



## Planning Your Participation in the TASC State Service Project

These resources will help your council initiate a successful project to support foster children and the adults who serve them.

Be sure you have identified an agency and know their needs and if items can be stored BEFORE beginning any kind of drive.

1. Brainstorm ideas about possible projects. Does your council want to host a drive for supplies, advocate for support with other school and/or community groups, organize an appreciation project for those working in the foster care field, educate your council about the need for this project, etc.
2. Assess the strengths of your council at this time. Can you do an onsite volunteer project? Are you able to collect funds, supplies, etc.
3. Are you looking for a speaker for your council, your TASC district, or for advocacy efforts?
4. Do you just need to talk with someone about what is possible?



### **TASC is partnering with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.**

The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services is responsible for investigating charges of abuse, neglect or exploitation of children, elderly adults and adults with disabilities.

- Rachel Naron with DFPS is your point of contact to help your council connect with the right people throughout the state. Contact her to ask for the location of a Rainbow Room or a Foster Closet near you, how you can conduct an appreciation project, contact information for a foster care agency near you, etc. Contact her by sending emails to the DFPS Community Engagement inbox at [comenga@dfps.state.tx.us](mailto:comenga@dfps.state.tx.us). (Avoid using school student emails for this request. Emails from outside groups are often blocked, so you may not get a reply.)
- When you send a request, include this information:
  - Your name
  - Name and location of school
  - Project in which you are interested (collection drive, appreciation project, etc.)
  - Specific organization in which you are interested in working if you have one. If you do not, DFPS can help you find one.
  - Information for your school's main point of contact: Name, email, phone, etc.
- If you are looking for a speaker, contact Valinda Bolton. She can help you with anything related to training, finding a youth speaker (as long as you provide plenty of advance notice, data, etc. Contact her by emailing [Valinda.Bolton@dfps.state.tx.us](mailto:Valinda.Bolton@dfps.state.tx.us).
- The attached spreadsheet is a list of Texas agencies that was generated this summer. It is far from complete, but you may see some you want to investigate. If you are interested in one of them, we recommend that you ask if this group is recommended when you contact Rachel Naron.

**Thank you for helping *RESET* lives.**

**See the list on the websites for suggested agencies with whom you could partner.**