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### The TEAM Center Effect

SHERMAN, NOVEMBER 23, 2014 – Imagine a place you could go to receive information on Medicare benefits and housing assistance. A place you could attend GED classes as well as weekly bingo games. Somewhere you could hear guest lectures every month on a variety of subjects. Well, that place is the TEAM Center located at the Texoma Council of Governments' public housing offices at 810 West 16th Street in Bonham.

The TEAM center was established in 2010 and was created to Teach, Empower, Assist and Motivate individuals by providing multiple programs and social services under one roof. Families have access to: Public Housing, Social Services, Benefits Counseling, Energy Services and the Section 8 Programs that are all housed at the TEAM Center.

By definition, a one stop shop is where multiple services are offered in a convenient location. The TEAM Center accomplishes this by bringing an array of programs and services together that are easily accessible to everyone.

If you or someone you know is in need of services, send them to the TEAM Center.

#### Below is a schedule of services available at the TEAM Center:

Service	Days and Times
GED Class	Mon: 9:00 AM - Noon Mon/Tues/Thurs: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Reading Class	Tues/Thurs: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Energy Services (Utility Assistance)	Mon: 8:00 AM - Noon
Section 8 (Rental Assistance)	Tues: 8:00 AM - Noon
Benefits Counseling	Mon/Fri: 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM Weds: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
ESL (English as a Second Language)	Mon/Tues: 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Fri: Noon - 4:00 PM

The Texoma Council of Governments is a voluntary association of the local governments in Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson Counties. Established in 1968, the Texoma Council of Governments promotes economy and efficiency in the coordinated planning and development of the tri-county region through its community and economic development activities. Either directly, or through contractors, the Council provides housing, utility assistance, and weatherization services for low-income citizens in the region and assists the elderly through a variety of Area Agency on Aging programs. The Council also facilitates the delivery of grant funding for homeland security and criminal justice.

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