

## One Accord for Kids Press Release



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### **A Community Caring for Kids**

The Board of Directors of One Accord for Kids is proud to name Brandon Logan, J.D., Ph.D., as its newest executive director.

Over the last several decades, the State of Texas has shifted from being the sole service provider for vulnerable children and families to partnering with local, non-profit organizations. The 85th Texas Legislature (2017) expanded the public-private partnership model by passing Senate Bill 11, which created a child welfare system of care called Community Based Care (CBC).

Under the CBC model, the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) engages local non-profits across the state to provide foster care placement and case management services as a catchment area's Single Source Continuum Contractor (SSCC). In light of this new direction in child welfare, a group of community members established One Accord for Kids (OAK) to prepare for the implementation of CBC in the Permian Basin and Concho Valley. OAK exists to coordinate community efforts in child welfare, educate the public, and assist with childcare services.



Dr. Logan's education and experience make him uniquely qualified to lead One Accord for Kids. He graduated from Texas A&M University with a bachelor's degree in psychology. Upon completion of his bachelor's degree, he attended law school at Texas Tech University, graduating magna cum laude. As an attorney, he gravitated to family law and adoptions, representing children and families of the Texas foster system in Abilene, Lubbock, and across the state as a child welfare law specialist. While practicing law, he earned a Ph.D. in Human Development and Family Studies from Texas Tech University.

In 2016, Dr. Logan took a position as the inaugural director of the Center for Children and Families at the Texas Public Policy Foundation (TPPF), where he worked on child welfare policy. In his time with TPPF, he assisted in the passage of Senate Bill 11, the bill that created Community Based Care. In 2018, Dr. Logan became the inaugural executive director of 2INgage, the SSCC for DFPS Region 2 (a 30-county region that includes Abilene and Wichita Falls). As executive director of 2INgage, he was responsible for the placement and care of over 700 children.

As the state continues to reform foster care to improve outcomes for children and families, community members and organizations are finally being recognized as the experts in caring for their kids. One Accord for Kids believes there is no one better to care for our children in crisis than the people from their own community. We are excited about the leadership and innovation Dr. Logan brings to our mission.

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