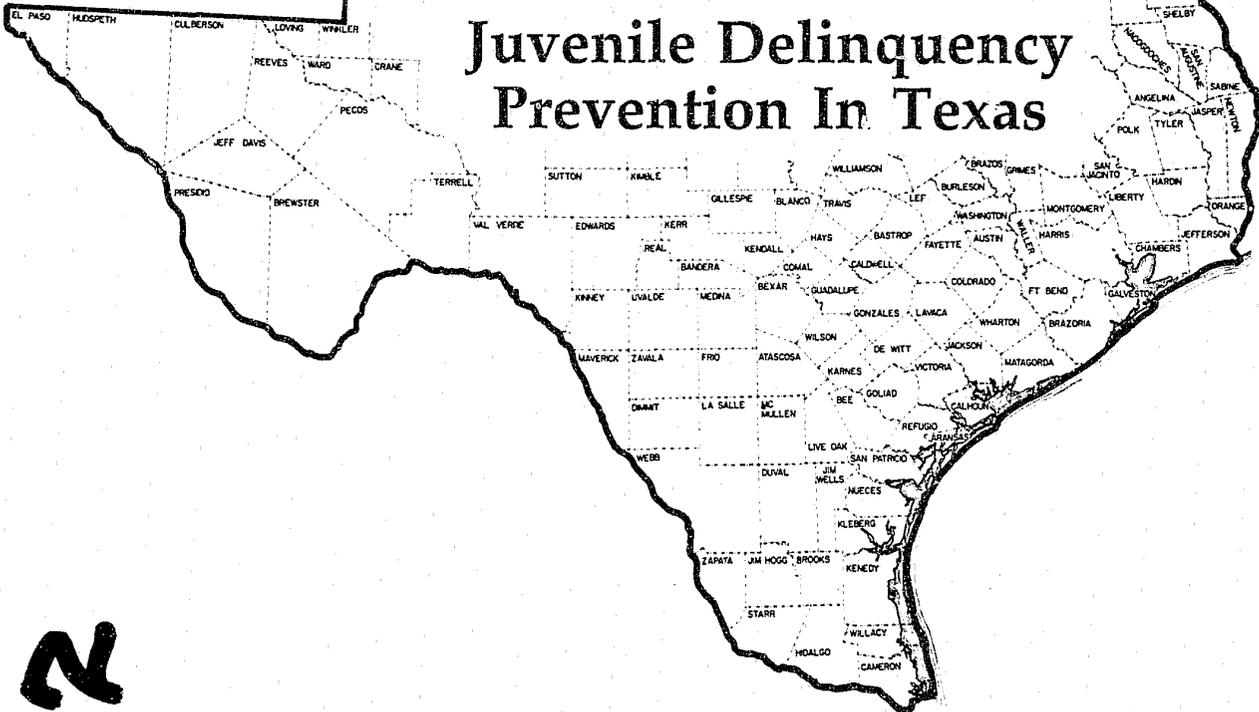




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INTRODUCTION

Approaches to delinquency prevention span a wide spectrum of philosophies, services and models. Contemporary professionals have identified three basic phases of prevention.

- **Primary prevention** is concerned with preventing children at risk of becoming juvenile offenders from committing first time offenses.
- **Secondary prevention** involves intervention with juvenile offenders in the early stages of their offending histories to prevent further involvement in the juvenile justice system.
- **Tertiary prevention** deals with rehabilitation of hard-core, serious offenders for their return to acceptable social and occupational functioning in the community.

Traditionally, the criminal justice system has invested the bulk of available time, effort and financial resources to deal with offenders who pose a threat to society. The majority of these individuals usually are well established in their life patterns and have developed perpetual careers in crime. Rehabilitation of these offenders is extremely difficult because criminal behavior is deeply ingrained in their personalities. Although some are amenable to treatment, oftentimes the best that can be hoped for is to control further criminal activity by confinement and surveillance.

With a burgeoning prison population and overtaxed juvenile corrections system, few offenders will have their behavior "controlled" long enough to ensure they do not re-offend. Recent studies have shown that it will be virtually impossible to stem the tide of criminal activity by simply building more prisons.

The answer lies in diverting these individuals from criminal careers before they are established. There is strong agreement among criminal justice professionals that this process must begin early, before the potential offenders come to the attention of the juvenile justice system, or as soon as possible after referral for an offense.

Historically efforts have been focused on youngsters after they offend, but now the public and criminal justice profession must re-adjust their thinking and priorities to direct attention to at-risk juveniles before they become offenders. This means that instead of waiting until a child is subject to juvenile laws, (10 years of age in Texas) we must begin our work much earlier in the formative years when children are more malleable and life behavior patterns are just emerging. Access and identification are key areas of concern in implementing such an initiative, but one common element all children share that lends itself to identification and access is our public school system.

At-risk children usually reveal numerous symptoms early on that are recognizable by teachers and school officials. These range from excessive truancy and behavior problems to indications of parental abuse. Unfortunately, the educational system is ill prepared, either by choice or circumstances to invest time and attention on "problem children" and their families; consequently, the child's potential for success continues to erode. Eventually the child enters the juvenile justice system, but often it is too late to alter behavior permanently, and like his adult counterpart, the best the system can do is temporarily curb criminal behavior.

It is critical that the criminal justice profession re-direct priorities toward primary prevention. Since public sentiment shapes public policy, the criminal justice profession must educate and convince the public and lawmakers that we can no longer focus attention on the symptoms of a problem, we must aggressively attack its causes. This will require re-thinking our educational and juvenile justice priorities to include collaboration at the local level of both systems and re-directing resources to support such an effort.

The juvenile justice system in Texas stands prepared to face this challenge, and local efforts, despite scarce resources, are currently responding to the reality of the crisis.

This Compendium of Delinquency Prevention Services in Texas is representative of such efforts by local juvenile probation departments, and includes examples of primary, secondary, and tertiary programs and services. It should be noted that this listing is by no means comprehensive, as virtually all 160 juvenile probation departments in Texas are actively involved in delinquency prevention.

CHOICES PROGRAMS

Choices programs are primary prevention programs with the objective of deterring youth from pre-kindergarten through 17 years of age from committing crime and becoming involved with drugs and alcohol. The emphasis is on the youth exercising the proper choices regarding his or her behavior and utilizes a variety of methods to communicate the message ranging from puppet shows and videos to oral presentations and printed materials such as posters, coloring books, etc. Williamson County is the prototype and founder of Choices programs in Texas. It is reported that over 60,000 youth were involved with "Choices" programs last year.

CHOICES SEGUIN, TEXAS GUADALUPE COUNTY

Target Population: K-12; All schools in Guadalupe County

Program Description: An innovative education crime and drug prevention program stressing:

Know the truth....

Know the consequences...

Don't choose crime!

Don't choose to use!

Children Served: 15,000 **Program Cost:** \$128,000.00

Agencies Involved: District and County Judges, Seguin and Schertz Police Department

Program Objectives/Benefits: Overwhelming acceptance by schools and professionals. Several years history will be needed to see a reduction in referrals.

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BEHAVIOR IS A CHOICE SAN MARCOS, TEXAS HAYS COUNTY

Target Population: All children on juvenile probation and between the ages of 10 and 17.

Program Description: Behavior is a choice is the juvenile unit of the Effective Thinking series designed to teach pre-social cognitive skills by a goals planning format.

Children Served: New Program

Program Objectives/Benefits: Lower recidivism rates.

Contact Person: Ed Cooper **Phone Number:** (512)396-4443

**CHOICES PROGRAM
HOUSTON, TEXAS
MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

Target Population: 10-17, male and female, all races, weekly lecture/group - four weeks series

Program Description: Every four weeks a new probation group is held by a LPC-Counselor-provided by Gulf Pines Hospital HCA- to address issues: peer-pressure, goal setting, anger management, and substance abuse.

Children Served: 60

Program Objectives/Benefits: Weekly program to place youths in while waiting on court or after being placed on formal probation - basic issues program

Contact Person: Peggy Smith **Phone Number:** (409) 760-5805

**CORRECTIONAL ALTERNATIVES/BEHAVIOR IS A CHOICE
NACOGDOCHES, TEXAS
NACOGDOCHES COUNTY**

Target Population: Juvenile offenders on department caseload.

Program Description: Behavior is a Choice, is the juvenile unit of the Effective Thinking Series designed to teach pro-social cognitive skills by a goals planning format.

Children Served: 3 **Program Cost:** \$1,000 - Community Corrections Funds

Program Objectives/Benefits: Just began program 11-09-92

Contact Person: Mark Williams **Phone Number:** (409) 560-7710

**POWER OF CHOICE
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS
NUECES COUNTY**

Target Population: Males and females of juvenile age of any race who are incarcerated in detention.

Program Description: Volunteers teach life-skills to detention residents including how to resist negative peer pressure, to better communicate with their parents, predict the consequences of their behavior and how to make proper choices.

Children Served: 1,347

Agencies Involved: Volunteers

Program Objectives/Benefits: Increased self-image and ability to make decisions

Contact Person: Marta Balleste' **Phone Number:** (512) 855-7303

**CHOICES
RANDALL COUNTY**

Target Population: Kindergarten through 2nd grade.

Program Description: Puppet program aimed at teaching children the necessity of making good choices concerning their behaviors especially in the areas of criminal acts and drug usage.

Children Served: 150 **Program Cost:** \$3,000.00 Performance Award

Agencies Involved: Volunteers from Jr. League

Program Objectives/Benefits: Just began delivery of program - it has been well received.

Contact Person: Carla Thurman **Phone Number:** (806)356-1012

**CHOICES AND CONSEQUENCES
HENDERSON, TEXAS
RUSK COUNTY**

Target Population: Ages 5-17. Rusk County School Population (7,686)

Program Description: The Choices program is designed to teach students how and why to make good choices, and what might happen if they make a bad choice. Drugs, school, and crime are the Choices that the program covers.

Program Cost: \$15,688.00/TJPC

Program Objectives/Benefits: The program has had excellent evaluation throughout the Rusk county school districts.

Contact Person: Joe Bradford **Phone Number:** (903)657-0372

**"CHOICES" DON'T CHOOSE CRIME! DON'T CHOOSE TO USE!
WALKER COUNTY
HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS**

Target Population: Our target population are children, grades Pre-K - 12th.

Program Description: For children, grades Pre-K - 3rd, we use a puppet show to educate the kids on certain crimes. For grades 4 -10, we use a poster presentation and video to enforce the consequences of crime, and a description of a juvenile detention center. And for 11th and 12th grades, we discuss crime through posters, and use a video to show the adult jail.

Children Served: FY 1992: 2000; FY 1993: 11,140 **Program Cost:** \$360,000

Agencies Involved: Walker/Grimes County Independent School District

Program Objectives/Benefits: To educate children on consequences of crime and drug use.

Contact Person: Leroy Wilkinson/ Kimberly Badger **Phone Number:**(409) 291-9500

"CHOICES"
WILLIAMSON COUNTY DRUG AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION PROGRAM
WILLIAMSON COUNTY
GEORGETOWN, TEXAS

Target Population: Pre-k through 12th grades, private and public school, ages 5-17, male and female, all socio-economic levels.

Program Description: A Crime/Chemical-Prevention education program aimed at all educational levels, from kindergartners through 12th graders. Includes school classroom presentations, audio-visual shows, tours of detention center, and distribution of educational materials such as bookmarks, posters, birthday cards, coloring books, and book covers. The objective is to motivate youth not to be involved in substance abuse or criminal behavior at the front end of the system rather than when they become involved in the system.

Children Served: 22,784

Agencies Involved: Adult Probation

Program Objectives/Benefits: 22,784 students referred from school, 931 student presentations, 13,262 elementary students participated, 2,164 students related to drug dealer/users, 31 meetings with school officials, participation in May Fair doing Puppet Show, March in Christmas Stroll with 3rd and 4th graders.

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Other counties operating Choices programs but not submitting descriptions are:

Van Zandt

COMMUNITY SERVICE RESTITUTION PROGRAMS

Community service restitution programs are usually conducted jointly with other civic and governmental agencies and involve performing a prescribed number of hours of service in the community. Services include such work as beach and public area clean-up, volunteer activities, etc. Youth normally are supervised by adults from the various community organizations during the community service activity.

These programs afford the juveniles constructive work experiences and promote healthy relationships and positive influences, while building self-confidence and pride in task accomplishment. They also provide an opportunity for the community to be involved in helping troubled youth and establish a communication link with the juvenile probation department.

Although there are only a limited number of community service program descriptions in the following list of examples, there were 101 departments using Community Service Restitution in 1991 and served approximately 5,000 juveniles.

COMMUNITY SERVICE RESTITUTION PROGRAM BRAZORIA COUNTY ANGLETON, TEXAS

Target Population: Male and female, all races, ages 14-17, property offenders.

Program Description: The Community Service Restitution Program is designed to provide indigent delinquents with an opportunity to "give back" to the community some of what they have taken. It also is designed to promote self-respect, responsibility for their actions and team work while it also provides a useful service to the community.

Children Served: 94 **Program Cost:** \$47,500

Agencies Involved: Brazoria County Juvenile Probation Department, several county offices, local police departments, Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation.

Program Objectives/Benefits: Provides grounds keeping for juvenile departments, provides clean-up for local events, teaches juveniles responsibility.

Contact Person: Melanie Gusler **Phone Number:** (409) 49-6800

**JUVENILE OFFENDER COMMUNITY SERVICE RESTITUTION PROGRAM
CHEROKEE COUNTY
RUSK, TEXAS**

Target Population: Children, ages 10 to 17, males and females of all races who mainly commit offenses involving personal injury, property damage, and/or property loss.

Program Description: This program employs a full time officer to an average caseload of 50 probationers primarily assigned community service which provides necessary on-site supervision. Work sites sign a contractual agreement with Cherokee County Juvenile Probation Department. The goals of this program are achieved through suitable placements by pre-employment interviews, work-site contacts and job-client evaluations.

