

LOCAL PLANNING AND NETWORK DEVELOPMENT - LPND

Camino Real Community Services (CRCS) is required by rules passed by the 80th Texas Legislature to develop a two-year local plan to develop an external provider network for mental health services. This plan will provide a standardized, transparent process for planning and developing a network of mental health service providers, emphasize a choice of providers, and allow for local control through stakeholder input while requiring the network to be managed by CRCS. This collaborative approach to service provision is detailed in [Texas Administrative Code, Title 26, Part 1, Chapter 301, Subchapter F](#).

In accordance with Texas Health and Safety Code §533.0352 (Local Authority Planning for Local Service Area), “each local mental health and mental retardation authority shall develop a local service area plan to maximize the authority’s services by using the best and most cost-effective means of using federal, state, and local resources to meet the needs of the local community according to the relative priority of those needs.”

Texas Health and Safety Code §533.03521 requires CRCS to “develop a local network development plan regarding the configuration and development of the local mental health authority’s provider network. The plan must reflect local needs and priorities and maximize consumer choice and access to qualified service providers.”

Interested Providers

Individual practitioners interested in contracting with CRCS to provide discrete services or provider organizations interested in contracting with CRCS to provide the full array of Texas Resilience and Recovery (TRR) services may contact the center at any time to explore opportunities.

Email Questions to info@caminorealcs.org with the subject line of “Interested Provider.” Interested providers should submit a [Provider Inquiry Form](#).

CRCS will accept Provider Inquiry Forms throughout the year. The form is designed for use by interested providers to notify agency of the provider’s interest in providing behavioral health services with in the nine county service area of Atascosa, Dimmit, Frio, Karnes, La Salle, Maverick, McMullen, Wilson, and Zavala Counties.

- This process applies only to services funded through state General Revenue and not to services funded through Medicaid Managed Care.
- The requirements for network development pertain only to provider organizations and complete levels of care or specialty services. Local needs and priorities govern routine or discrete outpatient services and services provided by individual practitioners. Therefore, they are not included in the assessment of provider availability or procurement plans.