

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

VOICE





Mission

To empower children and their families to lead healthy and productive lives by promoting success in education, nurturing wellness in mind and body, and developing skills in tomorrow's global leaders.

Vision

To have a safe, healthy, and thriving community for children and families.

Focus

Education, health, and wellness to prevent substance misuse in our children and youth.

Guiding Principles

- Children are our greatest asset.
- Lifelong health and wellness begin with good decisions.
- Education is the key to unlocking the future.
- Parents are children's strongest advocates.
- Strong families are the cornerstone of thriving communities.

Annual Summary



19

Counties Served

- Anderson
- Bell
- Bosque
- Cherokee
- Coryell
- Falls
- Freestone
- Hamilton
- Henderson
- Hill
- Kaufman
- Lampasas
- Limestone
- McLennan
- Milam
- Mills
- Navarro
- Rains
- Van Zandt



34

Years of Service



111

Schools Served



97

Community Partners



**Over
60,000**

Individuals Impacted

Leadership

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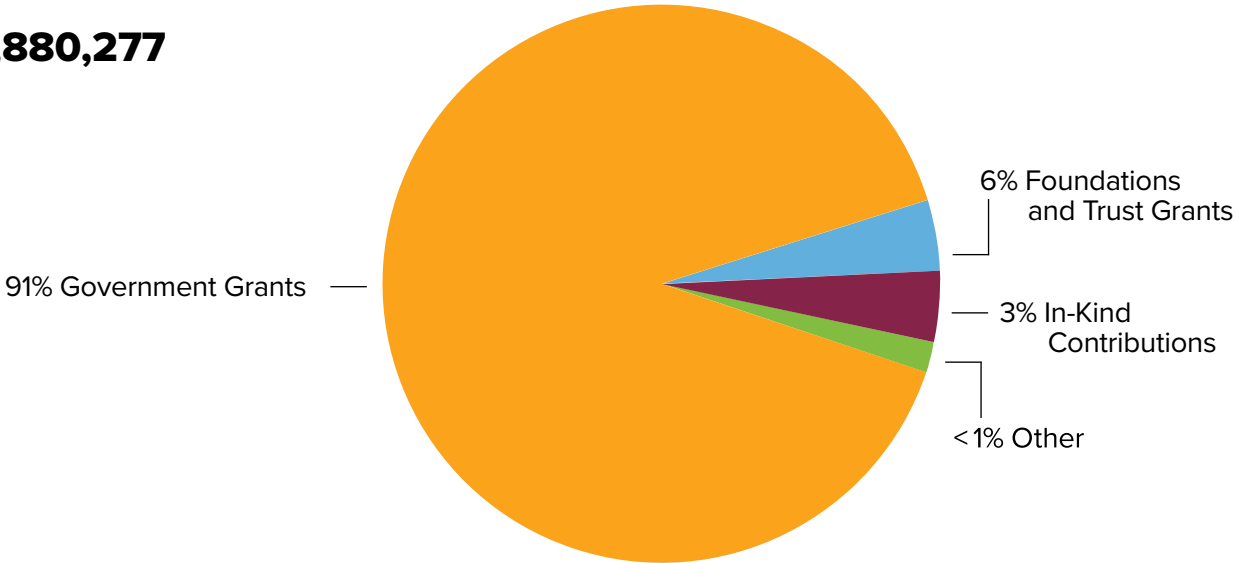
Valorie Horn, Regions 3 and 4 Program Director