Children Served: New program **Program Cost:** \$20,997

Agencies Involved: Cherokee County

Program Objectives/Benefits: Youthful offenders are held accountable and responsible for delinquent conduct and provides a means of diversion at an early age. The children learn self-esteem, discipline and job training.

Contact Person: Teresa Jowell **Phone Number:** (903) 683-5236

**COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM
HARRIS COUNTY
HOUSTON, TEXAS**

Target Population: All juveniles between the ages of 10 and 17.

Program Description: The American Red Cross maintains an ongoing volunteer program in which youths placed on the "Incentive Program" referred by juvenile probation officers and those court-ordered to do community service may be placed in organized volunteer activities. While in the program, the juvenile is required to provide volunteer services or participate in a training or recreational activity at a minimum of two hours per week for six months. Volunteer assignments are based in the youth's neighborhood. These youths have an opportunity to be placed in situations where he/she can receive positive reinforcement through volunteer recognition.

Children Served: 462 **Program Cost:** \$56,713.92

Agencies Involved: Houston Chapter, American Red Cross

Program Objectives/Benefits: Youths referred can re-integrate with the community in a more positive role as a Red Cross volunteer.

Contact Person: Elmer Bailey, Jr. **Phone Number:** (713) 521-4104

**COMMUNITY SERVICE RESTITUTION PROGRAM
LUBBOCK COUNTY
LUBBOCK, TEXAS**

Target Population: Non-violent juvenile offenders supervised by the department.

Program Description: Community service in lieu of monetary restitution for non-violent offenders. Placements made based on child's interests and availability.

Children Served: New program

Agencies Involved: All placement agencies (i.e. Food Bank, nursing homes, Adopt-A-Highway, etc.)

Contact Person: Joel Trevino **Phone Number:** (806) 765-2500

**COMMUNITY SERVICE RESTITUTION
LYNN COUNTY
TAHOKA, TEXAS**

Target Population: Any offender, male and female, all races, ages 10 to 17.

Program Description: Instead of incarceration, youth work in the community to build what they have torn up.

Children Served: 25 to 30 **Program Cost:** \$6,500

Agencies Involved: Lynn County

Program Objectives/Benefits: Very successful

Contact Person: Jeri Akard **Phone Number:** (806) 998-5244

**COMMUNITY SERVICE AND RESTITUTION PROGRAM
RANDALL COUNTY
AMARILLO, TEXAS**

Target Population: Ages 10 to 18, every child that is placed on formal or informal supervision.

Program Description: The community service and restitution program is mandatory for all types of supervision. The minimum hours of participation is set at 3 hours per each month of supervision. There is no limit for maximum hours (court-ordered participation usually ranges from 125-150 hours). The hours of participation set above the minimum hours can be "worked off" by a contract method between the child and officer for "above and beyond" behavior while on supervision. Minimum hours are performed, usually with the CRS officer, by cleaning the department's "Adopt-A-Highway" location, cleaning local parks, school and stadiums after games.

Children Served: 104

Agencies Involved: Volunteers from outside the department

Program Objectives/Benefits: Constructive behavior, association with positive adult role models, positive growth through responsible actions, community involvement, rehabilitation, youth realize that they are accountable for their actions.

Contact Person: Jeff Gurney **Phone Number:** (806) 356-1012

**COMMUNITY SERVICE RESTITUTION PROGRAM
RED RIVER COUNTY
CLARKSVILLE, TEXAS**

Target Population: All adjudicated probationers ages 10 to 17.

Program Description: Each child invests from 20-40 hours of service in a twelve month period. Program helps juvenile offenders realize the consequences associated with their action and holds them accountable for unlawful behavior. Types of services include lawn care and maintenance, general facility clean-up, and painting.

Children Served: 25 **Program Cost:** Liability Insurance of \$140.00 per year.

Agencies Involved: Bogata Baseball, Inc., Avery Baseball Inc., PRIDE, Inc., Clarksville Housing Authority, Clarksville Baseball, Inc., Red River County Commissioners (Precincts 1, 2, 3, and 4).

Program Objectives/Benefits: Volunteer work force for the community, constructive job experience for youth, self confidence and pride in the youth for accomplishment of task, provide a limited amount of supervision for the youth, provide an alternative to unproductive loitering, promote healthy relationships that will provide a positive influence in the young persons life (possibly longer lasting than just the required service time), opportunity for community to be involved in helping troubled youth, and an opportunity to build relationships that will provide a communication link between the community and the juvenile probation department. A relationship that will provide the community the opportunity to better understand the scope and philosophy of probation work.

Contact Person: Dianne Allen Phelps **Phone Number:** (903) 427-5761

CONSTRUCTIVE ACTIVITY PROGRAMS

Constructive activity programs are designed to utilize free time of the juvenile in activities that enrich skills, provide positive forms of self-expression and therapeutic recreation in a supervised environment.

Programs utilize athletics, academics, art and other recreational pursuits to develop positive self image and teach constructive use of free time. Programs usually require collaboration with other civic and governmental entities.

The programs listed below report serving approximately 7,000 juveniles during the past year.

RECLAIM OUR CHILDREN AND RECLAIM OUR LIVES BELL COUNTY TEMPLE, TEXAS

Target Population: Male offenders 14 to 17 years of age.

Program Description: R.O.C. and R.O.L was designed to target high risk serious offenders and attempt to provide them with structured activities to help modify their behavior and to teach them appropriate social skills. The core of the program consists of electronic surveillance, support group and drug screening as well as exercise (weight training) and crafts.

Children Served: 12

Agencies Involved: Pegasus Gym, Mud Magic ceramic, D.A.I.R.E.

Program Objectives/Benefits: No new officer occupied as long as partners were involved in program.

Contact Person: Earl Lloyd

Phone Number:(817) 770-6810

**PROJECT EXCEL
20TH-82ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT
FALLS, MILAM, AND ROBERTSON COUNTIES
MARLIN, TEXAS**

Target Population: African-American males ages 10-14 who fall into the at-risk group.

Program Description: Project Excel will work with the target population after school and on the weekends showing them positive ways to spend free time. This project will work to instill in each child the desire to excel in all he undertakes and by allowing him to enjoy as many new experiences as possible a base for future successes will be established. The primary objective of Project Excel is to decrease the number of African male referrals to the juvenile probation department by 35%.

Children Served: New program

Agencies Involved: ISDS, Sheriff Dept., Police Departments, NAACPs, MHMR's as well as other programs in 3 counties.

Program Objectives/Benefits:

Contact Person: Debra M. Dillenberger **Phone Number:**(817) 883-6709

**EXPLORER BOY SCOUTS
GREGG COUNTY
LONGVIEW, TEXAS**

Target Population: All juveniles

Program Description: There are several elements of this program which are all designed to increase the juveniles self-esteem and divert them from delinquent behavior. Some of the scheduled activities include ROPES courses, camping and hiking, archery, trips to the Capitol and several museums including the Texas Rangers Museum in Waco.

Children Served: 12

Agencies Involved: Boy Scouts

Program Objectives/Benefits: Exposes these juveniles to information and experiences that are designed to increase their knowledge and self esteem.

Contact Person: Bing Canion **Phone Number:** (903) 758-0121

**ART PROGRAM
HARRIS COUNTY
HOUSTON, TEXAS**

Target Population: All BBH residents, ages 10 to 17, of any ethnicity. BBH residents are all males.

Program Description: BBH residents meet weekly with an art teacher. Residents are instructed and encouraged to express themselves through the visual arts.

Children Served: 90

Program Objectives/Benefits: Residents develop their artistic skills and learn other means of self expression.

Contact Person: Larry Smith

Phone Number: (713) 661-3325

**CREATIVE ARTS PROGRAM
HARRIS COUNTY
HOUSTON, TEXAS**

Target Population: All juveniles between the ages of 10 and 17.

Program Description: The program, designed by HCJPD staff and the Board of the Art League of Houston, offers professional instruction in visual arts to all juveniles in the Department's Institutions and Field Units. Local artists teach weekly classes to provide youth with new avenues of self expression that are constructive, self-affirming, and relevant to their lives. The program offers children a "fail-safe" learning environment, and the opportunity to eventually exhibit their works locally, regionally, and nationally.

Children Served: 1,830 (Calendar Year 1991)

Agencies Involved: Artists employed by the Art League of Houston.

Program Objectives/Benefits: Introduces children to the world of fine arts and addresses the cultural deprivation common to many of the youths in the Juvenile Justice System.

Contact Person: Elmer Bailey, Jr.

Phone Number: (713) 521-4104

**KENDALL COUNTY AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM
KENDALL COUNTY
BOERNE, TEXAS**

Target Population: Youth under the age of 17 years with more than one referral.

Program Description: Five day a week after school program for juveniles with multiple referrals. Program includes parenting classes, drug and alcohol education, group counseling, and therapeutic recreation (ceramics class).

Children Served: 8 **Program Cost:** \$25,000

Agencies Involved: HCCADA, Boerne Area Community Schools, PIP

Contact Person: Nancy White **Phone Number:** (210) 249-9343

**AEROBICS
NUECES COUNTY
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS**

Target Population: Males and females of juvenile age of any race who are incarcerated in detention.

Program Description: Volunteer instructors regularly provide a rigorous aerobics exercise program and motivational talks.

Children Served: 1,347

Agencies Involved: Volunteers

Program Objectives/Benefits: Rigorous fun exercise burns off nervous energy which could erupt into violence in the high-tension environment often found in detention.

Contact Person: Marta Balleste **Phone Number:** (512) 855-7303

**ART THERAPY
NUECES COUNTY
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS**

Target Population: Juvenile age males and females of any race incarcerated in detention.

Program Description: An art therapist conducts Art Therapy once a week in detention. Therapeutic sessions are aimed at generating self-expressive mediums through which the child can examine and deal with inner feelings, hostilities, and fears.

Children Served: 67 **Program Cost:** \$300 (County funds)

Agencies Involved: Sessions assisted by detention counselors on duty.

Program Objectives/Benefits: Self-examination on the part of children detained in the detention facility.

Contact Person: Marta Balleste **Phone Number:** (512) 855-7303

**ARTREACH PROGRAM
NUECES COUNTY
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS**

Target Population: Males and females of juvenile age of any race who are incarcerated in detention.

Program Description: On a weekly basis the Creative Arts Center provides an instructor to provide the detainees with an outlet for creative expression and release through the medium of art.

Children Served: 1,347

Program Cost: \$10,000

Agencies Involved: Employees of the Creative Arts Center

Program Objectives/Benefits: Creative expression through the medium of art

Contact Person: Marta Balleste

Phone Number: (512) 855-7303

**RECREATION PROGRAM
NUECES COUNTY
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS**

Target Population: Males and females of juvenile age of any race who are incarcerated in detention.

Program Description: Staff and volunteers provide a rigorous supervised athletic program for the residents in the department's 6,724 sq. ft. multi-purpose youth athletic center. Activities include basketball, volleyball, and other therapeutic exercises.

Children Served: 1,347

Program Cost: Supplies - \$6,000 from county funds and donations.

Agencies Involved: Volunteers

Program Objectives/Benefits: The detainees release energy and tension during these rigorous and enjoyable activities.

Contact Person: Marta Balleste

Phone Number: (512) 855-7303

EDUCATION/AWARENESS

Awareness programs in this section include areas such as AIDS-HIV, personal hygiene, gangs, substance abuse and law education for young offenders. Education programs include tutoring, alternate schools, offender psychological counseling, computer literacy, employment, and detention based education programs.

These programs require cooperation with other education and human service agencies and are designed to equip juveniles with skills and knowledge to enhance their education or avoid making serious or life threatening mistakes.

Departments represented by the following program descriptions report that over 27,000 juveniles received such services in the past year.

EDUCATION PROGRAM LONGVIEW, TEXAS GREGG COUNTY

Target Population: All juveniles in detention.

Program Description: The LISD has developed an outstanding education program in which a state approved curriculum consisting of five subjects is being taught weekdays from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. ARDS and IEPS are being conducted and developed at the facility. In addition, achievement tests are being administered to the child during the first 2 days to determine his/her functioning level. LISD also provides a drug free school coordinator to conduct drug education and counseling as a part of these services.

Program Cost: \$26,000 LISD

Agencies Involved: LISD, Special Education Supervisor, Teacher

Program Objectives/Benefits: Provides children an education and allows them to keep their current grade status so that they will not have to drop out or repeat the year.

Contact Person: Bing Clinton **Phone Number:** 903-758-0121

**AIDS AWARENESS-PEER EDUCATION
HOUSTON, TEXAS
HARRIS COUNTY**

Target Population: Pre-adjudicated youth detained pending court action, ages 10-17.

Program Description: This program provides youth with information about AIDS including prevention, risky behaviors, testing, treatments, and outcomes.

Children Served: approximately 5500

Program Objectives/Benefits: Enable youth to interact with trained health educators in the same age range about AIDS and how to protect oneself.

Contact Person: Jim Martins **Phone Number:** 521-4232

**EDUCATION PROGRAM
HOUSTON, TEXAS
HARRIS COUNTY**

Target Population: Pre-adjudicated youth detained pending court action, ages 10-17.

Program Description: This program provides youth with a full range of educational services including remedial, vocational, special education, and ESL classes. Youth are provided with 5 hours a day of instruction, constant with the Texas Education Association guidelines.

Children Served: Approximately 5000 **Program Cost:** HISD - \$500,000.00

Program Objectives/Benefits: Enable youth to maintain or improve educational status while detained.
Assist youth with life skills for reintegration into society.

Contact Person: Jim Martins **Phone Number:** 521-521-4232

**EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS
HOUSTON, TEXAS
HARRIS COUNTY**

Target Population: All juveniles between the ages of 10 and 17 who are either on probation or informal adjustment.

Program Description: Monthly workshops/programs are held in each of the Community Unit Probation Services (CUPS) offices. The workshops are attended by 85 to 120 probationers and family members served by the CUPS Unit. JPOs in each of the Units take turns in arranging program presentations, and may, at their discretion, either present the program or make use of community resources. A few of the most commonly presented topics are: Drugs/Alcohol; Peer Pressure; Parent-Teen Communications; Self-Awareness; Employment Skills; Decision-Making.

