

HILL COUNTRY CASA YEAR END REPORT TO JUDICIARY
FISCAL YEAR 2023 (SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 - AUGUST 31, 2023)
PART I: PROGRAM, ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL STATISTICS

CHILD, CASE, CAREGIVER STATISTICS

CHILDREN AND CASES SERVED BY COUNTY FY 2023

	TOTAL NUMBER SERVED		% OF CASELOAD	# OPENED		# CLOSED	
	Children	Cases	Children	Children	Cases	Children	Cases
	KERR	46	30	41%	22	14	15
GILLESPIE	20	13	17%	14	8	5	5
BANDERA	32	21	29%	9	6	13	8
KENDALL	14	11	13%	3	2	8	6
TOTAL SERVICE AREA	112	75	100%	48	30	41	29

CAREGIVER ALLEGATIONS AT CASE OPEN IN FY 2023

	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	DRUG ISSUES / EXPOSED INFANT	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	RA/PR
TOTAL SERVICE AREA	23	37	108	26	8	10

OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN WHOSE CASES CLOSED IN FY 2023

	REUNIFIED	RELATIVE ADOPT/PMC	NON-RELATIVE ADOPT	INDEPENDENT LIVING / AGE OUT	NON-SUIT	TOTAL
TOTAL SERVICE AREA	22	11	3	4	1	41

ADVOCACY OVERVIEW

See Part II for further breakdown of advocacy activities conducted by CASA

TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS DONATED	1,673	AT TX CASA APPROVED RATE OF \$29/HR	\$48,517
CASA AGENCY FUNDS SPENT ON DIRECT ASSISTANCE	\$14,081	CASA VOLUNTEER DONATED DIRECT ASSISTANCE	\$681
CASA STAFF DIRECT SERVICE HOURS	1,174		

TRAVEL EXPENSES: SERVICE TO CHILDREN/COURTS

	Dollars	Miles
DONATED BY VOL	\$4,969	7,586
PAID BY CASA (Fed Rt)	\$16,702	25,499
TOTAL	\$21,671	33,085

VALUE OF ALL CASA VOLUNTEER DONATIONS

Type	Dollars
VOL SERVICE TO CHILDREN / COURTS	\$48,517
VOL DONATED TRAVEL / EXPENSES / DIR. ASST.	\$5,650
TOTAL	\$54,167

TOTAL NUMBER ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS

From:	New in 2023	Returning
KERR	1	17
GILLESPIE	1	10
BANDERA	1	4
KENDALL	0	19
TOTAL	53	

HOURS OF TRAINING OFFERED FY2023

Type	Hours
NEW VOLUNTEER	58
LIVE SESSION CONTINUING EDUCATION	36
SELF-PACED CONTINUING EDUCATION	16
CLE COORDINATED FOR AD LITEM SEMINAR	12.5
# OF REGISTRANTS FOR AD LITEM SEMINAR	272

ADMINISTRATIVE STATISTICS

TOTAL SUPPORT BY COUNTY (includes grants, contracts, donations)

	Total Funds Raised	% of Total Budget	Supports # of children
KERR	\$81,875	14%	16
GILLESPIE	\$10,335	2%	3
BANDERA	\$12,000	2%	2
KENDALL	\$20,965	4%	6
OTHER	\$119,471	20%	21
STATE	\$181,992	31%	34
FEDERAL	\$162,677	28%	30

