

Texas Police Trainers LLC (In partnership with Step Up Texas)



<u>Course Description</u>: STEP UP Texas is a project that brings trauma-informed and restorative practices training and implementation support to school districts, law enforcement, and the judicial system toward reducing racial and ethnic disparities in engagement with the juvenile justice system. Unaddressed traumatic experiences are associated with long-term behavioral and physical health issues.

In this course we learn the damaging effects of trauma on the brain and body, how to be resilient in the face of trauma, and how to extend that resiliency to our fellow officers and the communities we serve.

Who should attend: Texas Peace Officers

Course information:

Host Agency: Eagle Pass ISD Police Department

Training Location: 1420 Eidson Road , Eagle Pass TX 78852

Course Date: May 29, 2025

Time: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Length of course: 8 hours (Training hours will be reported by CLEAT)

Cost per attendee: FREE

To register, <u>click here</u> or go to <u>https://texaspolicetrainers.com/?p=42225</u>





About the Instructor



STARRY Director of STEP UP Texas

Deyanira (DeeDee) Duffy

Deyanira (DeeDee) Duffy is a dedicated social worker and advocate with over 13 years of experience serving at-risk youth, families, and individuals impacted by the foster care system, homelessness, and child exploitation. She is the Director of STEP UP Texas at STARRY, where she leads a team of Training and Technical Support Professionals providing trauma-informed care and restorative practices training into school districts, juvenile justice systems, child protective services, and law enforcement agencies.

DeeDee holds a Master of Social Work from Walden University and a Master of Arts in Communication from the University of Texas-Pan American. She is bilingual in English and Spanish and certified in TBRI, trauma-informed care, and human trafficking awareness.

Her expertise includes aftercare case management, workforce training, financial aid and higher education enrollment, and behavioral support. Previously, she served as a Team Supervisor and Family Support Specialist at STARRY Counseling and as PAL TWC Program Director at BCFS, supporting foster youth in their transition to independent living.

Committed to advocacy and empowerment, DeeDee continues to make a lasting impact through education, outreach, and compassionate care.