Children Served: 8,600 Youths & Family Members

Agencies Involved: Professionals from a variety of fields.

Program Objectives/Benefits: To provide youths and their parents with useful information to improve personal, home, school, and social living.

Contact Person: Elmer Bailey, Jr. **Phone Number:** 713-521-4104

**LEGAL AWARENESS WORKSHOPS (L.A.W.)
HOUSTON, TEXAS
HARRIS COUNTY**

Target Population: All juveniles between the ages of 10 and 17.

Program Description: The L.A.W. Program may be scheduled 3 to 6 times a year, once a week for six weeks. The workshop series utilizes lectures, role-playing, dispute resolution techniques, and group discussions to introduce the Court process. The program teaches decision-making skills, and informs youth and their parents of their legal responsibilities. A major theme throughout the series is the positive aspect of the legal process. Efforts are made to produce a positive association with law and good citizenship.

Children Served: 193 (Calendar Year 1991)

Agencies Involved: Attorneys, law enforcement personnel, and other professionals as speakers

Program Objectives/Benefits: Practical knowledge of law and legal system; consequences of illegal acts; responsibilities as citizens.

Contact Person: Elmer Bailey **Phone Number:** 713-521-4104

**PERSONAL HYGIENE
HOUSTON, TEXAS
HARRIS COUNTY**

Target Population: Pre-adjudicated youth detained pending court action, ages 10-17.

Program Description: This program is provided by the local health department. Trained professional health educators provide personal hygiene instruction for youth in the center.

Children Served: approximately 1800

Program Objectives/Benefits: Provides youth with personal hygiene instruction and the effect of poor personal hygiene on personal health, impressions and effect of others around you.

Contact Person: Jim Martins **Phone Number:** 521-4232

**TUTORIAL SERVICES
HOUSTON, TEXAS
HARRIS COUNTY**

Target Population: All BBH residents ages from 10 to 17 of any ethnicity. BBH residents are all males.

Program Description: BBH residents are provided on campus tutorial services by two contract tutors, Junior League Volunteers and Juvenile Court Volunteers.

Contact Person: Larry Smith **Phone Number:** 661-3325

**YOUTH EDUCATIONAL/EMPLOYMENT SERVICES (Y.E.E.S.)
HOUSTON, TEXAS
HARRIS COUNTY**

Target Population: All juveniles, age 10 to 17, are eligible, but it is aimed at those having academic difficulties.

Program Description: The program provides supplemental tutorial, remedial and pre-employment training for youths who are on probation or informal adjustment. Participants meet once a week for a two-hour session. Students are allowed a maximum of 26 class hours, and each class session is limited to eight students. The classes are held at the Field Units, and the hours and dates of the classes are adjusted to serve the particular needs of each office.

Children Served: 440 **Program Cost:** \$60,000-Harris County; \$20,000-TJPC \$24,544-Criminal Justice Division

Agencies Involved: Communities in Schools (CIS)

Program Objectives/Benefits: Assisted by certified teachers, each student participates in an individualized program to meet his/her specific needs.

Contact Person: Elmer Bailey, Jr. **Phone Number:** 713-521-4104

**CLEBURNE "AT RISK" EDUCATION
CLEBURNE, TEXAS
JOHNSON COUNTY**

Target Population: Grades K through 12

Program Description: Identify those children who have the following:

1. Low test scores - Regular grades
2. Not met promotional requirements
3. Limited English Proficiency
4. Victims of abuse
5. Retained at least in one grade

Children Served: 1,900 **Program Cost:** \$100,000 plus

Agencies Involved: Juvenile Probation, Adult Probation, J.T.P.A.

Contact Person: Janice Evers **Phone Number:** 817-645-4373

**ALTERNATE SCHOOL
TAHOKA, TEXAS
LYNN COUNTY**

Target Population: 864 students in 4 public school in Lynn County; age 10-17; both sex; all races

Program Description: Students that have been removed from public school for what ever reason.

Children Served: 25 students **Program Cost:** \$12,000 C.J.A.D. Grant

Program Objectives/Benefits: Success keeping juveniles off the streets. Keeping them up with work until they go back to school.

Contact Person: Jeri Akard **Phone Number:** 806-998-5244

**COUNSELING
TAHOKA, TEXAS
LYNN COUNTY**

Target Population: All persons all ages, all sexes, and all races

Program Description: Individual counseling - family counseling - substance abuse counseling

Children Served: 15 juveniles **Program Cost:** \$18,400.00

Agencies Involved: D.P.S. School - C.P.S. D.H.S.

Program Objectives/Benefits: Very much realized from this program

Contact Person: Jeri Akard **Phone Number:** 806-998-5244

**SEMINARS
LUBBOCK, TEXAS
LUBBOCK COUNTY**

Target Population: Gang members and associates and general public.

Program Description: The Gang Intelligence officer provides seminars for education to groups ranging from boy scouts to police officers. The GIO maintains current information on gang activity in this region and keeps task force members updated on activity, membership, and prosecution.

Children Served: 500 **Program Cost:** \$20,000 - COG and local money

Agencies Involved: local law enforcement, adult and juvenile probation and parole, local school district, Reese AFB, etc.

Program Objectives/Benefits: Increases knowledge; Decreased gang activity

Contact Person: Ken Hawk **Phone Number:** 806-767-1100

**THE ACADEMIC EDUCATION PROGRAM
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS
NUECES COUNTY**

Target Population: Males and females of juvenile age of any race who are incarcerated in detention.

Program Description: A certified teacher from the Corpus Christi Independent School District's Student Learning and Guidance Center provides detainees with their regular school curriculum. This program makes possible for students to be counted "present" in their regular schools and obtain grades which may be used once they return to their home school. Academic Tutoring - Four day per week for one hour per day a certified teacher provides instructions to resident from the Corpus Christi Independent School District in a voluntary program.

Children Served: 1,347 **Program Cost:** C.C.I.S. D. - \$32,000 a year

Agencies Involved: Corpus Christi Independent School District

Program Objectives/Benefits: Children detained not automatically fail and don not get behind in their school work.

Contact Person: Marta Balleste' **Phone Number:** 512-855-7303

**AIDS EDUCATION PROGRAM
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS
NUECES COUNTY**

Target Population: Males and females of juvenile age of any race who are incarcerated in detention.

Program Description: The corpus Christi Drug Abuse Council on Alcohol and the Nueces County Health Department provide weekly programs using films and lectures to educate detention residents on AIDS prevention and often volunteering confidential HIV/AIDS testing.

Children Served: 1,347

Agencies Involved: Corpus Christi Drug Abuse Council and the Nueces County Health Department.

Program Objectives/Benefits: Juveniles in detention are very much at risk in contracting sexually transmitted diseases and HIV/AIDS. Education should diminish the spread of these diseases.

Contact Person: Marta Balleste' **Phone Number:** 512-855-7303

**COMPUTER SKILLS
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS
NUECES COUNTY**

Target Population: Males and females of juvenile age of any race who are incarcerated in detention.

Program Description: Residents learn computer literacy through an assortment of education programs.
This program is taught by volunteers.

Children Served: 1,347

Agencies Involved: Volunteers, no Juvenile Department staff

Program Objectives/Benefits: Detainees discover that they can use and learn computer skills.

Contact Person: Marta Balleste' **Phone Number:** 512-855-7303

**LITERACY LAB
AMARILLO, TEXAS
RANDALL COUNTY**

Target Population: All ranges.

Program Description: Computer based educational learning center that allows children to work within their pre-defined educational ranges of K-12 with GED preparation if needed.

Program Cost: Performance Award

Agencies Involved: C.I.S.D.

Contact Person: Tom Thornhill **Phone Number:** 806-356-1012

**TUTORING PROGRAM
AMARILLO, TEXAS
RANDALL COUNTY**

Target Population: All ranges

Program Description: Provide mandatory tutoring for: A) children that have failed a subject in school or , B) children that have been suspended or expelled from school, at the juvenile probation department.

Children Served: 30

Agencies Involved: A.I.S.D. & C.I.S.D.

Program Objectives/Benefits: Allows the child to be aware that appropriate grades are expected while on supervision.

Contact Person: Jeff Gurney **Phone Number:** 806-356-1012

**TREATMENT ASSOCIATES, INC.
SCHOOL-BASED PSYCHOLOGICAL COUNSELING PROGRAM
REFUGIO, TEXAS
REFUGIO COUNTY**

Target Population: Referrals from Dept. and schools for juveniles between the ages of 10-17; both sexes and all races' at-risk youth and probationers.

Program Description: Eight hours per week of assessment/counseling services provided in each of the three Refugio County school districts on individual referral basis. Appropriate probationers are referred for individual counseling.

Children Served: 12 adolescents served to date **Program Cost:** \$2,759.56 (CCP funds)

Agencies Involved: Bruce Witt, Counselor

Program Objectives/Benefits: Children are more receptive to school-based counseling due to time schedules. Out of twelve served to date, one has been admitted for residential psychiatric treatment; others appear to have improved in school.

Contact Person: Norma Grivich **Phone Number:** 512-526-2111

**MONTHLY WORKSHOP
HENDERSON, TEXAS
RUSK COUNTY**

Target Population: Children between the ages of 10-17, both male and female.

Program Description: This program consists of guest speakers and videos which focus on teaching young people everything from life skills to making the right decision about drugs and crime. There is also a program held every three months on HIV Awareness.

Children Served: 120 **Program Cost:** 1,000/County

Agencies Involved: MHMR, University Parks Hospital, Texas Rehab, etc.

Program Objectives/Benefits: The children realize the importance of making the right decision early in life.

Contact Person: Fay L. Williams **Phone Number:** 903-657-0372

**STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
SAN ANGELO, TEXAS
TOM GREEN COUNTY**

Target Population: Elementary, Junior or Senior High School students, male or female, any race. No acting out children.

Program Description: Support groups of 6 to 12 children and 2 volunteer facilitators. Groups last 10 to 15 weeks a semester for one classroom period once a week. Manual supplies lesson plan/activities. Decision making, communication, listening, team decision and goals are taught. The group learns to support each other. Volunteer facilitators are interviewed, screened, and trained. Students are selected by teachers, parents, counselors, self.

Children Served: Approximately 300

Agencies Involved: San Angelo Independent School District - support groups are in the schools and volunteer hours are counted in the VIPS program.

Program Objectives/Benefits: Drug information/education; improved self worth, decision-making problem solving skills, communication skills, improvement in their abilities to relate positively with peers, family, and community.

Contact Person: Linda Kilman **Phone Number:** 915-655-2323

EMPLOYMENT/VOCATIONAL WORK STUDY PROGRAMS

These programs provide employment opportunities, skills training and remedial academics to better acquaint the juvenile with responsibilities of the work world. They usually rely on community resources, volunteers, and programs such as the Job Training Partnership Act.

THE "KEEPER PROJECT" COMAL COUNTY NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS

Target Population: Adolescents, age 15 and 16, predominantly Hispanic and identified as at-risk of leaving school or committing delinquent acts or already on an informal adjustment or probation program.

Program Description: Job program - mandatory counseling, job referral to a mentor/employer as an apprentice - with on-going life skills training, requiring continued attendance at school and improvement at school to maintain promotion in the program.

Children Served: 10-15 **Program Cost:** \$29,500

Agencies Involved: Local businesses, Chamber of Commerce, local media, business organizations, schools.

Contact Person: Frank Allen **Phone Number:** (210) 620-5541

JOB SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAM RUSK COUNTY HENDERSON, TEXAS

Target Population: All children that are enrolled in ISP between the ages of 12-17.

Program Description: The program provides the children with auto body and mechanical training. Currently the children are restoring a 1981 Caprice to the original condition.

Children Served: 14 **Program Cost:** \$1,200

Program Objectives/Benefits: The children are excited about the program. They are more confident in their ability to learn and work.

Contact Person: Kevin Singleton **Phone Number:** (903) 657-0372

**SUMMER WORK PROGRAM
RUSK COUNTY
LONGVIEW, TEXAS**

Program Description: This program allowed our Secure/Residential Program residents to seek and attain employment. The residents who maintained a determined level based on their behavior were allowed to work in the community on Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. After 3:00 p.m. they returned to the facility.

Children Served: 3

Program Objectives/Benefits: Teach children in our program the value of having a job and teaching them a trade, thus allowing them to learn budgeting skills, money management techniques as well as responsibility.

**PEER PROGRAM
(PROGRAM FOR EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, & RESTITUTION)
UPSHUR COUNTY
GILMER, TEXAS**

Target Population: PEER serves all juvenile age children who are on informal or formal probation; particularly those whose family income falls below the federal poverty guidelines.

Program Description: The PEER Program provides summer employment, effective thinking skills training, community service, free lunch program, and recreational activities for juveniles on informal adjustment, formal probation, or ISP. It is designed to teach responsibility, good work habits, and provide probationers with the skills to make choices and manage their lives without resorting to breaking the law.

Children Served: 140 **Program Cost:** \$45,176

Agencies Involved: JTPA funds provider, local fitness center, city and county officials, service clubs, fire department and law enforcement, etc.

Program Objectives/Benefits: Increased intensive contact with probationers, 1,256 hours of community service, \$16,032 in income to indigent families. Probationers are taught life skills and work skills.

Contact Person: Lisa Jacobs **Phone Number:** (903) 843-3083

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Family programs provided under the aegis of or in conjunction with the juvenile justice system seek to address problems within the family that are caused by or contributed to the delinquent behavior of the child. Services consist of counseling, parenting training, support groups, life skills training, crisis intervention and other services to enhance family functioning. Family programs serve the entire spectrum of youngsters and their families from at-risk youths to hard core delinquents. Oftentimes these programs involve the cooperative efforts of virtually every social service agency within the community. The "Community Resource Coordination Groups" operating in most local areas are an excellent example of such programs that focus upon services to the family unit. The programs described in the following list report having served approximately 700 youth and their families the past year. This number represents a fraction of juveniles and families served by the many Community Resource Coordination Groups in Texas.