CHILDREN SERVED DEMOGRAPHICS

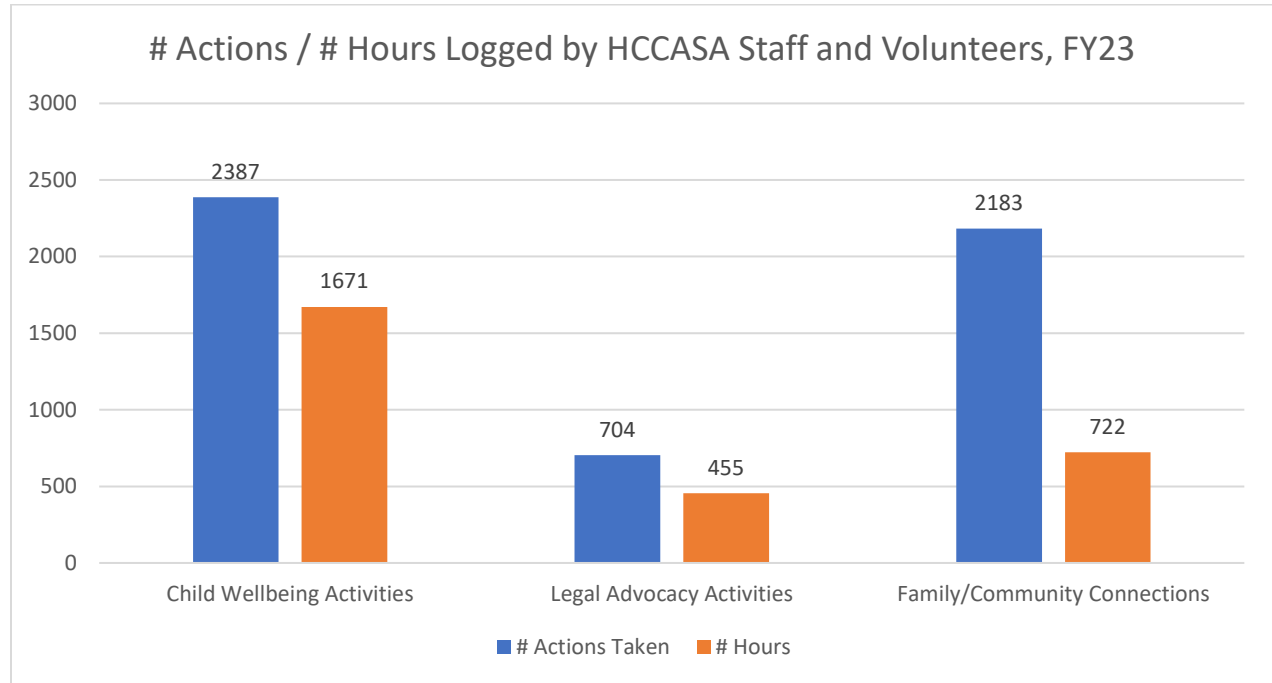
STATUS	TMC - 66	PMC - 38
	COS - 1	JMC - 7
AGE	BIRTH - 5	52
	AGE 6 - 11	23
	AGE 12 - 18	37
GENDER	MALE	68
	FEMALE	44
ETHNICITY	WHITE	67
	HISPANIC	36
	BLACK	2
	BIRACIAL	7

PART II: REGARDING DIRECT SERVICE ACTIVITIES PERFORMED BY HCCASA FOR THE 112 CHILDREN SERVED IN FY 2023

The following tables represent the hours and contacts made by HCCASA volunteers and staff on behalf of the children served in FY 2023. This information is gathered from contact logs made by volunteers and staff throughout the year.

HCCASA prioritizes **Child Wellbeing, Legal Advocacy, and Family and Community Connections** in our advocacy for children and families involved in the Texas child welfare system.

HCCASA advocates provided direct services in each of these areas, comprising hundreds of hours and actions taken for the 112 children we served in FY 2023:



These priorities comprise many different actions that meet the individual needs and circumstances of the children we served, and generally included:

