



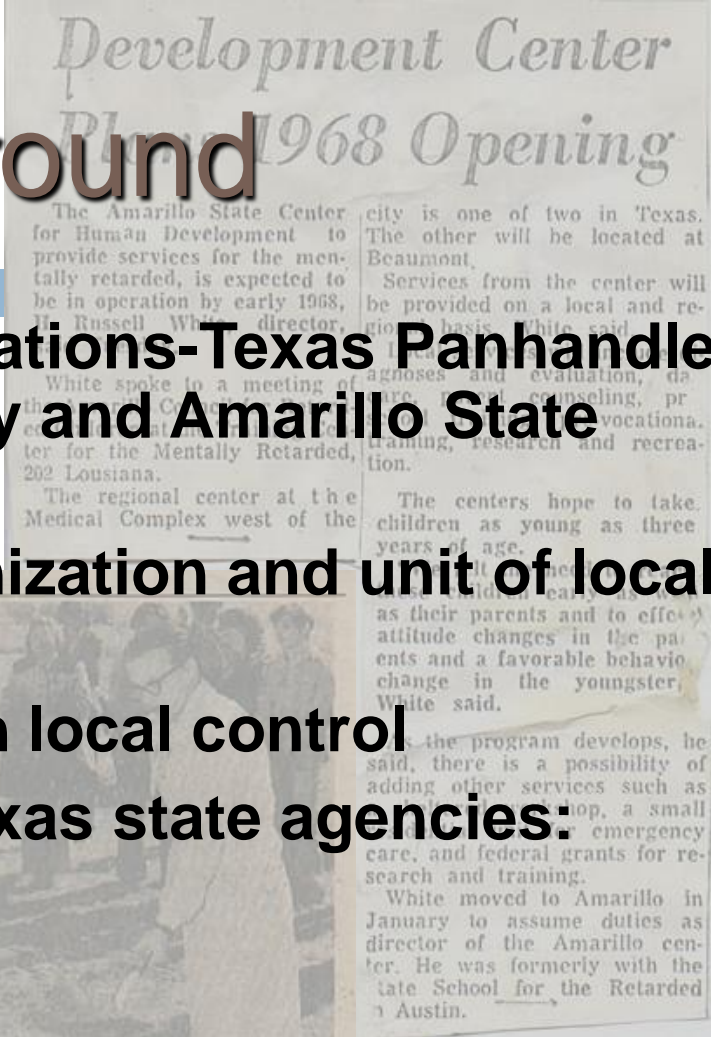
# TEXAS PANHANDLE CENTERS BEHAVIORAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL HEALTH

*SYSTEMS OF CARE- WHY?*



# Agency Background

- Started as two organizations-Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority and Amarillo State Center
- Non-profit 501c3 organization and unit of local government
- Community-based with local control
- Contract with these Texas state agencies:
  - ▣ DSHS
  - ▣ DADS
  - ▣ DARS
  - ▣ DFPS
  - ▣ TCOOMMI