Maria Macias, Region 7 Program Director

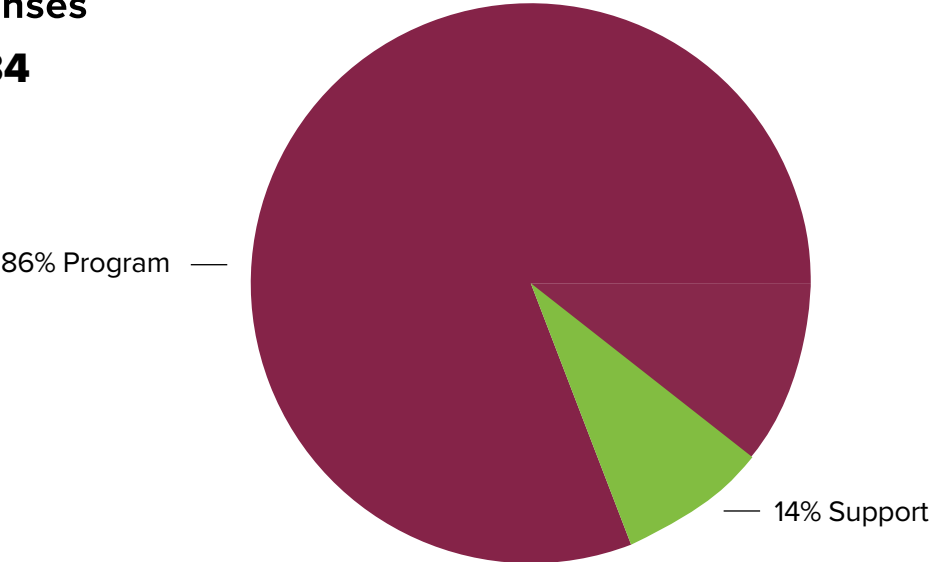
Financials

For fiscal year ending August 31, 2025

Total Revenue
\$2,880,277



Total Expenses
\$2,971,434



Programs

VOICE (Viable Options in Community Endeavors, Inc.)

Founded in Navarro County in 1992, we have grown into a trusted regional nonprofit serving nineteen counties across Central Texas. With offices in Corsicana and Waco, we provide all services at no cost, thanks to the generous support of Texas Health and Human Services Commission (THHSC) grants, as well as contributions from foundations, businesses, and individuals.

Every day, our team equips children, youth and families with essential life skills that strengthen behavioral health, build resilience, and promote lifelong wellness. We partner with schools and community sites to deliver evidence-based, age-appropriate programs for children and youth from kindergarten through twelfth grade—empowering the next generation with the tools they need to make healthy, informed decisions.

Community Events

Community Events

Children and Youth: 56,290

Adults: 15,509

We host family-focused events that bring communities together through fun, engaging activities for all ages. Held in partnership with local nonprofits, schools, and churches, these gatherings provide a safe, tobacco-, alcohol-, and drug-free environment where families can connect, learn, and spend quality time together. Every event is offered free of charge, ensuring all community members can participate and feel welcome.

Educational Presentations

Children and Youth: 21,702

Adults: 3,459

We deliver engaging presentations on behavioral health and the prevention of tobacco, alcohol, and drug use to children, parents, and community members across schools and local sites. These sessions raise awareness, spark meaningful conversations, and equip audiences with knowledge to make healthy choices. Each year, our efforts include participation in the Red Ribbon campaign, during which we distribute banners, bracelets, pencils, and other materials that reinforce a shared commitment to living a drug-free life.

Curriculum-Based Support Groups (CBSG)

Children and Youth: 2,292

Students from pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade gain the skills they need to navigate challenging family situations, resist negative peer pressure, build healthy self-respect, and set meaningful personal goals. Participants are recommended for the program based on behavioral, academic, or environmental concerns, ensuring that support is directed to the young people who need it most. Through this targeted, skill-building approach, students develop confidence, resilience, and the ability to make positive choices.

rainbowdays.org



Life Skills Training

Children and Youth: 3,731

Students in grades 3 through 12 develop the skills to rise above negative social pressures, strengthen their self-esteem and confidence, manage anxiety in healthy ways, and reduce behaviors that put their health at risk. Through engaging, age-appropriate lessons, students gain practical tools that empower them to make positive choices and thrive in school and beyond.

lifeskillstraining.com



NEW LIFE

Children: 49

Adults: 48

28 families successfully completed the program

Expectant parents and caregivers of children under age three gain essential skills that support their child's healthy growth and development. Participants complete *The Incredible Years* curriculum and a Shaken Baby Syndrome prevention course, equipping them with knowledge and confidence to provide a safe, nurturing start in life. Upon completing all components, families receive a \$500 gift card as a meaningful incentive and support for their ongoing success.

www.incredibleyears.com

www.realityworks.com/product/shaken-baby



Positive Action

Children and Youth: 2,173

Positive Action is a comprehensive program that equips children with strong self-management skills and empowers them to make responsible, healthy decisions. Grounded in the belief that positive actions lead to positive outcomes, the program teaches students to build good habits, strengthen their character, and embrace a lifestyle that supports their overall well-being.

positiveaction.net



Strengthening Families Program (SFP)

Children and Youth: 96

Adults: 76

This program supports both high-risk and general-population families by helping them build stronger communication, deepen relationships, manage stress effectively, and reduce negative behaviors. Through engaging multi-week sessions held in the evenings at schools and community locations, families learn practical skills they can use every day, strengthening connections at home and creating healthier, more supportive environments for children to grow and thrive.

strengtheningfamiliesprogram.org



Summer Breakout

Children and Youth: 73

Students in grades 1 through 6 build mental acuity, strengthen healthy habits, and deepen their love of learning through this engaging summer program. Using the *MindUp* curriculum, they explore how the brain shapes behavior and gain practical tools for making positive choices. Held at schools and community sites, the program provides a supportive and enriching environment that encourages children to continue growing throughout the summer.

