

Child Protective Investigations

Overview



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The Special Investigations program was created as a result of Senate Bill 6 during the 79th. Legislature in 2005, introduced by Senator Jane Nelson.

Special investigators conduct complex investigations such as: high profile investigations, child fatalities, employee investigations, School investigations and labor and sex investigations. Special Investigators assist in locating missing families and children in foster care and serve as secondary support to other divisions.



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Special Investigations Organizational Structure

- 279 Special Investigator FTEs
- 5 Regional Directors
- 29 Program Directors
- 2 Program Specialists
- 1 Director
- 254 Counties
- 268,597 Square Miles

Special Investigations Supports

- 2,667 Investigators
- 45 Master Investigators
- 2,066 CPS Conservatorship Caseworkers
- 1,008 CPS Family Based Safety Services
 Caseworkers
- 18 CPS Parental Child Safety Placement Caseworkers
- 12 CPS Master Conservatorship Caseworkers
- 497 Adult Protective Services Investigators
- 114 Residential Child Care Licensing Investigators
- 33 Child Care Licensing Investigators
- 432 Community Based Care Staff



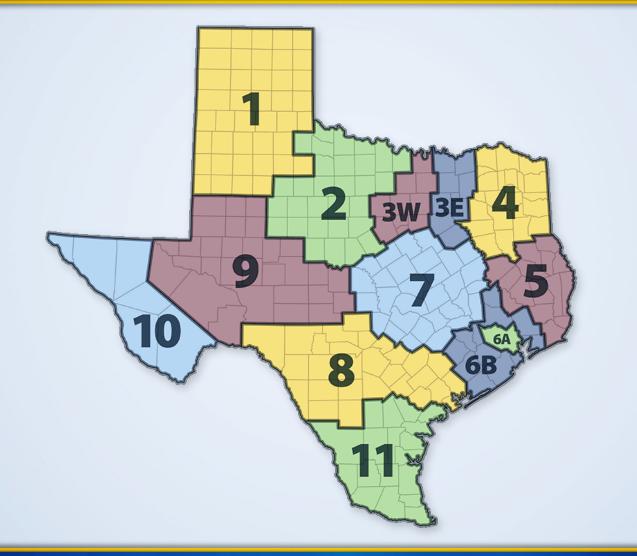
Special Investigator Preferred Criteria

- Retired / Prior law enforcement (even from Colorado)
- Investigative background in Crimes Against Children or other major crimes.





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Overview of Texas Children and Youth in DFPS Conservatorship

	FY 2022
Total number in DFPS Conservatorship at some point in fiscal year	38,294
Total number of unique children and youth missing from DFPS	1,334
Conservatorship at some point in fiscal year	,
Total number of unique children recovered during fiscal year ¹⁴	1,219
Number of unique children who were identified as being	131
victimized during missing episode	
Number of unique victims identified as sex trafficking victims	56
during missing episode	50
Number of unique victims identified as labor trafficking victims	0
during missing episode	

During Fiscal Year 2022, 38,294 children and youth were in DFPS Conservatorship at any point in the fiscal year. Of these, 382 (1%) unique children and youth were identified as either Suspected-Unconfirmed or Confirmed for human trafficking (sex or labor) trafficking victimization while in substitute care.

Of the 382 children and youth in DFPS Conservatorship at some point during Fiscal Year 2022 who were identified as either Suspected-Unconfirmed or Confirmed for human trafficking (sex or labor) trafficking victimization:



Thanks Y'all!

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