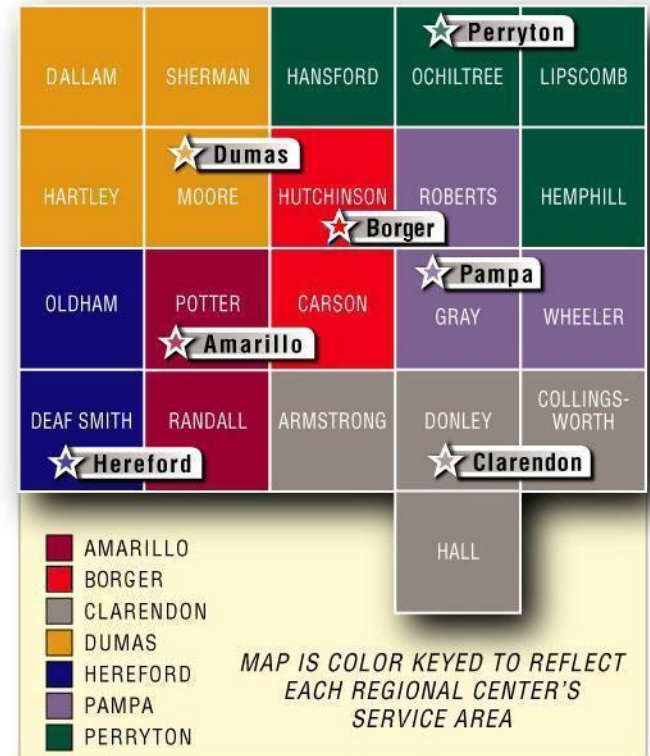


Ground was broken Thursday for the \$409,440 addition to the Amarillo State Center for Human Development on the center's main campus at 901 Wallace Blvd. Scooping up the first shovels full of dirt are, from left, State Sen. Max Sherman, Virginia Light, chairman of the

center's volunteer services council and Louise Evans, executive director of the Amarillo Area Academic Health Center Corp. The addition will accommodate adults in the work evaluation and training program sponsored by the center.

# Service Area

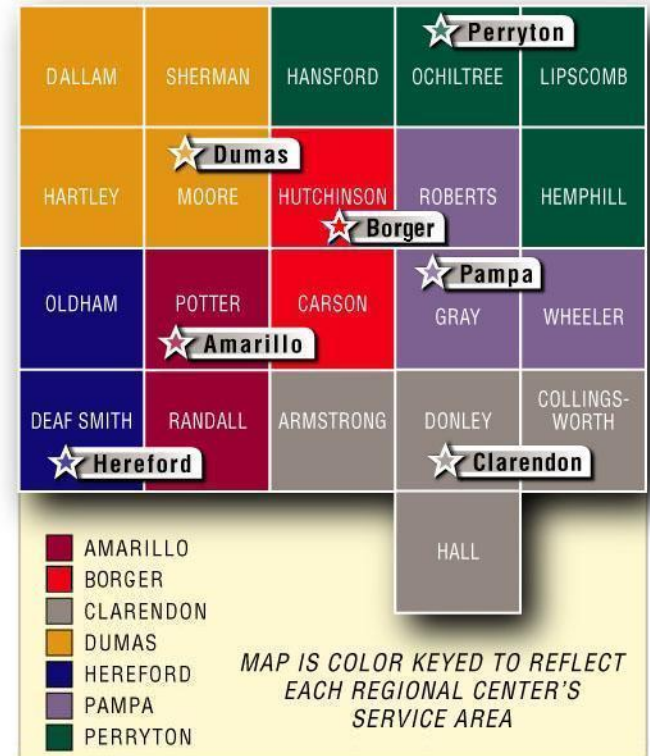
- Provide services to the top 21 counties of the Panhandle.
- Partner with many local stakeholder groups
- Unique obstacles
  - size of the TPC service region
  - the lack of rural psychiatric and social services
  - the distance between communities
  - large refugee population



# Service Area

## Partners

- Safe Schools/Healthy Students
- Texas Panhandle Centers
- Potter County Juvenile Probation
- Randall County Juvenile Probation
- Youth Center of High Plains
- Amarillo Police Department
- STAR Program
- AISD
- Samaritan Pastoral Counseling
- Pavilion- Local Inpatient Psychiatric Hospital
- Family Support Services
- City of Amarillo Department of Public Health



# Proposal

- TPC, as part of a community coalition, proposes to enhance and expand the existing wraparound service delivery model (SS/HS) currently in place in the Amarillo, Texas area to other local communities to improve the service delivery and outcomes of children and youth with serious emotional disturbances and their families.
- Put in place an infrastructure and philosophy (and corresponding services) that can be maintained as federal funds decrease and after federal funding is no longer available.

# Objectives

- Transform and expand the existing wraparound school-based services located in Amarillo Texas into a System of Care service delivery approach within local service area.
- Increase family involvement
- Improve individual outcomes for children and families:
  - ▣ decreased behavioral concerns
  - ▣ improved academic performance
  - ▣ decreased contacts with the juvenile justice system.
- Identify challenges or issue areas to be addressed in a strategic plan in our local service area.



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