<http://mindup.org/>



Tobacco Compliance Checks

Number of Inspections: 831

Tobacco Compliance Checks are essential to protecting youth and strengthening community health. In partnership with regional Prevention Resource Centers, we conduct unannounced inspections of retail locations to ensure they comply with laws prohibiting the sale of tobacco and nicotine products to minors. These checks enhance retailer accountability, deter illegal sales, and help reduce youth access to harmful products, ultimately creating safer and healthier communities.

**Use Your Voice
Pledge to Be Drug Free**

voiceinc.org



CAP (College Achievement Program)

Youth: 386

Our College Achievement Program (CAP) guides students and their families every step of the way as they plan for, apply to, and pay for higher education. CAP advisors provide personalized, one-on-one support, meeting individually with students and parents while also offering informative presentations across schools and community sites.



By completing the program, students not only gain the knowledge and confidence needed to pursue college, but they are also entered into a drawing for a scholarship, giving them an added boost as they take their next steps toward the future.

CAP Completion Requirements

- Submit high school transcript.
- Submit ACT, SAT, or TSIA results.
- Create a student and parent FSA ID.
- Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) during senior year.
- Meet with a CAP advisor a minimum of three times.

CAP Scholarship Winners (Left to Right)

Kaleigh Cook
Sarah Towles
John “Blake” Phillips
Cambryn McCollum
Abigail Walthall



VASA Community Coalition

This coalition brings together nonprofits, businesses, educators, law enforcement, and community members to address substance use in McLennan County through proven environmental strategies. By researching local trends and implementing targeted, community-wide approaches, the coalition works to reduce the use and misuse of alcohol, tobacco and nicotine products, marijuana and other cannabinoids, and prescription drugs. Together, members are creating safer, healthier environments where individuals and families can thrive.

Aaliya Dilough.....	Waco–McLennan County Public Health District	:	Elizabeth Solis	STARRY Inc.
Ali Shepherd.....	Unbound Now Waco	:	Elizabeth Wooten.....	Oceans Behavioral Hospital
Amanda Fields.....	Waco–McLennan County Public Health District	:	Jaylyn Schumpert.....	Cedar Crest Hospital
Ambie Heltenberg	Advocacy Center for Crime Victims	:	Jena Messer	Family Abuse Center
Bambi Blanchard	Klaras Center for Families/ Heart of Texas Behavioral Health Network	:	Josh Tetens.....	McLennan County District Attorney’s Office
Bianca Martinez.....	China Spring ISD	:	Kay Bell....	National Women in Agriculture Association
Brandon Loften.....	STARRY Inc.	:	Kevin White	Life Anew Restorative Justice
Brenna Sanford	Klaras Center for Families/ Heart of Texas Behavioral Health Network	:	Lacey Fitch-Ondracek	McLennan Community College
Carey Amthor.....	Friends for Life	:	Lee Scheffe.....	Grassroots Community Development
Carla Thomas	Waco–McLennan County Public Health District	:	Lisa Molkenbuhr.....	Cedar Crest Hospital
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Carmen Merritt.....	Communities in Schools of the Heart of Texas	:	Marissa Medina	HOPES Waco
Carolyn Nichols.....	Youth Connection	:	Matthew Moran	Family Abuse Center
Carrie Klapper.....	Klaras Center for Families/ Heart of Texas Behavioral Health Network	:	Rebecca Heidt	Axtell ISD
Chanquis Robertson.....	BVCASA–Brazos Valley Council on Alcohol and Substance Abuse	:	Ruth Lara	Waco–McLennan County Public Health District
Christina DeOrnellas.....	China Spring ISD	:	Ryan Howard	Texas Department of Public Safety
Cindy Davis.....	China Spring ISD	:	Sara Miller.....	Oceans Behavioral Hospital
Cory Sugg	Bellmead Parks & Recreation	:	Sarah Sanchez.....	BVCASA- Brazos Valley Council on Alcohol and Substance Abuse
Crystal Acuna	HOPES: Healthy Outcomes through Prevention & Early Support	:	Sarai Muniz.....	Grassroots Community Development
David Baker	Klaras Center for Families/ Heart of Texas Behavioral Health Network	:	Sierra Shaw	Waco ISD
Elizabeth Orta	Maximus Texas Health Steps/ TX Star program	:	Taya Polk.....	Life Anew Restorative Justice
		:	Ty Delley	Unbridled Equine Programs
		:	Yadira Bruhn.....	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas



