



Family Resource Services  
(A Non-Profit Organization)  
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Waller County  
Honorable Judge Trey Duhon III  
425 FM 1488, Suite 106  
Hempstead, TX 77484

Dear Judge Duhon,

Family Ties, Family Resource Services has provided services to child victims and their families in Waller County for the past 17 years. With humble beginnings as a grass roots 501(c)3 family crisis center, we have filled the gaps in services provided to this marginal and vulnerable population with trauma informed wrap around services by seasoned and licensed professionals with more than 25 years of experience providing developmentally appropriate treatment for child victims of family violence, sexual violence, bullying, dating violence, child abuse and other crisis issues that have a detrimental impacts and often lead to generational violence. Our multi-pronged approach prioritizing children's trauma, supporting caregiving family members, and providing primary prevention has proven to be incredibly effective in providing quality care and primary prevention that promotes healing at the individual, family, and community level as well as stopping violence before it starts. Since Family Ties' origination the demand for services that recognize children as primary victims and provides trauma informed care at appropriate developmental levels while serving the needs of the entire family has at least doubled each year due to the explosive growth flowing from Hwy 290 and Interstate 10. Family Ties' engages with multiple community partners in Waller County including: Waller ISD, Waller County DA's & Family Law office, Sheriff's Office, local PD's, TDPRS, House of Help, WARM, TXFNE(Texas Forensic Nurse Examiners), United Way along with several other community stakeholders. To accommodate the needs created Family Ties has expanded its services to include a Drop-in Center for youth to help prevent Sexual Exploitation and recently opened the Mueller House, a 12 bed, 12 bath facility for youth/young adult who have been victimized, ages 17-22 to provide a stop gap between homelessness, crime, and sexual exploitation. Through our partnership with the United Way, we are able to provide Flexible Funding to families that are at risk of becoming homeless, having difficulty maintaining utilities, and other basic needs who resided in Waller County. All of our programs and services are intentional and are intended to provide true wrap around services. Although our services are typically geared to providing victim services, our agency is seen as a place where anyone in the community can come for help. Family Ties appreciates Waller County recognizing our commitment by allocating funds in its 2024 Budget. At this time we would like to request Family Ties' allocation of \$15,000. Thank you for partnering with us in "Providing Hope Through Healing" and creating a community where violence in any form is not tolerated.

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Date

**"Providing Hope Through Healing"**

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