The intent of the programs is to strengthen and maintain the family unit and prevent and control delinquent behavior.

FAMILY PARTNERS BELL-LAMPASAS COUNTIES TEMPLE, TEXAS

Target Population: Serves males and females, ages 10-16, new offenders or probation that has proved unsuccessful or court ordered.

Program Description: Family Partners is a community outreach and family preservation program for high risk youth and their families to prevent placement outside of the home. The program consists of three teams of clinicians, caseworkers and probation officers. Teams provide extensive in-home counseling and services to juveniles and their entire family. Services include the following: Crisis intervention and management, all needs of child and family including counseling, education, medical, recreation, social, community resources and continued follow up services after release. Services are provided 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

**DETOUR
BOWIE COUNTY
TEXARKANA, TEXAS**

Target Population: Male and female offenders between the ages of 10 - 16.

Program Description: To allow the juvenile offender an alternate route in his life so he/she may see the consequences of criminal behavior, thus removing the decay or corruption of criminality. Detour is a six week program for the juvenile and at least one parent. Session I: Family Code/Juvenile Justice System; Session II: Adult Court/Adult Detention System with a trip to Arkansas Department of Corrections; Session III: Power of Choice in Decision Making; Session IV: Peer Pressure Reversal; Session V: Goal setting; Session VI: Parenting.

Children Served: 12 **Program Cost:** \$17,450

Agencies Involved: The coordinator of this program is a position shared with Cass County.

Contact Person: Barbara Sullivan **Phone Number:** (903) 793-1131

**BRAZORIA COUNTY RESOURCE COORDINATION GROUP
BRAZORIA COUNTY
ANGELTON, TEXAS**

Target Population: The target population of the Brazoria County Resource Coordination Group includes any male or female under the age of 22 regardless of race who is currently receiving services from one agency and is in need of services from multiple agencies.

Program Description: The Brazoria County Resource Coordination Group develops a coordinated plan of service delivery for families who have multiple service needs. The group meets monthly to make sure that these services have been secured.

Children Served: 2

Agencies Involved: Individual and family presented for staffing.

Program Objectives/Benefits: The program enables families to secure services from more than one agency.

Contact Person: Fred V. Williamson **Phone Number:** (409) 849-6800

**INSIDE OUT
HUNT COUNTY
GREENVILLE, TEXAS**

Target Population: Status offenders, informal probationers and their families.

Program Description: Two group counseling sessions followed by a weekend family Ropes Challenge Course experience and overnight camping experience with life skills facilitation. The juvenile then spends one day in life skills processing with the parents.

Agencies Involved: Civil Airpatrol, Seroptimist House, Hunt County Probation

Program Objectives/Benefits: Diversion from adjudication, help families identify and address internal problems and find resources to help them address problems

Contact Person: Lou Luckhardt **Phone Number:** (214) 455-3930

**HOME-BASED FAMILY THERAPY
LUBBOCK COUNTY
LUBBOCK, TEXAS**

Target Population: Families of juveniles released from treatment unit or on ISP.

Program Description: Family therapy in the homes of high risk, hard core delinquents to teach families how to handle hard core youth and offer parenting skills. Provides training for probation officers in family systems dynamics.

Children Served: 5-10 **Program Cost:** \$64,000

Agencies Involved: Texas Tech University

Contact Person: Joel Trevino **Phone Number:** (806) 765-2500

**PARENTING SKILLS CLASSES
LUBBOCK COUNTY
LUBBOCK, TEXAS**

Target Population: Parents of juvenile offenders or at-risk youth.

Program Description: Quarterly classes aimed at parents in the community experiencing difficulties in parenting teens. Seminars are conducted in four hour sessions on a Saturday with child-care and lunch provided. Four follow-up classes are also provided to enhance discipline, follow-through and appropriate (logical) consequences.

Children Served: 150 families **Program Cost:** \$3,000

Agencies Involved: Texas Tech University family therapist

Program Objectives/Benefits: Parents utilizing effective disciplinary measures.

Contact Person: Joel Trevino **Phone Number:** (806) 765-2500

**HOME-BASED COUNSELING SERVICES
MONTGOMERY COUNTY
CONROE, TEXAS**

Target Population: Males and females, ages 0-17, all races, with severe emotional, behavioral, or mental disorders as evidenced by a DSM-111-R-Axis I or II diagnosis.

Program Description: Youth identified as emotionally disturbed in special education and at-risk of removal from the home due to continued acting out or unmanageable behavior in school and/or in the community. Therapy provided in the home to adjust the family system for better management of the emotionally disturbed child.

Children Served: 2

Agencies Involved: Public school, probation

Program Objective/Benefits: Counseling provided with in the home of the emotionally disturbed child to address the whole parenting-social system and prevent removal of the child from the home.

Contact Person: David C. Foreit **Phone Number:** (409) 756-8331

**YOUTH SERVICES
MONTGOMERY COUNTY
CONROE, TEXAS**

Target Population: Males and females, ages 10-18, all races, and family counseling.

Program Description: Pre-delinquent youths and their families. All types of counseling for the family and individual. Parenting classes, life skills classes.

Children Served: 120

Program Objective/Benefits: Runaways and family problems can be addressed and prevent more serious involvement with the juvenile court system and delinquent conduct.

Contact Person: Peggy Smith **Phone Number:** (409) 760-5805

FIRST OFFENDER/SHOPLIFTER PROGRAMS

First offender and shoplifter programs are all secondary prevention programs to prevent offenders in the early stages of offending from further involvement in the juvenile justice system. Most first offenders programs rely heavily on individual and group counseling, a period of informal supervision and the accent is on family participation and involvement.

Many first offender programs utilize "outreach" techniques where juveniles are exposed to the realities of incarceration, but such programs are discussed in a separate section.

The following programs in the example descriptions report serving over 2,500 juveniles in the programs in the past year. However, since informal adjustment is used by juvenile probation departments statewide as a first offender intervention, most of the 36,815 juveniles served on voluntary and temporary supervisions may be considered as having received first offender services.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM BELL COUNTY TEMPLE, TEXAS

Target Population: 13-17 year old male and females, all races, first offenders, child in need of supervision and delinquent probationers.

Program Description: Youth Development Program is an outreach and prevention program providing education and support including trust relationships, feelings and communication, decision-making, goal setting, self-esteem, peer pressure, family beliefs and drug and alcohol, and gang awareness education. A six week program which is repeated approximately 5 times yearly.

Agencies Involved: Central Texas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse

Contact Person: Lois Rodriguez **Phone Number:** (817) 773-3722

**TIME-OUT
BOWIE COUNTY
TEXARKANA, TEXAS**

Target Population: Male and female offenders between the ages of 10-16.

Program Description: Time-Out is a diversion program designed to target the at-risk juvenile. The program is six weeks in duration for one hour per week. Films and videos are utilized to address self esteem, peer pressure, coping with pressure, and communicating with parents. The groups are small so that the juvenile has more direct and personal attention from the staff.

Children Served: 50

Agencies Involved: The coordinator for this program is shared with Cass County.

Program Objectives/Benefits: This person began in October, 1992 and we cannot judge how successful it has been or will be.

Contact Person: Barbara Sullivan **Phone Number:** (903) 793-1131

**DETOUR
CASS COUNTY
LINDEN, TEXAS**

Target Population: Youth ages 10-17.

Program Description: A program for at-risk and those in the early stages of juvenile offending. A course attended by child and a parent one night a week for six weeks. Includes tour of adult and juvenile lock-ups, peer pressure reversal techniques and training, communication skills, videos on occult, drugs, etc.

Children Served: 8 **Program Cost:** \$16,442 - Community Corrections Assistance

Agencies Involved: County Extension Agent

Contact Person: Lynn Cox **Phone Number:** (903) 756-7551

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
EL PASO COUNTY
EL PASO, TEXAS**

Program Description: Local citizens committee serving as an arm of the juvenile probation department, handles minor offenses and referrals (runaways, truant, etc.). Youth and parents receives counseling from other citizens within their own geographical location of the county.

Children Served: 344 **Program Cost:** \$25,000 (El Paso County)

Program Objectives/Benefits: Divert juveniles from the court system and getting the community involved.

Contact Person: Raul Quintana **Phone Number:** (915) 772-2133

**FIRST OFFENDER PROGRAM
EL PASO COUNTY
EL PASO, TEXAS**

Target Population: Juvenile first time offenders age 10 to 16.

Program Description: Serves first time non-serious offenders. The juvenile and their families must agree to weekly counseling and community services, must complete 4 months of informal probation.

Children Served: 331 **Program Cost:** \$30,000 (County)

Agencies Involved: Variety of community law enforcement and educational.

Program Objectives/Benefits: 70% success rate, nonre-entry into the system, parent training.

Contact Person: Jerry Draughon **Phone Number:** (915) 772-2133

**FIRST OFFENDER PROGRAM
FORT BEND COUNTY
RICHMOND, TEXAS**

Target Population: Juveniles, ages 10-17, who commit first time misdemeanors and due to child's circumstances do not need further involvement in the criminal justice system.

Program Description: A five week program is conducted with the child and parent to address the delinquent behavior. The juvenile learns about coping skills, communication skills, drug education, attentive behavior patterns along with the parents receiving parenting skills. A more detailed program may be obtained upon request.

Children Served: 40

Agencies Involved: Steve Jimacho (Asst. Chief) oversees program (Raleigia Blackwell) therapist.

Program Objectives/Benefits: The program has been extremely successful to reduce recidivism. The rate remains 3 - 4% for juveniles who complete this program.

Contact Person: Steve Jimacho (Asst. Chief) **Phone Number:** (713) 342-2772

**SHOPLIFTING PROGRAM
FORT BEND COUNTY
RICHMOND, TEXAS**

Target Population: Juveniles ages 10-17 who commit misdemeanor shoplifting or misdemeanor theft.

Program Description: All juveniles are first screened by the program therapist for appropriateness. All shoplifters are referred along with other similar offenses. The program is a modified first-offender program which runs about every other month on Saturday for 4-6 hours. The juvenile and family learn communication skills, alternative lifestyles, coping skills and basic parenting skills. Families are referred to continuing services if appropriate.

Children Served: 30

Program Cost: \$40 per family

Agencies Involved: Peschel Psychological Services (contract)

Program Objectives/Benefits: Most families are able to pay the provider directly thus saving monetary resources for other offenses. Statistically, these juveniles have shown a low recidivism

Contact Person: Steve J. Macko **Phone Number:** (713) 342-2772

**SHOPLIFTING PREVENTION PROGRAM
GREGG COUNTY
LONGVIEW, TEXAS**

Target Population: Youth 10-17 years of age.

Program Description: Program that teaches shoplifters the results of shoplifting and tries to give them more respect for the property of others.

Children Served: 50

Program Objectives/Benefits: Reduce the rate of repeat offenders

Contact Person: Lynda Williams **Phone Number:** (903) 758-0121

**POSITIVE STEPS
JEFFERSON COUNTY
BEAUMONT, TEXAS**

Target Population: Age 12-16, who appears headed for trouble due to disruptive behavior at school, or who has committed any non-violent offense and is referred through the juvenile justice system.

Program Description: The six-week Positive Steps curriculum begins with an assessment of family history, school and work background and legal history. Placement is determined, contracts signed and class assignments given. The student then enters five intensive educational groups designed to focus on individual problem-solving. The final group consists of an exit interview where further needs are considered, and plans are made for relapse prevention.

Children Served: 0 - Setup began FY92, actual program began Sept. 92

Program Objectives/Benefits: Began FY 93

Contact Person: Robert Thomas **Phone Number:** (409) 835-4921

**PROJECT INTERVENTION/DIVERSION
JEFFERSON COUNTY
BEAUMONT, TEXAS**

Target Population: Primary population - juveniles aged 10 to 17. Secondary population - Kindergarten through 12th grade.

Program Description: Project Intervention/Diversion is a program designed to provide early intervention to juveniles impacted by the criminal justice system through their commission of a Class C misdemeanor. This program will provide a youth counselor for these offenders and make appropriate referrals necessary, to intervene, counsel, and work with the offenders to alter their deviant behavior. In addition, the youth counselor will direct a county-wide prevention campaign utilizing the "Don't Choose Crime" approach.

Children Served: 5,939 students **Program Cost:** \$45,226/Performance Reward Fund

Agencies Involved: James Collins - supervisor of the program.

Program Objectives/Benefits: Being able to provide direct intervention services to juveniles and their families that were referred to local law enforcement agencies, municipal and J.P. courts or Class C misdemeanor offenses.

Contact Person: James M. Martin **Phone Number:** (409) 835-8490

**DIVERSION
LUBBOCK COUNTY
LUBBOCK, TEXAS**

Target Population: First time felony offenders; ages 10-17.

Program Description: Voluntary program available for first time felons to divert court petition. Series of sixteen classes focusing on self-esteem, gang and drug prevention, parenting skills, hygiene, AIDS, etc.

Children Served: 80

Agencies Involved: None - occasional guest speakers

Program Objectives/Benefits: Fewer repeat offenders

Contact Person: Joel Trevino **Phone Number:** (806) 765-2500

**TURNING POINT
PARKER COUNTY
WEATHERFORD, TEXAS**

Target Population: Elementary age and up (8-17) all races, both sexes.

Program Description: This program has two components: prevention and early intervention. We provide self awareness classes and drug abuse education from elementary age and up. Early intervention offers a fast approach program plus community service.

Children Served: 1,800 **Program Cost:** \$45,000 (county and state)

Agencies Involved: Teachers

Program Objectives/Benefits: Provides education on a long-term basis. Prevents further delinquency.

Contact Person: Tom Kidd **Phone Number:** (817) 594-2313

**FIRST REFERRAL PROGRAM
WALKER COUNTY
HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS**

Target Population: Juveniles ages 10-16 who have committed a first offense.

Program Description: This program begins with a 45-minute video entitled "Dead Wrong", a true story based on the life of John Lewis Evans III. This program ends with a one hour group discussion. The juveniles meet with a probation officer to discuss "Dead Wrong", and gain information on the Juvenile Justice System. The parents meet with a counselor to discuss topics at hand.

