Terrell Center for Youth Overview

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Terrell Center for Youth

Residential treatment facility for youth in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS).

Opened September 2026

30 beds - Ages 13 -17 (male and female)



Serves youth who have a mental or behavioral health condition, substance use condition, or intellectual or developmental disability.

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A standalone facility located on the campus of the Terrell State Hospital.

Safe and secure environment.

The center has 205 full-time employees.

Collaboration with DFPS – Two dedicated DFPS staff are officed at the center.



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Provides a therapeutic environment and programming to promote healing and growth. Medical and behavioral health needs will be met through trauma-informed, person-centered care.



Educational services provided by Terrell Independent School District. Youth attend school in the community or at the center.



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Referrals and Admission



Referrals for admission come through DFPS. Teams seeking admission for youth must participate in the Pathways to Placement process.

Youth will not be denied admission based on characteristics like criminal justice involvement, IQ score, autism diagnosis, runaway or trafficking history, substance use, or challenging behaviors.



Admissions will occur within 24-hours after determining eligibility and a bed is available. Admissions are voluntary and cannot be court committed.

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