



LIAC
LUBBOCK INTERAGENCY
ADOPTION COUNCIL

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History of the Council

The Lubbock Inter-Agency Adoption Council was registered with the Texas Secretary of State on February 21, 1980, by ten founding members as an incorporated nonprofit organization.

The purpose of the establishment of the Council was to bring together all local representatives and community people who wished to work together for the purpose of promoting and enhancing mutual coordination, cooperation, and communication among licensed Child Placing Agencies, and to work in cooperation with public and private adoption agencies to improve adoption services in the Lubbock area. The intent was to encourage recruitment of adoptive parents and others working in the field of adoption, to inform the members of LIAC and others of the general public interested in the field of adoption of current information and legislation, all as it pertains to the well-being of all children and, in particular, children needing adoption services.

The Council, also known as LIAC, has been meeting on a monthly basis since that time, and became well-known for an annual conference organized to bring educational opportunities through well-known industry professionals for foster and adoptive families and professional staff working in the field of foster care and adoption.

The Council had a brief disruption for a period between the years 2020 – 2023. During that time, the COVID-19 pandemic created widespread upheaval on the way people worked and connected. It took a few years to develop a new normal, and the Council meetings ceased during this time. In addition, January 2020 saw the arrival of Community Based Care in Region 1, which removed a long-standing funding source for the Council that had been established years earlier by Memorandum of Understanding with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.

In July 2023, the Council recommenced and has been meeting monthly, in person, ever since. We continue to provide a cooperative and collaborative forum for Child Placing Agencies and other foster- and adoption-focused nonprofits across the Lubbock area. Members opted in 2024 to begin a new tradition of organizing a large scale, joint Foster Parent Appreciation event in lieu of an annual conference, made possible by local Child Placing Agencies, other nonprofits, and churches in the area.