Children Served: FY 92: 64 FY 93: 180 **Program Cost:** \$1,200

Agencies Involved: Counselor hired through contract

Program Objectives/Benefits: The children/parents gain information on juvenile justice system, detention centers and developmental stages of juveniles.

Contact Person: Leroy Wilkinson **Phone Number:** (409) 291-9500, ext 62

FOSTER HOME PROGRAMS

Juvenile court certified foster home programs were developed almost a decade ago in Texas to provide youthful offenders a wholesome and supportive home-like environment when it became necessary to remove them from their natural homes. Placement in a foster home is usually necessary when the parental home poses a threat to the child's health, welfare or successful rehabilitation. Often, foster home placement is used as an alternative to the institutional confinement or placement in a more structured community residential program.

There are currently 25 departments in Texas with foster home programs with over 60 court certified foster homes. These programs served 221 juveniles in 1991.

FOSTER HOME PROGRAM BELL COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION BELTON, TEXAS

Target Population: 10 through 16 year old males and females of all races.

Program Description: Program provides short or long-term (up to one year) foster care for children in need of supervision and pre-delinquent or delinquent youth served by Bell-Lampasas County Juvenile Probation. Includes clothing and school supplies if needed.

Children served: To November 30th - 39

Agencies Involved: Supervising probation officers

Program Objectives/Benefits: Program operating for 15 years successfully. Youth remain in community, attend public school and diverted from TYC or other out of county placement.

Contact Person: Janice O'Banon

Phone Number: (817) 933-5301

**FOSTER HOME PROGRAM
GREGG COUNTY
LONGVIEW, TEXAS**

Target Population: All juveniles

Program Description: Provide a home-like setting for youth who need a temporary place to live due to problems in their current houses.

Program Objectives/Benefits: New program

Contact Person: Lynda Williams

Phone Number: (903) 758-0121

**FOSTER CARE PROGRAM
LUBBOCK COUNTY
LUBBOCK, TEXAS**

Target Population: Juvenile offenders between 10-17 years of age.

Program Description: Out of home placement for offenders in a variety of statewide facilities.

Children Served: 21

Program Cost: \$250,000 local monies and TJPC

Agencies Involved: CPS, MHMR, Placement agencies

Program Objectives: Children placed in home-like environment that is curtailing delinquency.

Contact Person: Joel Trevino

Phone Number: (806) 765-2500

**INTENSIVE SUPERVISION PROGRAMS
(INTENSIVE SERVICE PROGRAMS)**

ISP programs in Texas vary widely in the approaches used. They range from the traditional surveillance model to those that employ intensive therapeutic interventions and treatment. ISP programs provide secondary and tertiary prevention for first time and repeat offenders. ISP programs were first piloted in Texas during the mid-1980's by 12 probation departments. Results were so promising that they became a major component of the TJPC Legislative Appropriation Request, and in FY '93 approximately \$9,800,000 of state funding has been budgeted by 146 local departments to serve over 45,000 juvenile offenders in Intensive Supervision Programs.

**INTENSIVE SUPERVISION PROGRAM
BRAZORIA COUNTY
ANGELTON, TEXAS**

Target Population: At-risk juveniles, multiple offenders, primarily males 15-17 years of age, all races, gang affiliated.

Program Description: The Intensive Supervision Program is designed as an alternative from commitment to the Texas Youth Commission. It provides for frequent weekly contacts at home and at school, curfew checks, drug screens and monitoring of peers. Dispositions for new referrals usually result in commitment to the Texas Youth Commission.

Children Served: 18 **Program Cost:** \$36,737

Program Objectives/Benefits: Diverts youth from the Texas Youth Commission.

Contact Person: Melanie Gusler **Phone Number:** (409) 849-6800

**INTENSIVE SUPERVISION PROGRAM
CHEROKEE COUNTY
RUSK, TEXAS**

Target Population: Males and females of all races, ages 10 to 17, who are identified as high risk, serious violent offenders, adjudicated delinquents violating a court order, chronic truants, children with or from homes with drug or alcohol dependent problems.

Program Description: Placement on ISP can occur as either direct adjudication or administrative transfer by the chief juvenile probation officer. The duration can vary from 3 to 12 months. Supervision occurs by a 4-level system consisting of 5 minimal contacts weekly at level 4 to single contacts of level one. Curfews vary from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. according to one's level. Counseling, community service, random drug testing, weekly school contacts, electronic monitoring, in-Office substance abuse video presentations and Individual Plans of Service are other options available to ISP clients.

Children Served: 21 **Program Cost:** \$32,000

Agencies Involved: Local school districts, counseling agencies, community service contractors.

Program Objectives/Benefits: 93% successful completions of ISP, decline in recidivism, no commitments to TYC in FY '92 with only 2 TYC commitments in three years.

Contact Person: D.D. Matthews **Phone Number:** (903) 683-5236

**INTENSIVE SUPERVISION
HAYS COUNTY
SAN MARCOS, TEXAS**

Target Population: Ages 13 to 16, all races, high risk to re-offend.

Program Description: Intensive supervision in home and at school, several visits or contacts a month. Increase home visits and communication with family as a whole.

Children Served: 12 **Program Cost:** \$34,757

Program Objectives/Benefits: Helps to eliminate new offenses, reduce frequency of violations, reduce TYC commitments.

Contact Person: Tom Glore **Phone Number:** (512) 396-4443

**INTENSIVE SUPERVISION
HENDERSON COUNTY
ATHENS, TEXAS**

Target Population: All who are at-risk for TYC, ages 10-17, male and female of any race.

Program Description: The ISP caseload will serve no more than 10-15 clients at one time. Approximately 20-25 juveniles will be served for the one year period. Each client will attend peer group and family counseling weekly. Clients will report for office visits weekly. The ISP officer will also perform at least one home visit weekly. The child will be monitored weekly at school and the probation officer will also perform curfew checks when necessary.

Children Served: 3 **Program Cost:** \$88,106

Agencies Involved: Child Protection, MHMR, private counselors and private placements.

Program Objectives/Benefits: Program went into effect September, 1992.

Contact Person: Tommy Downing **Phone Number:** (903) 677-7250

**INTENSIVE SUPERVISION PROBATION
LUBBOCK COUNTY
LUBBOCK, TEXAS**

Target Population: Juvenile offenders between 10-17 years of age.

Program Description: Enhanced court ordered supervision including drug testing, home-based therapy, electronic monitoring, and ropes courses. Also skills, hygiene, AIDS, etc.

Children Served: 70

Agencies Involved: Texas Tech University

Program Objectives/Benefits: Diversion from secure placements

Contact Person: Joel Trevino **Phone Number:** (806) 765-2500

**INTENSIVE SUPERVISION PROGRAM
RANDALL COUNTY
AMARILLO, TEXAS**

Target Population: Ages 10-18, male and female of all races on formal supervision.

Program Description: The Randall County Juvenile Probation Department's Intensive Supervision Program currently operates with each officer assisted by a JPO/tracker. The tracker does school, home, and curfew checks for youths on ISP. The ISP Program consists of three phases that cover a minimum of 120 days. The first phase of ISP is the equivalent of home detention. This supervision continues for a minimum of two months. The second phase allows the child to attend supervised events at the discretion of the supervising officer. This phase is for a minimum of one month. On Phase III, the child resumes a normal, age appropriate curfew with close supervision. This phase is for a minimum of one month. At the discretion of the supervising officer the child be continued on the phase he/she is in, revert to a previous phase, or be recommended for release from ISP. If the recommendation is made to release the child from ISP, then the child is required to meet with all of the officers to plead his case for release from ISP. If the majority of officers do not feel that release from ISP is in the child's best interest, the child will remain for an additional month. This may be repeated at the end of every month until the child is released from ISP.

Children Served: 20

Agencies Involved: Amarillo and Canyon Independent School Districts

Program Objectives/Benefits: Diverts children from placements outside the home and the Texas Youth Commission - 100% success rate in diversion from the Texas Youth Commission.

Contact Person: Jane King **Phone Number:** (806) 356-1012

MEDIATION PROGRAMS

Mediation programs are becoming a popular means of dispute resolution, and in the case of juvenile offenders, a means of circumventing further penetration into the juvenile justice system. Mediation offers reparation to the victim, and an opportunity for the offender to examine the effects of the crime on the victim from a more empathetic perspective. Most programs use an independent third party as mediator, and the objective is to reach a mutually agreeable resolution that satisfies both the victim and offender. Usually successful mediation forgoes the need for prosecution of the offense.

The following examples of mediation programs served 662 youth during the past year.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE MEDIATION PROGRAM GREGG COUNTY LONGVIEW, TEXAS

Target Population: All juvenile age children.

Program Description: This program is designed to prevent certain cases from going to court. Both sides agree that the matter can be agreed upon and handled through this program.

Children Served: 5

Contact Person: Michelle Patterson **Phone Number:** (903) 758-0121

JUVENILE MEDIATION PROGRAM (JUMP) HARRIS COUNTY HOUSTON, TEXAS

Target Population: Juveniles 10-17 years of age involved in class A or B misdemeanor offenses.

Program Description: JUMP provides a way for youth and adults who have been involved in a dispute to settle the problem through mediation and no court action. A neutral third person trained in mediating guides the discussion with the parties working out a solution. An agreement is written which may include monetary compensation or community service. The written agreement is a result of the parties mutual consensus; all parties have an equal voice in what is decided.

Children Served: 650 **Program Cost:** \$50,000

Agencies Involved: Dispute Resolution Center

Program Objectives/Benefits: Mediation with the person wronged enables juveniles to explore facts, examine feelings and relationships, discuss ways to right the wrong through the help of a mediator.

Contact Person: Henry Azios **Phone Number:** (713) 521-4141

**MEDIATION PROGRAM
RANDALL COUNTY
AMARILLO, TEXAS**

Target Population: 10-18, usually first time referrals of non-violent nature.

Program Description: In conjunction with the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, our office has the option of referring children, along with victims, to a local dispute resolution center. If successful, both parties agree to and enter into a contract witnessed by a mediator.

Children Served: 7

Agencies Involved: Panhandle Regional Planning Commission

Program Objective/Benefits: In one case, both the child and the complainant refused to attend.

Contact Person: Neil Eddins **Phone Number:** (806) 356-1012

OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Outreach programs operate under the theme or premise that exposure to the consequences of crime, usually incarceration in an adult penitentiary, will serve as a deterrent to further criminal activity. Such programs can run the spectrum of prevention, primary, secondary, and tertiary, dealing with high-risk youth and hardcore delinquents.

Most programs require cooperative efforts of the adult corrections system, but there are a few that utilize the corrections aspect of the juvenile justice system.

Although the following example program descriptions report serving only 208 youth through outreach programs, no doubt this is only a fraction of the number served by other departments using such programs.

OPERATION OUTREACH BELL COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT BELTON, TEXAS

Target Population: Program serves any juvenile between the ages of 11 years and 17 years of age.

Program Description: Operation Outreach is designed to provide those juveniles whose crimes could result in imprisonment as an adult, a realistic view of prison life. In addition, the program provides the juveniles with options that they could adopt to alter their behavior code.

Children Served: 73

Agencies Involved: Trnum Buick/Pontiac Dealership (13 field officers)

Program Objectives/Benefits: Reduction in repeat offenders.

Contact Person: Earl E. Lloyd **Phone Number:** (817) 770-6810

**OUT MATES FOR LIFE
BOWIE COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT
TEXARKANA, TEXAS**

Target Population: Male offenders between the age of 14 through 16.

Program Description: Selected, last chance offenders transported to federal correctional institution one night per week for four weeks. Offenders meet face to face with selected inmates who talk to the juveniles about their lives and subsequent incarceration; not a scared straight approach.

Children Served: 12 **Program Cost:**

Agencies Involved: Federal correctional institution

Program Objectives/Benefits: Unknown at this time.

Contact Person: Barbara Sullivan **Phone Number:** (903) 793-1131

**OPERATION KICK-IT AND OPERATION OUTREACH
GREGG COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT
HUNTSVILLE AND SUGARLAND, TEXAS**

Target Population: All juveniles.

Program Description: Both programs are similar in that real prisoners tell their version of prison life in an attempt to deter juveniles from committing delinquent acts similar to "Scared Straight" Program. Operation Kick-It is presented at our department. Operation Outreach is conducted at the prison unit in Sugarland, Texas.

Children Served: 25 in detention and 18 in Program

Agencies Involved: Texas Department of Corrections

Program Objectives/Benefits: The program has deterred several juveniles from repeating their delinquent act.

Contact Person: Jimmy Stone **Phone Number:** (409) 294-6245

**TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS - OPERATION OUTREACH
HARRIS COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT
HOUSTON, TEXAS**

Target Population: Only court-ordered juveniles, ages 12 to 17, with required parental consent, may participate.

Program Description: The juveniles are transported to the Sugarland Unit of the TDC by JPOs who remain with them throughout the program. Inmates share their personal experiences with the youth and discuss what led them to prison life. The youths hear group discussions and have an opportunity to ask questions. They experience working in the fields with a hoe and chopping weeds. The youths tour the prison facility and eat the same food the inmates eat.

Children Served: 37

Agencies Involved: Sugarland Unit, Texas Department of Corrections

Program Objectives/Benefits: Increases awareness of the consequences of delinquent behavior by exposing the youth to the realities of prison life.

Contact Person: Elmer Bailey, Jr. **Phone Number:** (713) 521-4104

**YOUTH AT-RISK/SECOND CHANCE PROGRAM
HAYS COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT
KYLE, TEXAS**

Target Population: Ages 12 to 18

Program Description: Eight hour program. Shows participants the impersonal nature of prison. They are given work assignments. New vision inmates personally relate how-why-who-what and where they came to be incarcerated. Leads to one on one sessions where inmates are paired with participants to provide an in-depth discussion of prison realities and institutional life.

