March 17, 2016

To: Local Mental Health Authorities (LMHAs)
   Executive Directors
   Children’s Mental Health Directors
   Behavioral Health Directors
   North Texas Behavioral Health Authority (NTBHA)

From: Trina Ita, Director
       Mental Health and Substance Abuse Division, Program Services Section II

Re: Youth Empowerment Services (YES) Waiver Amendment Nine

Purpose:
The Youth Empowerment Services (YES) Waiver has requested an amendment to our existing 1915(c) Waiver. To meet the public notice requirement, we are asking that each LMHA that is currently providing YES services to post the amendment where it is accessible to community stakeholders, including current waiver participants.

The post should include a link to the YES website where the amendment is posted, as follows:

http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/mhsa/yes/

The amendment is titled YES Amendment 9 DRAFT. Please make a paper copy of the amendment available upon request.

The YES program provides home- and community-based services to children ages 3–18 that are at risk of institutionalization and/or out-of-home placement due to their serious emotional disturbance.

Contact
For questions or further information regarding YES Waiver Amendment 9, please e-mail YESWaiver@dshs.state.tx.us

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