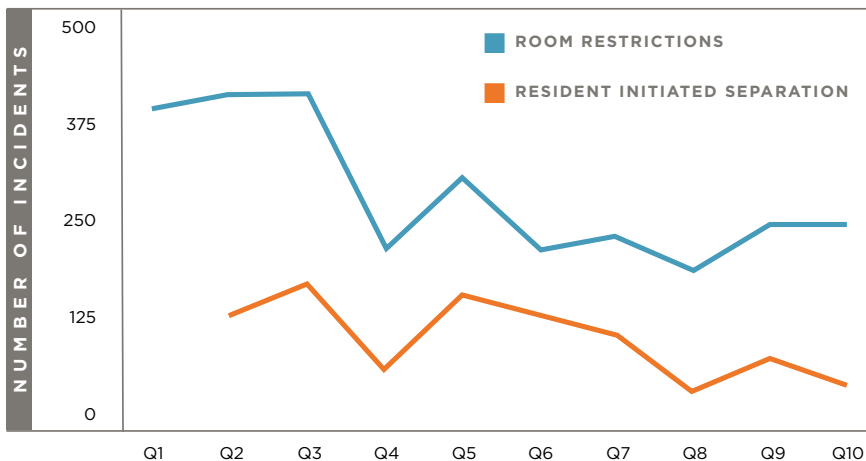
**ALY FERRANTE, ADVOCACY SPECIALIST TEAM LEADER AT CHILD ADVOCATES OF FORT BEND**



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# Project Impact at Harris County Juvenile Probation Department



Since Harris County Juvenile Probation Department started their TBRI implementation journey in Quarter 3, they have seen decreases in room restrictions, which staff attribute to being better equipped to deal with minor incidents on the unit rather than sending youth into isolation. Staff attribute the decrease in resident-initiated separations to youth feeling safer around, and more connected to, staff and their peers.

From October 2018 to January 2019 we had 45 youth to AWOL from the shelter. The shelter targeted this as a major concern and met with [TBRI] partners and implemented the following suggestion: [whenever] the youth returned staff would greet them with “Glad you are back. Do you want to talk about anything that happened while you were away? Tomorrow, we will make an appointment for you at the clinic”...There [was] no more discussion in groups regarding AWOL’s. Once the AWOL was addressed there was no more discussion. After implementing these steps [Kinder Emergency Shelter] went 45 days with no AWOLs.

CLARA THOMAS, PROGRAM SPECIALIST AT HCPS: KINDER EMERGENCY SHELTER

## Project Impact with Survivor Advocates in 2019

The following information represents a sample of data from an organization that provides advocacy to CSEY survivors in Texas. This organization has integrated TBRI into all of their programs and services for survivors, and all of their survivor advocates are trained in TBRI.

# 4,425

Advocates had 4,425 successful contacts with survivors in a six-month period. The high volume of successful contacts is indicative of the connection between survivors and advocates. “For many survivors, it’s the long-term, trusting relationship with a safe adult that helps survivors become ready to engage in services.”

# 8.2

“Advocates provided crisis intervention an average of 8.2 times per survivor in the Houston area in 2019.” In the central Texas region, one survivor received crisis intervention 71 times in 2019. “Responsiveness is a hallmark of the program. [As Karyn Purvis said], ‘when you cry, I will come.’”



# 12,296

Advocates provided direct services to survivors a total of 12,296 times in a six-month period. “[We] respect youth as survivors, not victims or clients. [We] give power in every way we can: transparency, intentionality, choice, predictability, and voice.”



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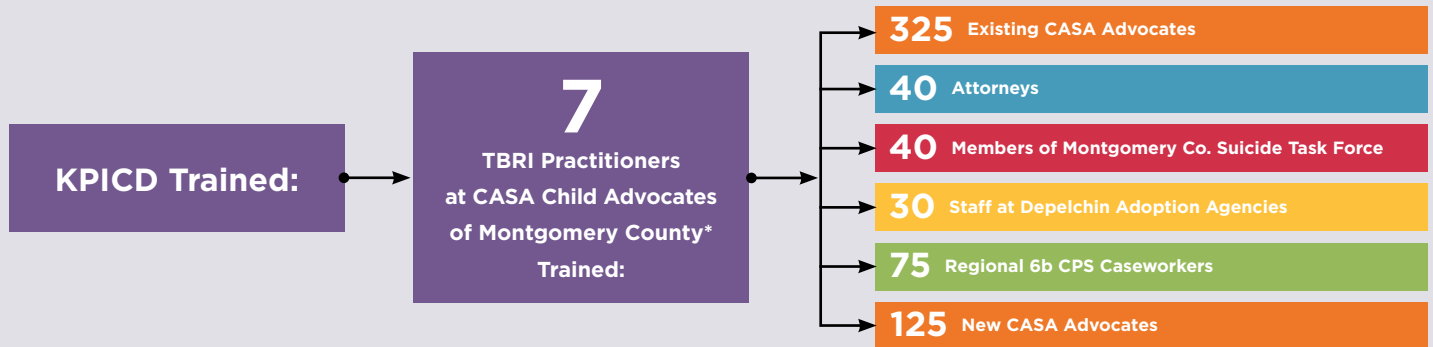


# Project Impact at CASA Child Advocates of Montgomery County 2019

Knowledge of TBRI has transformed our County. Staff, volunteers, CPS caseworkers, attorneys, and caregivers are all able to better serve our children and families because of the TBRI training we have provided.

ANN MARIE RONSMAN, TRAINING DIRECTOR AND CASA ADVOCATE AT CASA CHILD ADVOCATES OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

TOTAL TRAINED BY MONTGOMERY COUNTY CASA: 635



The KPICD training model has a multiplicative effect in that we empower and equip individuals to train others within their agencies and communities.



It is one thing to provide safety and another thing to provide “felt safety”. We are grateful for learning this and establishing solid core values throughout our process of serving and working with survivors. TBRI has provided us with the knowledge and understanding to create tangible “felt safety” opportunities throughout our office and places we meet with our program participants. In our TBRI culture at Rescue America, participants, volunteers and staff feel cared for, loved, heard and confident to use voice as a result of our organization implementing and practicing TBRI daily. It’s a lifestyle!

BLANCA TALTY, PROGRAM DIRECTOR AT RESCUE AMERICA



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