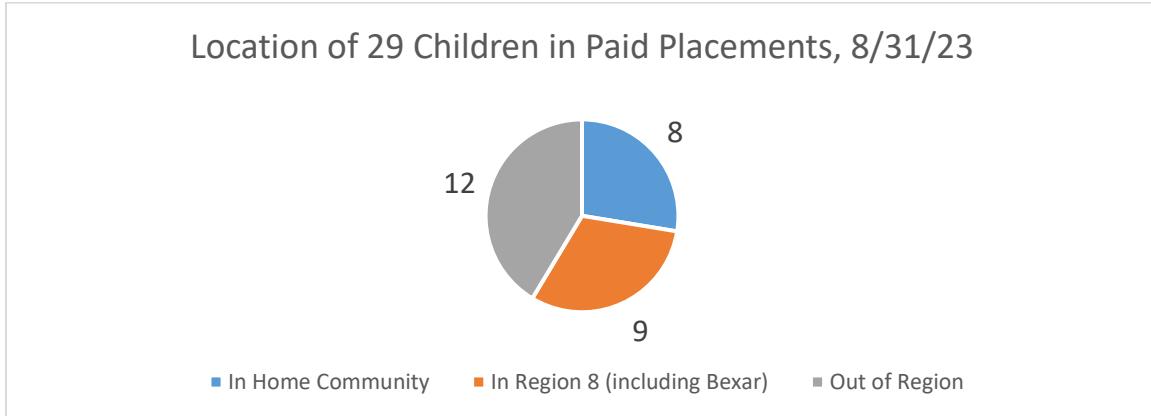
Child Wellbeing	Legal Advocacy	Family / Community Connections
Child Visits (face to face, phone, facetime, letters, etc)	Prepare Court Reports and Attend Court Hearings	Permanency Planning / Collaborative Family Meetings with Case Parties
Contacts with Children’s Placements, Educators, Medical Providers	Contacts with Attorneys / Case Parties	Contacts with Parents, Relatives, Supportive Individuals
Case Coordination with CASA Staff and Volunteers	Observe Court-Ordered Visitations	Advocacy for 16+ Youth Issues
	Participate in Mediations	Connecting Clients to Family / Community

PART III. REGARDING PLACEMENT LOCATION AND TYPE FOR 72 INDIVIDUALS IN CARE ON 8/31/2023

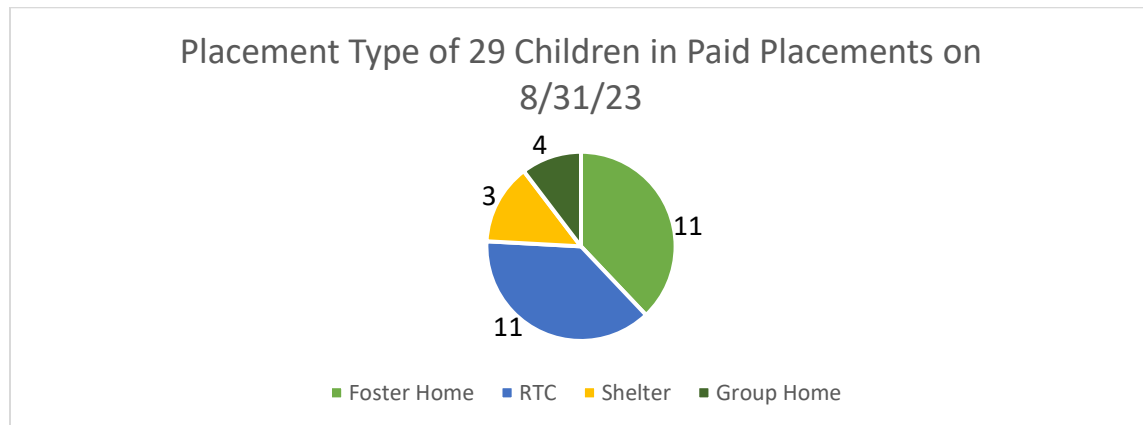
The following tables are a snapshot view of children's placements on the last day of FY 2023, and split by Paid and Unpaid Placements, with data summaries and comparisons to last year included.

Overall, there are 72 children in care on 8/31/23; this is an increase of 7 children (11%) over last year.

29 children, or 40%, were in paid placements on 8/31/23:



Of the 12 children placed Out of Region in Paid Placements: 8 in RTCs; 3 in foster homes; 1 at an emergency shelter.