Children Served: 17

Agencies Involved: Juvenile probation departments

Program Objectives/Benefits: Gives juveniles first hand experience of prison life.

Contact Person: Warden John Bonner **Phone Number:** (512) 268-0079

**IMPACT
KARNES/WILSON COUNTIES JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT
KARNES CITY, TEXAS**

Target Population: Male/Female ages 10-16, all races. First time offenders, volunteers, teen court references, and repeat offenders who have not attended plus parents.

Program Description: An overview of the juvenile system with the job description of a juvenile probation officer, a police officer, and their capabilities of dealing with offenders. A tour of the county jail with a presentation from a trustee. Closing with a video of the John Lewis Evans story. Visuals to be used and questions and answers. Program to begin January, 1993.

Children Served: **Program Cost:** \$400.00

Program Objectives/Benefits: Own experience unknown. Program idea from Jefferson County.

Contact Person: Neva Schmidt **Phone Number:** (210) 780-2228

**DIVERSION IMPACT
RED RIVER COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT
CLARKSVILLE, TEXAS**

Target Population: All juveniles 10-16 referred to this department.

Program Description: Patterned after diversion program in Denton County. Includes input from probation department and law enforcement personnel as well as parolees who volunteer their time. Program includes tour through county jail and closes with the film "The John Evans Story".

Children Served: 26 **Program Cost:** \$2,500

Agencies Involved: Red River County Sheriff's Department

Program Objectives/Benefits: Too soon to tell what percent our recidivism rate will drop.

Contact Person: Dianne Allen Phelps **Phone Number:** (903) 427-5761

REINTEGRATION/INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

These are secondary and tertiary prevention programs to prepare juvenile offenders for independent living or re-entry into the community following a period of incarceration or residential treatment. If the juvenile is returning to his/her home, most programs involve counseling or parenting training for the parents. Most programs include life skills training or education and an orientation to resources for independent living.

PROJECT DEMO GREGG COUNTY LONGVIEW, TEXAS

Target Population: Juveniles who have been court ordered into our Long Term Secure Residential Program.

Program Description: Upon completion of the Residential Program, the child is released or furloughed. When the child is residing at home, MHMR has a counselor visit the home weekly and teaches parenting skills, life skills, budgeting, conducts counseling sessions in attempt to improve parenting skills and provide for a smoother transition after the child returns home.

Children Served: 8

Agencies Involved: MHMR

Program Objectives/Benefits: The program has proved beneficial in that it has provided parents with the knowledge and skills necessary to improve the home environment.

Contact Person: Linda Russell **Phone Number:** (903) 758-2471

BABIES WITH BABIES LYNN COUNTY TANOKA, TEXAS

Target Population: Unmarried juveniles ages 13-20; female all races (white-spanish-black)

Program Description: Teaching of life skills to young girls with babies. Helping with the GED.

Children Served: 8 **Program Cost:** \$12,000.00 - \$15,000.00 CJAD

Agencies Involved: School and C.P.S.

Program Objectives/Benefits: Success - helping them become successful and improve self-worth.

Contact Person: Jeri Akard **Phone Number:** 806-998-5244

**LIVING SKILLS
TOM GREEN COUNTY
SAN ANGELO, TEXAS**

Target Population: Adjudicated delinquents

Program Description: Education Program spanning 10 week period of four hours per week teaching juveniles community resources, living skills necessary for independent living, and techniques necessary for successful job interviews and continued employment.

Children Served: **Program Cost:** \$2,000 from Catholic Diocese

Agencies Involved: Sanunye Ruppeck, Concho Valley Home for Girls

Program Objectives/Benefits: The young people involved developed confidence in themselves in job interviewing and skills necessary for them to become successful citizens.

Contact Person: Roy Robb **Phone Number:** 915-655-2323

RELIGIOUS PROGRAMS

Religious programs offer spiritual enrichment for juveniles. Many youngsters have never had the opportunity or encouragement to examine the philosophical and moral values in religion. Frequently the emotional support and wholesome life style espoused by religion has a powerful influence on the young person's behavior and development.

DETENTION RELIGIOUS PROGRAM GREGG COUNTY LONGVIEW, TEXAS

Program Description: On Tuesday nights and Wednesday afternoon programs such as Karate Exhibitions, comedians, education firms, plays and skits, singers, and recreational activities are scheduled by church volunteers. Each activity is developed and implemented with a religious overtone in an attempt to introduce these juveniles at risk to religion.

Children Served: 375

Agencies Involved: 2

Program Objectives/Benefits: Introduces religion to many juveniles who have never had the opportunity to be introduced to this way of life and/or philosophies, which are designed to lead the child down the road to rehabilitation and success.

Contact Person: Hank Godwin **Phone Number:** (903) 297-9192

SPECIAL YOUTH SERVICES HARRIS COUNTY HOUSTON, TEXAS

Target Population: Pre-adjudicated youth detained pending court action, ages 10- 17.

Program Description: This program provides religious activities, services, materials and counseling for the Catholic Faith.

Children Served: approximately 6000 **Program Cost:** \$75,000.00

Program Objectives/Benefits: Provides for youth's religious needs, emotional support, activities and hope in a difficult time in their lives.

Contact Person: Jim Martins **Phone Number:** 521-4232

**YOUTH FOR CHRIST
HARRIS COUNTY
HOUSTON, TEXAS**

Target Population: Pre-adjudicated youth detained pending court action, ages 10-17.

Program Description: This program is provided by local volunteers/part-time staff from the protestant faith. They provide religious services, counseling, religious materials, and activities.

Children Served: 6,000 **Program Cost:** \$13,000.00/church and individual donations

Program Objectives/Benefits: Provides youth with religious services, counseling, materials, and activities.

Contact Person: Jim Martins **Phone Number:** (713) 521-4322

**VOLUNTARY SPIRITUAL PROGRAMS
NUECES COUNTY
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS**

Target Population: Males and females of juvenile age of any race who are incarcerated in detention.

Program Description: Local churches provide religious programs and counseling for residents on a voluntary basis who are interested in detention.

Children Served: 1,347

Agencies Involved: Area churches

Program Objectives/Benefits: A change in spiritual values can stop delinquency.

Contact Person: Marta Balleste' **Phone Number:** 512-855-7303

SPECIALTY OFFENDER PROGRAMS

Specialty offender programs are directed toward preventing repeat offenses by specific categories of offenders. A partial list of offender categories would include sex offenders, arsonists, gang members, drug dealers, serious/violent offenders, inhalant abusers, etc.

Most specialty programs involve a high degree of clinical and therapeutic intervention or a highly structured program of various treatment components.

Almost without exception these programs are designed for tertiary prevention.

SERIOUS OFFENDER SUPERVISION (SOS) PROGRAM HARRIS COUNTY HOUSTON, TEXAS

Target Population: 120 high-risk youths, ages 13-17, who are considered by court criteria to be serious offenders.

Program Description: The SOS Program has the specific goal of re-directing the lives of these high-risk youths through the application of intensive supervision, rehabilitative approaches, and active participation from the youths with their JPOs. Program length is expected to be from the date of adjudication to six months. A casework plan is developed for each youth who is court-ordered into the program. In addition to daily face-to-face contacts in the first two weeks, each youth and his/her family receives training and education.

Children Served: 28 **Program Cost:** \$353,500

Agencies Involved: Texas Key Program

Program Objectives/Benefits: Diversion from committing further offenses and possible commitment to the Texas Youth Commission.

Contact Person: Elmer Bailey, Jr. **Phone Number:** (713) 521-4104

**SEX OFFENDER TREATMENT PROGRAM
HARRIS COUNTY
HOUSTON, TEXAS**

Target Population: Juveniles between the ages of 10 and 17 who have been charged with sex offenses or in need of sex-related counseling.

Program Description: The program provides individual, group, and family counseling by licensed counselors specializing in the treatment of juvenile sex offenders. The primary modality is group treatment. However, depending upon the particular needs of the adolescent, individual, group, and family counseling may be utilized.

Children Served: 53 **Program Cost:** \$150,000 from the Brown Foundation

Agencies Involved: Licensed therapists from the Family Service Center

Program Objectives/Benefits: To help offenders work through the social psychological, and educational factors underlying their offenses.

Contact Person: Elmer Bailey, Jr. **Phone Number:** (713) 521-4104

STATUS OFFENDER, TRUANCY/DROPOUT AND RUNAWAY PROGRAMS

These programs are primary and secondary prevention efforts to prevent at-risk or minor offenders from further involvement in the criminal justice system. Such programs normally work to restore the juvenile and/or family to a level of functioning conducive to the child's best interest with a minimum of intrusion. Probation departments usually collaborate with other education and social service agencies to deliver services to the youth.

Although there are only a few example program descriptions in this category, all juvenile probation departments in Texas work jointly with local PRS representatives to deal with runaway youth under a memorandum of understanding. There are also 142 juvenile probation departments that provide truancy services or coordinate truancy services with local school districts.

Approximately 4,000 juveniles were served by the programs listed below.

TRUANCY PREVENTION BRAZORIA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT ANGELTON, TEXAS

Target Population: All juveniles over the age of ten who are identified as truant.

Program Description: Initial truancy complaints are filed with the local justice of the peace or municipal judge who summons the parents and child for a truancy hearing. A combined group of school counselors and juvenile probation personnel are present in order to assist the court in resolving the truant behavior without formal court action.

Children Served: 52

Agencies Involved: Local school districts and justice courts

Program Objective/Benefits: Early intervention and identification of truant behavior.

Contact Person: Fred V. Williamson **Phone Number:** (409) 849-6800

**STAR PROGRAM
CHAMBERS COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT
LIBERTY, TEXAS**

Target Population: Services to truants and runaways ages 10 to 17, male or female, any race at-risk of running away or becoming truant.

Program Description: Early intervention and initial assessment with on-going family and individual counseling or referral to other agency. Resource development, parenting skills and Truancy Intervention Project which consists of an intense one day program for parents and the child. This program can not work with an adjudicated child; therefore, most counsel and release and informal adjustment cases are automatically referred to STAR for an assessment of counseling.

Children Served: 7

Program Objectives/Benefits: We have learned that this program works best with the younger first time offenders. We are working closely with area schools to file against the parents for failing to send child to school and with local justices of the peace to order parents into STAR Program for services.

Contact Person: Vickie Riley **Phone Number:** (409) 267-6298

**COMMUNITY IN SCHOOLS
COMAL COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT
NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS**

Target Population: At-risk children designated by NBISD and Comal ISD as at-risk children.

Program Description: On campus consolidation of health and human services agency representatives for immediate assistance in preventing delinquency and school drop-outs.

Agencies Involved: all legal agencies, public, private, volunteers

Program Objectives/Benefits: To be projected.

Contact Person: Michael Meeks **Phone Number:** (210) 625-2385

**1ST GRADE COUNSELING PROGRAM
EL PASO COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT
EL PASO, TEXAS**

Target Population: All first graders at 7 specific elementary schools with high drop-out rates.

Program Description: School officials identify potential drop-outs or youths having behavioral problems. Volunteers come in and counsel and tutor the child and provide family counseling and parent training to the parents.

Children Served: 250 **Program Cost:** \$36,000

Agencies Involved: El Paso School District and 13 different agencies.

Program Objectives/Benefits: Identification at very early age and follow up for several years.

Contact Person: Cecilia Navarro Tanner **Phone Number:** (915) 779-4246

**COMET
HARRIS COUNTY
HOUSTON, TEXAS**

Target Population: Youths 14-17 who have dropped out of school, have been expelled, or are having long-term suspensions while on probation and living at home.

Program Description: This program will provide testing, literacy skills, vocational training, and counseling to the individual student his/her family.

Children Served: Program begins January 1, 1993

Program Objectives/Benefits: Educational programs personalized and streamlined to fit the individual needs of each child.

Contact Person: Elmer Bailey, Jr. **Phone Number:** (713) 521-4104

**DIVERSION/STATUS OFFENDER PROGRAM
HARRIS COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT
HOUSTON, TEXAS**

Target Population: Any juvenile 10-17 years of age involved in status offenses and violation of city ordinances.

Program Description: Chimney Rock Center (CRC) provides 24 hours of service to status offenders and their families. Juveniles referred for being a runaway, for being truant, intoxicated or other class "c" misdemeanor offenses. Chimney Rock Center (CRC) also provides services to youth undergoing severe parent-child conflicts. The goal is to screen juveniles out of the juvenile justice system whenever a less intensive intervention serves the best interest of the child and the community.

Children Served: 3,040 **Program Cost:** \$278,844

Agencies Involved: Children's Protective Services, Mental Health Mental Retardation Authority

Program Objectives/Benefits: Chimney Rock Center (CRC), a 24 hour program, attempts to return juveniles home safely or refer them to other community agencies without further involvement.

Contact Person: Carolyn Woodard **Phone Number:** (713) 521-4141

**FAMILIES AGAINST STUDENT TRUANCY
HAYS COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT
SAN MARCOS, TEXAS**

Target Population: Hispanic, male and female, ages 5 to 18, parents.

Program Description: A therapeutic and educational intervention to affect self esteem and attitudes, help combat student truancy. Includes support sessions designed to assist families of truant children understand the importance of education and the parents key role in their children's educational future. Six week session - once a week (2 hours).

Children Served: 200 **Program Cost:** \$2,500 Annually

Agencies Involved: Office of Substance Abuse Prevention and Dept. of Education, San Marcos schools, Justice of the Peace, juvenile probation department, Hays/Caldwell Council.

Program Objectives/Benefits: Positive reinforcement, better attendance and grades.

Contact Person: Amanda Ruiz **Phone Number:** (512) 245-2449

**SERVICES TO TRUANTS AND RUNAWAYS AND AT-RISK YOUTH (STAR)
HAYS COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT
SAN MARCOS, TEXAS**

Target Population: 10-17 years of age, male and female, all races.

Program Description: One on one individual or family counseling. Provides skills based training to parents and youth. Focus is preventive to keep children in school and at home.