School Partners

Agape Christian Academy
Alta Vista Elementary
Aquila ISD
Bell's Hill Elementary
Blooming Grove Elementary
Blooming Grove Junior High
Bowie Elementary
Brownsboro Junior High
Carroll Elementary
Cayuga Elementary
Cedar Ridge Elementary
Central Athens Elementary
Cesar Chavez Middle
Chilton Elementary
Chilton High
Chilton Middle
China Spring AEC
Clifton Elementary
Clifton High
Clifton Middle
Collins Intermediate
Connally Elementary
Connally High
Connally Junior High
Corsicana High
Corsicana Middle
Cross Roads ISD
Dean Highland Elementary
Eustace Intermediate
Eustace ISD DAEP
Eustace Primary
Fairfield High
Fannin Elementary
Frankston Middle School
Frankston High School
Frost High
Frost Junior High
Gary Campbell High School AEP

Gatesville Intermediate
Grand Saline Elementary
Grand Saline High
Grand Saline Intermediate
Grand Saline Middle
Greater Waco Advanced Health Care
Academy
H.O. Whitehurst Elementary - Groesbeck
Groesbeck High School
Washington Intermediate - Groesbeck
Groesbeck Middle
Hallie Randall Elementary
Hamilton High
Harmony School of Innovation, Waco
Hewitt Elementary
Hico Elementary
Hico Middle
G.W. Carver Indian Spring
J.H. Hines Elementary
James L. Collins Catholic
Kendrick Elementary
Kerens Primary
Kerens Secondary
Lake Air Montessori
Lakeview Elementary
LaPoynor ISD
La Vega Elementary
La Vega High
La Vega JHS - George Dixon Campus
Leo Orr Senior Education Center DAEP
Lorena Middle School
Mabank Central Elementary
Mabank DAEP
Malakoff Elementary
Marlin Elementary
Marlin High
Marlin Middle
Mart Elementary

Mart High
Mays Elementary
Mexia High
Mexia Junior High
Midway ISD DAEP
Midway Middle School
Mildred Elementary
Mildred High
Mildred Middle
Navarro Elementary
Navarro ISD DAEP
Neches Junior/Senior High
New Summerfield Elementary
Ogelsby Elementary
Ogelsby Middle/High
Park Hill Elementary
Premier High School
Provident Heights Elementary
Raymond Mayes Middle
Rice Elementary
Rice High
Rice Intermediate
Rice Junior High
Sam Houston Elementary
South Waco Elementary
Teague High
Teague Junior High
Tennyson Middle
University High
Van Junior High
Van Intermediate
Waco High
West Avenue Elementary
Wortham Elementary
Wortham Middle
Wortham High

