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Metrocare Hosts 4th Annual Back 2 School Community Fair

July 25, 2025 (Dallas, TX) – Metrocare, the largest provider of mental health and intellectual and developmental disability services in North Texas, proudly hosted its 4th Annual Back 2 School Community Fair on Saturday, July 19, 2025, at the Harry Stone Recreation Center in Dallas. The event welcomed over 300 children and their families from across Dallas County for a morning of resources, fun, and community connection.

This free, family-friendly event helped children and families prepare for a successful school year by offering:

- Free school supplies (while supplies lasted)
- Health and wellness resources
- Community vendors and local organizations
- Fun activities for kids
- Mental health information and support services

"Back-to-school season can be stressful for families, especially those facing financial or emotional challenges," said Dr. John Burruss, CEO of Metrocare. "This annual event is about more than just school supplies—it's about community and connecting families with the resources they need to thrive."

Metrocare extends heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers and community partners who made this event possible, including Dallas Parks & Recreation. Special appreciation goes to our generous event sponsors—Celebration Station, Kona Ice, The Maids of Duncanville, Smile Magic Family Dental, and Tiff's Treats—whose support helped bring joy and resources to families across Dallas County.

For more information on Metrocare, visit https://www.metrocareservices.org/ or call (214) 743-1200.

About Metrocare: Metrocare is the largest provider of mental health, developmental disability and permanent supported housing services in Dallas County, serving over 50,000 children, teens and adults annually. For over 55 years, Metrocare has provided a broad array of services from mental health care, primary care, services for veterans and their loved ones, accessible pharmacies, homeless outreach, supportive social services, and more. Metrocare provides specialty mental health services to over 10,000 children and teens and has numerous programs for babies, children, and adults with disabilities,



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including Early Childhood Intervention, Flourishing Families, and Healthy Transitions, as well as two specialty autism clinics in Dallas and DeSoto. In conjunction with clinical care, Metrocare's Altshuler Center for Education and Research (ACER) is transforming the community mental health landscape of North Texas through workforce development focused on innovative partnerships and exceptional trauma-informed training. Metrocare upholds the person-centered philosophy to focus care on the needs of the individual and takes care to ensure that people's preferences, needs, and values guide clinical decisions and to provide care that is respectful of and responsive to those served.