

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****CONTACT:**

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2iNgage begins providing case management services after meeting readiness requirements

Abilene, Texas (June 2, 2020) – 2iNgage, a Program of Texas Family Initiative (TFI) in partnership with New Horizons, is pleased to announce it is now providing case management services in DFPS Region 2, a 30-county region which includes Abilene and Wichita Falls.

In December 2019, DFPS awarded 2iNgage case management services in Region 2 following an amendment to their Community-Based Care (CBC) contract. DFPS's go-live date for Stage II was set for June 1, dependent upon DFPS and 2iNgage readiness. Part of 2iNgage's readiness included hiring more than 80 permanency case managers to handle case management services. 2iNgage exceeded their hiring goals and will be fully staffed with qualified permanency case managers for the kick-off of Stage II of CBC.

"Over the past several months, we have been working diligently with DFPS to ensure a smooth transition for Stage II of CBC in Region 2. We are so thankful for DFPS's leadership during this transition and we are proud of our staff for their perseverance to ensure a go-live date of June, 1, 2020" said Dr. Linda Garcia, Senior Vice President of 2iNgage.

CBC is a resourceful and innovative way to provide services than traditional foster care because it gives local communities the flexibility to draw on local strengths and resources and find new ways to meet the unique and individual needs of children and their families. Through our partnership with DFPS, 2iNgage is committed to serving every child, youth and family member in its care, so they may realize safety, permanency and overall wellbeing.

Due to this expansion of services, 2iNgage expanded its offices in Abilene and Wichita Falls, as well as opened new offices in Brownwood, Sweetwater, Graham and Bowie.

Additionally, we are recruiting loving caring foster families together with our CPA provider network, for children in foster care. Foster parents are essential and vital partners who help 2iNgage provide quality services and support for Texas children and families. To learn more

2iNgage is a unique partnership between Texas Family Initiative LLC and New Horizons Inc. that works together to serve some of our most vulnerable children and families. This partnership has combined child welfare experience of more than 95 years and will further our community's pursuit of caring for our children and families with integrity and success. To learn more, please visit www.2ingage.org.

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