Community Partners

Access to Healthcare
Athens Police Department
Baylor Collaborative on Hunger and Poverty
Baylor Scott & White Medical Center - Hillcrest
Baylor University
Bellmead Police Department
Bluebonnet Trails Community Services
Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Texas
Boys and Girls Clubs of Navarro County
Brazos Valley Council on Alcohol and Substance Abuse
Brian Richardson, McLennan County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4
Cedar Creek Library
Cenikor
Central Texas Poison Center
City of Bellmead
City of Waco
Charis Christian Life Church
Communities in Schools of the Heart of Texas
Community Race Relations Coalition
Compassion Corsicana
Corsicana-Navarro County Public Health
Dewey Park Recreation Center
Education Service Center Region 12
Family Abuse Center
Family of Faith Worship Center
First Baptist Corsicana
Genesis Center
Grand Saline Public Library
Grassroots Community Development
Greater New Light Missionary Baptist Church
Healthy Women and Children Waco
Heart of Texas Behavioral Health Network
Henderson County Health Center
Hewitt Police Department
HOT Recovers ROSC
IMPACT Communities
Jacksonville Public Library
Jesus Said Love
Junior League of Waco
Kaufman Public Library
Keep Waco Beautiful
Klaras Center for Families
Lacy Lakeview Police Department
Lifeline Children and Family Services
LifeSteps Council on Alcohol and Drugs
Live Well Waco
Living Witness Missionary Baptist Church
Lucy Miramontez, McLennan County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 5
McLennan Community College
Methodist Children's Home
Midway Truancy/DAEP
Mighty Wind Worship Center
Navarro College
Navarro College - TRIO
Navarro County Juvenile Probation
North Texas Behavioral Health Authority
Our Community Our Future (OCOF)
Parkland Community Health
Planned Parenthood
Presbyterian Children's Home and Services
Prevention Resource Center Region 7
Prosper Waco
Rainbow Days
Recovery Happens, LLC
Rice Police Department
Salvation Army
Schulman's Movie Bowl Grille
Shepherds' Heart
Silver Lake Apartments
STAR Council
Taylor's Memorial TMM
Texans for Safe and Drug-Free Youth
Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service
Texas A&M University Chemistry Road Show
Texas Association of Addiction Professionals
Texas Department of Public Safety
Texas Department of Transportation
The COVE
Things from the Heart
Tri-County Public Library
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US Department of Veterans Affairs
Upward Bound
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Waco Center for Youth
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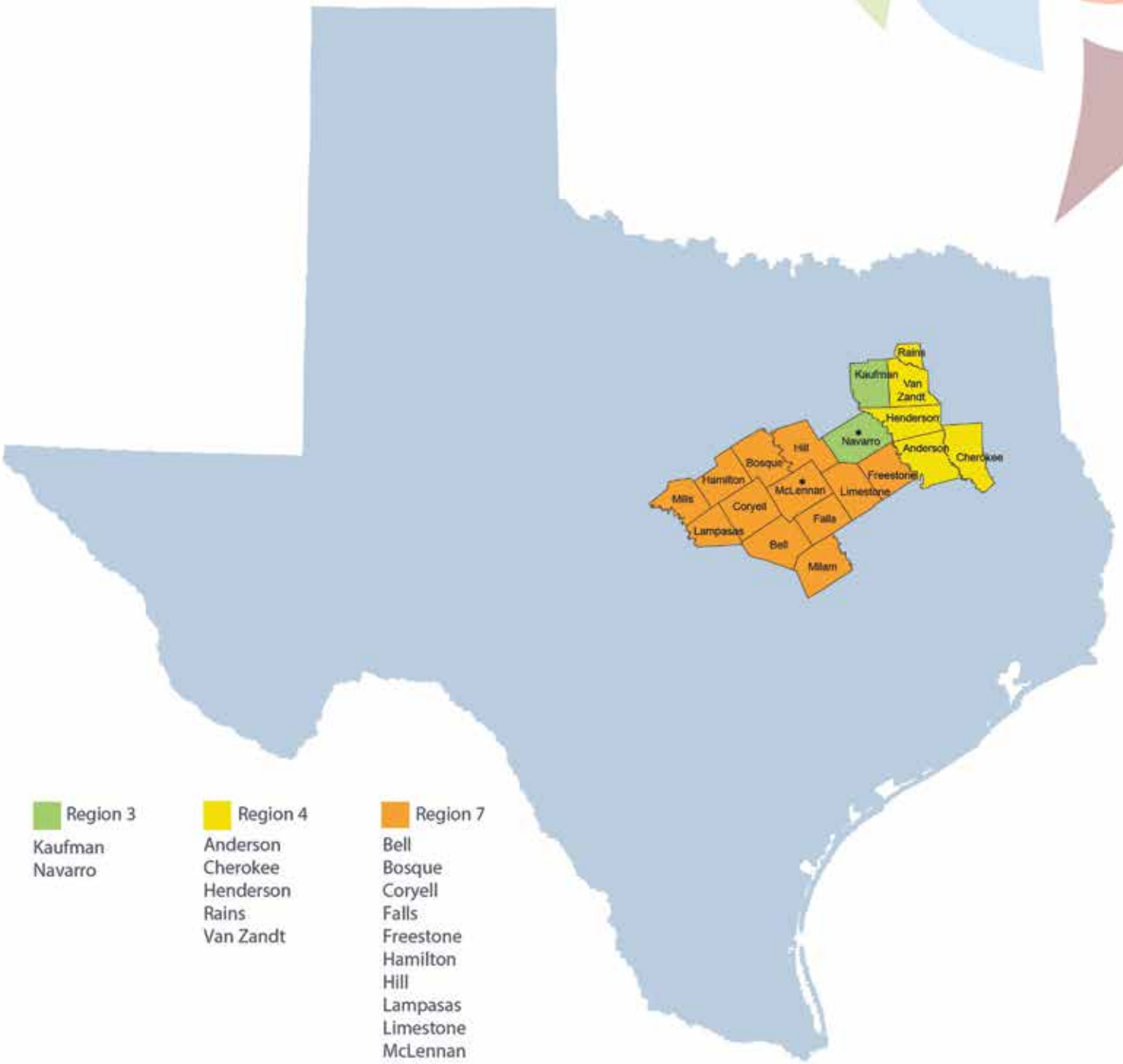
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VOICE service area



Region 3
Kaufman
Navarro

Region 4
Anderson
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Henderson
Rains
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Region 7
Bell
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Coryell
Falls
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