



## Let's Talk Therapists

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Our Tele-Counseling Program has been successfully helping clients for almost a year now. We have been so lucky to provide services to your counties with the help of two therapists, Jaime Villa and Ali Valdez. In the last few months our team has grown. Please join us in welcoming Crystal Knoop and Kathleen Turner.

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Wilson County

We now have more therapists  
to serve the youth in your counties...  
don't forget to refer!

### Crystal Knoop, LPC

Under the purview of our Regional Director, Jennifer Martin, Crystal oversees four of the five programs operating out of this regional office; in addition to Tele-Counseling, we offer programs such as Placement Diversion/Family Reunification Program (PD/FRP), Aftercare Services (ACS), Partners Assuring School Success (PASS), and Multi-systemic Therapy (MST). Crystal graduated from Texas A&M Corpus Christi with a Masters of Science in Counseling, a Bachelors in Psychology, and an Associates Degree in Mental Health. Prior to joining the Liberty Team in 2009, she counseled at the TAMUCC University Counseling Center, was an Early Childhood Intervention Specialist at ECI, a Counselor at Dress for Success, and a Supervisor with Connections Individual and Family Services. With over 18 years of experience, Crystal quickly learned the ropes at Liberty, serving as both an MST Therapist and ACS Treatment Specialist, and is now the Clinical Director for Liberty Resources Family Services in Texas.



### Kathleen Turner, LCSW

Prior to her retirement, Kathleen worked for 27 years at the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. She graduated from Texas A&M Kingsville with a Bachelors of Science in Home Economics, concentration in Child Development and Family Living. She then went on to obtain a Masters of Social Work from the University of Houston via a long distance learning program, while working in Child Protective Services (CPS). Kathleen worked in many stages of service during her tenure with CPS, beginning by assisting families and children from the point of intake through investigation. She then operated in the Family Based Safety Services role, as well as Conservatorship when children entered the Foster Care system, specializing in sexual abuse investigations where she testified in both civil and criminal cases as needed. Kathleen was also a District Trainer for new hires and a Supervisor for an Investigation Unit. She spent her final years with CPS as a Child Safety Specialist, 1 of about 50 in the State of Texas, before retiring to devote her time to her only child. Now that her daughter is in college, Kathleen has rejoined the workforce by teaming up with Liberty Tele-Counseling.