Children Served: 20 **Program Cost:** \$15,000

Agencies Involved:

Program Objectives/Benefits: Participants have access to 24 hour crisis counseling.

Contact Person: Julia New **Phone Number:** (512) 754-0500

**SERVICES TO TRUANTS AND RUNAWAYS (STAR)
JEFFERSON COUNTY
BEAUMONT**

Target Population: 10-17 years of age; male and female; all races; status offenders; runaways and truants.

Program Description: The main goal is to divert truants and runaways from the juvenile court system to prevent delinquent behavior. The focus is on family involvement in resolving problems and providing crisis intervention with a heavy emphasis on counseling.

Children Served: 81 **Program Cost:** \$26,150 - DHS funds

Agencies Involved: Buckner's Children Home

Program Objectives/Benefits: Diversion of status offenders from delinquent system.

Contact Person: James M. Martin, Jr. **Phone Number:** (409) 835-8490

**HIGH SCHOOL DROP-OUT DIVERSION PROGRAM
KENDALL COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT
BOERNE, TEXAS**

Target Population: Youth between the ages of 9 and 16 years.

Program Description: Education and recreation provided to young people during the summer months. Operated from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The program included various field trips.

Children Served: 100 **Program Cost:** \$15,000

Agencies Involved: Kendall County and Boerne ISD.

Contact Person: Officer Francis **Phone Number:** (210) 249-8645

**RUNAWAY PROGRAM
LUBBOCK COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT
LUBBOCK, TEXAS**

Target Population: Juveniles who have run away or are truant.

Program Description: CFS provides temporary shelter and counseling services to target population and families. They also provide parenting skills training.

Children Served: 150

Agencies Involved: DHS, juvenile probation, law enforcement

Program Objectives/Benefits: Prevention of subsequent runaways and trancies.

Contact Person: Mary Zickerfoose **Phone Number:** (806) 762-8922

**HENNIGAN INSTITUTE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT
CONROE, TEXAS**

Target Population: 10-17, Male and Female, all races, remedial education, self esteem, (high risk school drop-outs)

Program Description: For repeat offenders who are at-risk of being kicked out or dropping out of school. Goals of program - to address remedial education and increase performance in school, work on self esteem issues and assist the youth in setting long and short range goals in life.

Children Served: 10 **Program Cost:** \$110,000

Agencies Involved: Conroe ISD

Program Objectives/Benefits: Upgrade basic education skills, help youth get goals and make a commitment to finishing school.

Contact Person: Charles Hennigan **Phone Number:** (713) 977-GOAL

**STATUS OFFENDER PROGRAM
TOM GREEN COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT
SAN ANGELO, TEXAS**

Target Population: Any child referred for a status offense from DHS, police, schools, or parents.

Program Description: Provides therapy, counseling, or parenting education for children and their families referred to juvenile probation.

Program Cost: \$38,574

Agencies Involved: Department of Human Services

Program Objective/Benefits: Early intervention with status offenders (i.e. runaways, truants) thereby seeing a reduction in further delinquent activity.

Contact Person: Roy Robb

Phone Number: (915) 655-2323

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT PROGRAMS

Substance abuse programs generally have one or more of the following goals:

- A. To prevent children from becoming substance abusers through education and awareness.
- B. To provide early intervention for children in the first stages of drug use to prevent them from becoming more seriously involved.
- C. To provide rehabilitation and treatment for the serious substance abuser.

Although most substance abuse programs are conducted in conjunction with other public and private community resources, there are a number of probation departments who have certified alcohol-drug abuse treatment counselors on staff.

Programs employ a variety of techniques to combat substance abuse, ranging from education and awareness programs to inpatient detoxification and treatment services. Juvenile probation departments reported that there were over 9,300 juveniles in 1991 that received substance abuse services.

PREVENTION AND INTERACTION PROGRAMS

SUBSTANCE ABUSE SCREENING BELTON, TEXAS BELL COUNTY

Target Population: Male/female 10-17 years old who use illegal substances.

Program Description: Random urine screening of children referred to and supervised by probation department who are at risk to use illegal substances. Also maybe ordered.

Children Served: 240 **Program Cost:** \$5,000 Bell County & TJPC

Agencies Involved: Scott & White Hospital (Test site)

Program Objectives/Benefits: By frequently testing children who are risk for substance use we have seen a reduction in use while the testing continues.

Contact Person: Bob Gilliam **Phone Number:** 817-933-5304

**BRAZORIA COUNTY RESOURCE COORDINATION GROUP
ANGLETON, TEXAS
BRAZORIA COUNTY**

Target Population: Any race of males or females from age 10-12 years of age.

Program Description: The goal of the C.A.R.E. Program is to treat high risk adolescents (ages 13 to 17) who are abusing mind altering chemicals. The components of the C.A.R.E. Program are: (1) individual counseling; (2) group therapy; (3) multi-family therapy group; and (4) education. The C.A.R.E. Program consist of nine weeks of structured activities.

Children Served: 7 **Program Cost:** \$21,680 - U.W.

Agencies Involved: Juvenile Probation

Program Objectives/Benefits: To provide adequate education about dangers of alcohol and drug abuse and relapse prevention and recovery skills.

Contact Person: Fred V. Williamson **Phone Number:** 409-849-6800

**BRAZORIA COUNTY RESOURCE COORDINATION GROUP
ANGLETON, TEXAS
BRAZORIA COUNTY**

Target Population: Juveniles 10-16 years of age, any sex or race

Program Description: To present information to aid juveniles in making positive choices against using drug and/or alcohol. To educate juveniles of the disease Aids, and abstinence and prevention. To introduce them to the positive effects of counselifg.

Children Served: 324

Agencies Involved: Brazoria County Juvenile Probation

Program Objectives/Benefits: Educates the juvenile to make better decisions in the use of all chemicals and informs the youth of the danger of AIDS.

Contact Person: Fred V. Williamson **Phone Number:** 409-849-6800

**BRAZORIA COUNTY RESOURCE COORDINATION GROUP
ANGLETON, TEXAS
BRAZORIA COUNTY**

Target Population: Juveniles 10-16 years of age, any sex or race.

Program Description: To perform assessments to assist probation officers on degree of involvement of their clients with drug or alcohol use.

Children Served: 51

Agencies Involved: Brazoria County Juvenile Probation

Program Objectives/Benefits: Informs the juvenile and staff to the degree of involvement the child is involved with drugs and/or alcohol.

Contact Person: Fred V. Williamson **Phone Number:** 409-849-6800

**TREATMENT PROGRAM
BRAZORIA COUNTY RESOURCE COORDINATION GROUP
ANGLETON, TEXAS
BRAZORIA COUNTY**

Target Population: 10-16 years; any race male and female

Program Description: To present information on the effects of alcohol upon behavior and upon the lives of persons who use alcohol; to help identify drinking patterns or problems; to educate about the laws relating to possession, consumption and purchase of alcoholic beverages; and to assist in developing a plan to reduce the probability of involvement in future alcohol-related illegal behavior or detrimental activity.

Children Served: 4

Agencies Involved: Police, Justice of the Peace, Brazoria County Juvenile Probation

Program Objectives/Benefits: Juvenile is taught to make better decisions about use of alcoholic beverages and know laws of alcohol purchase or detrimental activity.

Contact Person: Fred V. Williamson **Phone Number:** 409-849-6800

**D.A.R.E.
(DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION)
FALFURRIAS, TEXAS
BROOKS COUNTY**

Target Population: Pre-K to 5th

Program Description: Children receive instruction on drug abuse prevention. Sheriff's officer uses discussion, planned lessons, films, and workbooks to instruct children on drug abuse prevention. Program for 5th grade is once a week for 17 weeks. Program for those under 5th grade is once a week for five weeks.

Children Served: 600 **Program Cost:** \$20,000.00 - Drug Free Schools
Sheriff's Department Seizure Fund

Program Objectives/Benefits: Success is measured by a pre-test before the program and a post test.

Contact Person: Homer Solinar **Phone Number:** 512-325-5681

**JOVENES UNIDOS
BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS
CAMERON COUNTY**

Target Population: 12-18 years of age; population in this area is dominated by hispanic males (regional note)

Program Description: This is an adolescent/outpatient intensive treatment program for substance abuse. The outpatient program is very flexible and can range in sessions from once a week to three times a week. The more intensive outpatient program can entail meeting twice a day five times a week. This program offers a combination of individual and group therapy and education sessions.

Children Served: 125 **Program Cost:** TCADA (2 yr. grant) \$300,000/ year

Agencies Involved: Juvenile Probation Department; Texas Youth Commission; Brownsville Independent School District

Program Objectives/Benefits: After 60 day follow-up, 60% success rate

Contact Person: James Hamel **Phone Number:** 210-548-0028

**PALMER DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM (PDAP)
BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS
CAMERON COUNTY**

Target Population: 12 to 18 years old; both male and female, mostly hispanic

Program Description: PDAP is a non-profit organization made up of young people and parents whose lives have become unmanageable due to the effects of substance abuse. PDAP is a spiritually based, though not religious, program built on twelve (12) steps of recovery. Outpatient counseling services, individual, group, and family.

Children Served: 600

Program Objectives/Benefits: Unknown, but estimated to be 70% successful.

Contact Person: Edward Owens **Phone Number:** 210-544-3333

**D.A.R.E.
NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS
COMAL COUNTY**

Target Population: Elementary school population in general.

Program Description: Drug Prevention and Education

Children Served: 2,000

Agencies Involved: Schools, Juvenile Probation, War on Drugs Program

Program Objectives/Benefits: Generally effective

Contact Person: Bobby Owens **Phone Number:** 210-625-6872

**PALMER DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM
LONGVIEW, TEXAS
GREGG COUNTY**

Target Population: All children between 10-19 years of age.

Program Description: Peer-pressure counseling therapy type program that emphasis the responsibilities of the offender.

Program Objectives/Benefits: Reduction in repeat offenders

Contact Person: John Kemmedy **Phone Number:** 903-758-0121

**ALATEEN SERVICES
HOUSTON, TEXAS
HARRIS COUNTY**

Target Population: All BBH residents ages from 10 to 17 of any ethnicity. BBH residents are all males.

Program Description: BBH residents who are Court Ordered to participate or who have been therapeutically identified as needing this service attend Alateen Group meeting at a local hospital with the aid and assistance of BBH staff.

Contact Person: Larry Smith **Phone Number:** 661-3325

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS SERVICES
HOUSTON, TEXAS
HARRIS COUNTY**

Target Population: All BBH residents ages from 10-17 of any ethnicity. BBH residents are all males.

Program Description: BBH residents who are court ordered to participate in this service attend community AA group meeting at a local hospital with the aid and assistance of BBH staff.

Children Served: 4

Agencies Involved: West Oaks Hospital

Program Objectives/Benefits: Assures compliance with court order for participation.

Contact Person: Larry Smith **Phone Number:** 661-3325

**ALTERNATIVE GROUP
HOUSTON, TEXAS
HARRIS COUNTY**

Target Population: Pre-adjudicated youth detained pending court action, ages 10-17.

Program Description: This program provides youth with interaction, presentations and counseling by persons who have recovered from drug or alcohol abuse and have reached acceptable functioning in society. The members of the Alternative Group provide decision-making guidance, counseling, support, and hope for change.

Children Served: 2200

Agencies Involved: 13 volunteer members of the Alternative Group

Program Objectives/Benefits: Provide youth with interaction with persons who have recovered from alcohol and/or drug abuse and assistance in obtaining the decision-making abilities needed for this accomplishment.

Contact Person: Jim Martins **Phone Number:** 521-4232

**DRUG AND ALCOHOL AWARENESS
HOUSTON, TEXAS
HARRIS COUNTY**

Target Population: Pre-adjudicated youth detained pending court action, ages 10-17.

Program Description: This program provides youth with information about drugs and alcohol including ramification, causes of abuse, community resources for assistance and dealing with sobriety.

Children Served: 2,000 **Program Cost:** Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse

Program Objectives/Benefits: Allows youth to learn about substance abuse and resources available for intervention and assistance.

Contact Person: Jim Martins **Phone Number:** 521-4232

**DRUG FREE YOUTH PROGRAM
HOUSTON, TEXAS
HARRIS COUNTY**

Target Population: Youth 10 to 17 who meet one of the following criteria: substance user/abusers, children of same, absenteeism, declining grades/quality of academic work, repeated failures, etc.

Program Description: Certified Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors (CADAC) are placed in each of the seven Field Units and are considered a part of the Unit Team. Referrals of children/families suspected or known to be involved in substance abuse are made by TPOs directly to the Counselor, who assesses the individual's situation and takes whatever measures are deemed appropriate. Counseling and educational programs are then offered in the Units and schools. Regular staffings are held with the JPOs to report the individual's progress.

Children Served: 137 (Calendar Year 1991)

Agencies Involved: The Houston Regional Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

Program Objectives/Benefits: Supplies consistent drug counseling to at-risk and drug abusing youth on probation or informal adjustment.

Contact Person: Elmer Bailey Jr. **Phone Number:** 713-521-4104

**THE VICTIM IMPACT PANEL (M.A.D.D.)
HOUSTON, TEXAS
HARRIS COUNTY**

Target Population: Youths 10 to 16 years of age under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court, especially those charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

Program Description: M.A.D.D. Chapters or other victim groups select a panel of three or four victims to speak briefly about drunk driving crashes in which they were injured or in which a loved one was killed, and what it has meant to them. They do not blame or judge those who attend the panel. They simply tell their stories and how their lives and families have been affected by the crash. Victims never speak to groups in which their own offender is present. No interaction occurs between victims and offenders, but question and answer periods may follow.

Children Served: 44 (Calendar Year 1991)

Agencies Involved: Regional Office of M.A.D.D.

Program Objectives/Benefits: Enables offenders to consider pain and suffering caused to others; breakdown denial; change behavior and save lives.

Contact Person: Elmer Bailey Jr. **Phone Number:** 713-521-4104

**AWARENESS GROUP
SAN MARCOS, TEXAS
HAYS COUNTY**

Target Population: At risk, ages 12 to 15 living in Hays/Caldwell Counties.

