



Advocacy Committee

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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. Please note that all links are for information only and do not represent an endorsement of the linked information or organization.

The CARE Act is modeled directly on the Ryan White Act, supporting local decision making and federal research and programs to prevent drug use while funding evidence-based treatments and recovery support services. President Trump's Council of Economic Advisers estimated that the opioid crisis cost the nation more than \$500 billion in 2015 alone.

Cities Thrive 4-17-18 Care Act update [here](#)

[CARE Act One-pager](#)

[Care Act detail](#)

[Care Act Section-on-Section](#)

Fort Worth Star Telegram article on the opioid epidemic [here](#)

Large employers and the opioid epidemic [here](#)

Texas DFPS information on the Family First Act [here](#)

USA Today article on the Family First Act [here](#)

Child Welfare League of America weekly update including articles on foster care and the Family First Act [here](#)

Non-Profit Finance Fund® on the resilience of the non-profit sector [here](#)

If you receive helpful information you would like to share with this group, please feel free to forward emails to nburmaster@lenapope.org.

Thank you,

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