When compared to this dataset for last year:

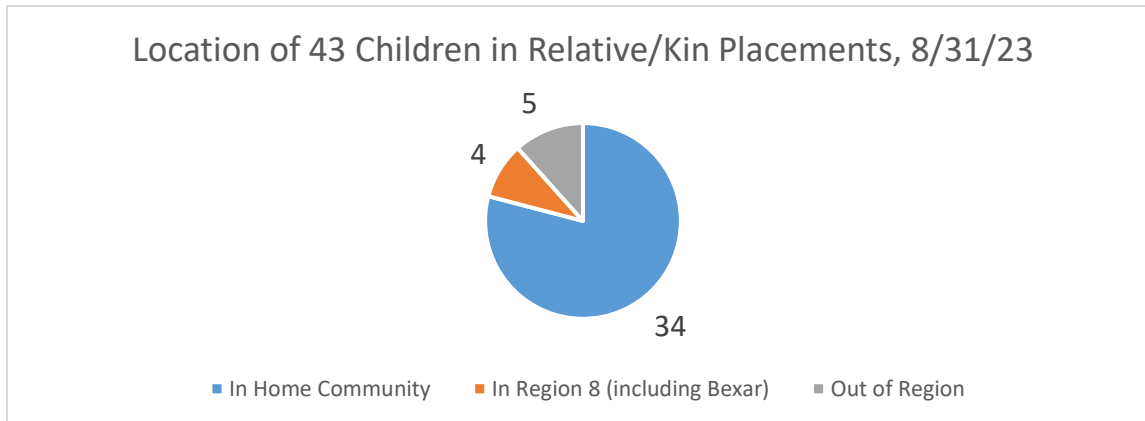
The percentage of children in paid placements dropped 1% (from 41% of all children on 8/31/22 to 40% of all children on 8/31/23).

The Out of Region placements are 10% less on 8/31/23 than last year; consequently the In Home Community and In Region 8 placements increased compared to last year (+9% In Home Community; +1% in Region 8)

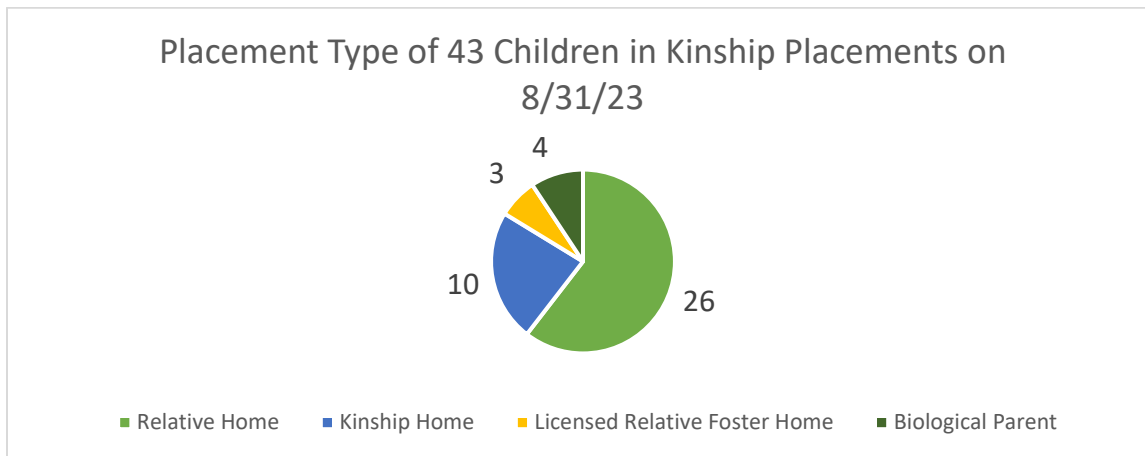
The percentage of children placed in RTC increased 11% (from 8 children on 8/31/22 to 11 children on 8/31/23). 72% of the children in RTC on 8/31/23 are placed Out of Region.

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43 children, or 60%, were in relative/kinship placements on 8/31/23:



Of the 9 children not placed in their home community, 4 children (44%) are in their intended to be permanent placement, and 5 children reside with family while their parents work toward reunification.



When compared to this dataset for last year:

The percentage of children in relative/kinship placements increased 1% (from 59% of all children on 8/31/22 to 60% of all children on 8/31/23).

The In Home Community relative/kinship placements increased 13% between 8/1/22 and 8/1/23.