



## Advocacy Committee

March 2018

Thank you for your interest in advocating for policies and programs to support mental health in Tarrant County, Texas, and the nation. It is vital that we are correctly informed about the issues relevant to mental health---and that is a big task.

The Mental Health Connection of Tarrant County will publish periodic updates for your information and reference. Frequency of these updates will depend on the issues and whether or not the federal or state legislatures are in session. Please feel free to forward these updates to other interested parties.

To read the full text of the recently passed federal budget [click here](#). And for a summary [click here](#).

Child Welfare League of America (CWLA) also provides a summary [click here](#).

For information about specific impacts of the budget on mental health services [click here](#).

Cities Thrive brings together some of our nation's best thinkers on mental health to brainstorm new ideas, discuss best practices, create an ongoing conversation, and push our federal partners to join us in making mental health and substance misuse a top priority. With your help, we can build a network of cities primed for action.

[February 2018 update](#)

[March 2018 update](#)

This is a nice presentation about the [Minnesota Opioid Plan](#).

If you receive other information or newsletters that would be beneficial to the committee, please forward them to me for inclusion in future posts.

Thank you,

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