Program Description: Group Counseling Program, Crisis Intervention, Family Advocacy

Children Served: 200 **Program Cost:** \$89,000 Annually

Agencies Involved: Schools, Housing Authority, Womens Center, Hays - Caldwell Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse

Program Objectives/Benefits: Increased self esteem, better choice making, better coping skills

Contact Person: 200 **Phone Number:** 512-396-7695

**FIRST STEP
SAN MARCOS, TEXAS
HAYS COUNTY**

Target Population: 13-17 years of age, male and female, all races and parents

Program Description: Series of classes last six weeks - one night (2 hours) per week. Topics covered are communication, stress management, consequences, goal setting, local resources, alcohol and drug information.

Children Served: 52 **Program Cost:** \$14,400 annual, Office of Substance Abuse Prevention and Department of Education

Agencies Involved: San Marcos Schools, Juvenile Probation

Program Objectives/Benefits: Evaluation incomplete

Contact Person: Nina Wright **Phone Number:** 512-245-2449

**D.A.R.E.
BORGER, TEXAS
HUTCHINSON COUNTY**

Target Population: First, Third, Fifth, and Seventh Grade

Program Description: D.A.R.E. This is a regular planned program with a definite lesson plan. It is taught one day a week for the first grade (327 students) this program lasts five weeks; one day a week for the third grade (289 students) this is a six weeks program; one day a week for the fifth grad (369 students) this is a 17 week program and one day a week for the seventh grade (329 students) this is a 10 week program.

Children Served: 1,314 students

Program Objectives/Benefits: The P.D. is realizing a very good rapport with the students that they are teaching and having a very positive impact not only with their drug awareness that they are teaching but are reaching them in other areas also.

Contact Person: Detective John Webb **Phone Number:** 273-3789

**BRIDGE
BEAUMONT, TEXAS
JEFFERSON COUNTY**

Target Population: Age 12-17; Sex- male and female; Any race

Program Description: Alcohol and drug treatment, 28 day treatment, intensive outpatient, Family Counseling, Certified Teacher for Education, Individual therapy, group therapy based on ability to pay

Children Served: 54 **Program Cost:** \$165,000 - TCADA & UNITED WAY

Program Objectives/Benefits: Human lives restored to drug free lifestyles.

Contact Person: JoAnn Dubbles **Phone Number:** 409-835-4979

**PROJECT INTERCEPT
BEAUMONT, TEXAS
JEFFERSON COUNTY**

Target Population: Juveniles, ages 10-17, with alcohol or drug abuse tendencies, male or female, all races.

Program Description: To provide needed juveniles and family members with screenings and referral services. To educate clients and family members on the impact of substance abuse. To provide frequent monitoring with clients who have been assessed and screened. To improve school grades and reduce absenteeism of clients that are in school. Present speeches to youth and adults on prevention and intervention for substance abuse. Conduct support groups.

Children Served: 284 **Program Cost:** \$63,085

Agencies Involved: Jefferson County Juvenile Probation Department

Program Objectives/Benefits: Alcohol and drug abuse by juveniles is being met with intervention and prevention services.

Contact Person: James Martin, Jr. **Phone Number:** (409) 835-8490

**STRAIGHTWAY AND DARE TO BE AWARE
CONROE, TEXAS
MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

Target Population: Juveniles, male and female, ages 10-18 of all races, and predisposed youth to substance abuse.

Program Description: "Dare to Be Aware": A non-substance abusing youth-educational lecture series to inform youth about drugs and effect of use and social/peer pressure.
"Straightway": Experminting substance abusing youth - drug awareness lectures and substance abuse counseling. ROPES course program.

Children Served: 50

Program Objectives/Benefits: Free substance abuse education and counseling for youth.

Contact Person: Peggy Smith **Phone Number:** (409) 760-5805

**DRUG AND ALCOHOL PROGRAM
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS
NUECES COUNTY**

Target Population: Males and females of juvenile age of any race who are incarcerated in detention.

Program Description: The Coastal Bend Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and the Palmer Drug Abuse Program provides education, evaluation, and counseling to the residents in detention. The agencies also are offered as an available referral source once the child is released from detention.

Children Served: 1,347 **Program Cost:** Salaries of the staff of various agencies.

Agencies Involved: Coastal Bend Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and the Palmer Drug Abuse Program

Program Objectives/Benefits: Increases awareness of the consequences of drug abuse and the treatment programs available to individuals and families.

Contact Person: Marta Balleste' **Phone Number:** 512-855-7303

**DRUG DETECTION PROGRAM
AMARILLO, TEXAS
RANDALL COUNTY**

Target Population: All characteristics. (Substance abusers)

Program Description: Provide urinalysis testing for children on all types of supervision, DHS clients, employees of Randall County and voluntary requests from concerned parents in the community.

Children Served: 500 **Program Cost:** Randall County, \$14,000 year

Agencies Involved: Open to public, DHS

Program Objectives/Benefits: Allows closer supervision of children with a drug use history and confirms abstinence.

Contact Person: Bruce Jassmann **Phone Number:** 806-356-1012

**D.A.R.E. (DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION)
PECOS, TEXAS
REEVES COUNTY**

Target Population: School age children from grades kindergarten to 6th grade.

Program Description: Social skills program dealing with peer pressure, drug abuse, and self-esteem. Lessons taught by a peace officer in the local school system. Interaction with students in the classroom and on the playground. This is a great program. It provides the student with a good role model and bonds the student and officer and creates better relations between the school, community and police department.

Children Served: 1,414 **Program Cost:** \$3,500

Agencies Involved: Reeves County Sheriff's Department (1) reserve deputy

Program Objectives/Benefits: Positive attitude from students

Contact Person: Olga Lopez **Phone Number:** (915) 445-4911

**COMMUNITY BASED SUPPORT/COUNSELING GROUP
REFUGIO, TEXAS
REFUGIO COUNTY**

Target Population: Referrals from the juvenile probation department and schools for juveniles between the ages of 10-17; both sexes and all races; at-risk youth and probationers.

Program Description: Four hours/week - individual chemical dependency counseling/assessments; family chemical dependency counseling; group chemical dependency counseling; parent education group/parent assessment. (NOTE:PDAP has developed a very strong adolescent support group for juvenile probationers in Refugio County.)

Children Served: 50 **Program Cost:** \$2,700

Agencies Involved: PDAP (Lynette Heinold, Counselor)

Program Objectives/Benefits: Drug-free adolescents who are committed to the PDAP 12-step support group program; improved parent/child communication.

Contact Person: Norma Grivich **Phone Number:** (512) 526-2111

**SNYDER COUNCIL ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE
SNYDER, TEXAS
SCURRY COUNTY**

Target Population: All ages, sex, and ethnic groups

Program Description: Our office offers referrals, placement and education for all age groups concerning drug and alcohol use and abuse. We are certified Minor in Possession instructors and hold classes monthly. Our monthly newsletter is distributed throughout schools in four counties on education and prevention of alcohol and drug use and abuse.

Children Served: 30,000

Agencies Involved: statewide cohesive network with numerous agencies

Program Objectives/Benefits: Our programs are reaching approximately 3500 area youth monthly.

Contact Person: Karon Keller **Phone Number:** 915-573-1141

**YOUTH UPLIFT
SAN ANGELO, TEXAS
TOM GREEN COUNTY**

Target Population: Any juvenile that has an identifiable drug problem.

Program Description: Designed to offer group counseling, individual counseling, support groups and activity in order to change negative behavior brought about by usage of any type of drug. Tom Green County Juvenile Probation refers adjudicated youth to this program.

Children Served: 12

Agencies Involved: Gary Smith, Youth Uplift

Program Objectives/Benefits: Reduction in recidivism of those juveniles involved in program.

Contact Person: Gary Smith **Phone Number:** 915-655-3361

TEEN COURTS

Teen Courts are peer courts where juveniles, usually first time offenders for minor violations and traffic offenses, appear before courts comprised of juveniles. Often the participants have appeared before the Teen Court in the past, and serve as a member as part of their sentence. Sentences imposed by Teen Courts usually include community service restitution and/or participation in certain classes, seminars or programs such as defensive driving, alateen, counseling, etc.

Teen Courts are designed to induce behavioral responsibility and accountability in the youngsters who appear before them. Approximately 2,400 juveniles were served by Teen Courts in the past year.

One of the foremost pioneers of the Teen Court program in Texas is Ector County

KARNES CITY, TEXAS TEEN COURT KARNES COUNTY

Target Population: Class "C" offenders, traffic offenders, ages 10-16, in school (10-18 for traffic), male, female all races.

Program Description: Offenders appear before a court of their peers from various towns throughout the county. Jurors assess punishment of community service and self esteem program. DPS assists in providing a class for all traffic and substance related offenses. Offenders also have to serve as jurors per court decision. The offender has counsel of his/her age and is prosecuted the same. This is for punishment phase only.

Children Served: 25 **Program Cost:** \$3,147

Agencies Involved: Community volunteers, municipal and justice courts

Program Objectives/Benefits: Out of 25, there have been 2 repeat offenders

Contact Person: Dianna Monson **Phone Number:** (210) 780-2228

**AMARILLO, TEXAS TEEN COURT
RANDALL COUNTY**

Target Population: First time offenders for any class misdemeanors between ages of 10 to 17. They must be enrolled in school.

Program Description: Teen Court is a first time offenders program in which youths who have offended appear before a group of their own peers. The bailiffs, attorneys and the jury are comprised of youths who are volunteers. The youthful offender is given 8 to 50 hours of community service and is required to participate as a juror at least once. The program is designed to make young people realize that there are consequences for certain behaviors.

Children Served: 650

Agencies Involved: Randall County Juvenile Probation, Amarillo Police Dept., and Canyon Police Dept.

Program Objectives/Benefits: 20% recidivism rate for the first two years. Over 1,000 hours community services provided for over 20 agencies in this area.

Contact Person: Mitch Presnall Phone Number: (806) 378-4224

Other counties using Teen Courts but not submitting program descriptions are:

Atascosa	Bexar	Brazoria	Brazos
Coryell	Dallas	Dawson	Ector
Fort Bend	Gaines	Grayson	Gregg
Hale	Hidalgo	Houston	Hunt
Johnson	Kaufman	Kleberg	Lamb
Lubbock	Mason	Midland	Montgomery
Moore	Nueces	Ochiltree	Palo Pinto
Potter	Shelby	Smith	Stephens
Tarrant	Taylor	Terry	Tyler
Wheeler	Young	Zapata	

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The distinguishing characteristic of volunteer programs is that they draw upon the resources of the community. Volunteers provide instruction, companionship, counsel, skills training and role models for youth in the juvenile justice system. A wide variety of activities and services is available to youngsters that would otherwise be lacking. The constructive and positive atmosphere engendered by these programs is beneficial to the youth and the volunteer, and also establishes positive relationships between the juvenile justice system and the community.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM BELL-LAMPASAS COUNTIES BELTON, TEXAS

Target Population: 10 through 16 year old males and females, all races.

Program Description: Volunteer Program provides a variety of on-going services to any child served by Bell-Lampasas Juvenile Probation Office. Services have included tutoring, special friends (big brother, big sister), counseling, group therapy, arts and crafts, clothing, transportation and detention supervision (this service includes education, various skills training, exercise therapy and arts and crafts).

Children Served: 450

Contact Person: Janice O'Banon **Phone Number:** (817) 933-5301

BOOKTALK GREGG COUNTY LONGVIEW, TEXAS

Target Population: Children in detention.

Program Description: On a weekly basis, Juvenile League volunteers (2) presented summaries of 3 or 4 books each. After attaining the children's interest and attention, the booktalker would discontinue the summary prior to the conclusion of the stories. The children would have to read the book to find out the conclusion of the story. This year we will expand the program with a computer which will allow residents to access any book in the public library.

Children Served: 400 **Program Cost:** \$6,000

Agencies Involved: Longview Public Library, Ron Heezen

Program Objectives/Benefits: Increased reading, demonstrated the value of reading, and the children discovered what reading was for.

**FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM
HARRIS COUNTY
HOUSTON, TEXAS**

Target Population: Preadjudicated youth detained pending court action, ages 10-17.

Program Description: This program provides the center's education program with senior citizens who help love and support our youth with special needs. Their services may include individual tutoring, teaching, etc.

Children Served: approximately 2,000

Program Objectives/Benefits: Provides for youth's religious needs, emotional support, activities and hope in a difficult time in their lives.

Contact Person: Jim Martins **Phone Number:** (713) 521-4232

**INTAKE SCREENING/VOLUNTEER AND INTERN DIVERSION PROGRAM
HARRIS COUNTY
HOUSTON, TEXAS**

Target Population: Non-custody juveniles, ages 10-17 years that have been referred for class A and B misdemeanor offenses ranging from drugs to shoplifting to criminal mischief.

Program Description: Volunteers from the community including civic organizations, interns, etc. counsel with youth who have been referred. Probation counselors meet with juveniles, counsel with them about juvenile law and refer to different agencies for individual, group, family or drug counseling; workshops on peer pressure, sexually transmitted diseases, personal hygiene, or some are assigned to do community services or to make restitution.

Children Served: 6,505 **Program Cost:** \$50,000

Agencies Involved: Junior League of Houston, universities, etc.

Program Objectives/Benefits: Probably about 10% of these juveniles return for another offense.

Contact Person: Henry Azios **Phone Number:** (713) 521-4141

**URBAN MENTORS PROGRAM
HARRIS COUNTY
HOUSTON, TEXAS**

Target Population: Between 30 to 45 young men on probation are selected to participate in the program.

Program Description: Urban Mentors is a prestigious group of men who have agreed to lend support of any kind to the upcoming men of tomorrow. The Mentors will meet and talk with the young men during office visits held at the offices and places of business of the Mentors. The purpose of the visit is for a certain amount of social exchange to take place between the two groups. Sessions are usually one to two hours long, and some may include luncheons. In some cases tours of the workplace are available.

Children Served: 31 (calendar year 1991)

Agencies Involved: City of Houston, DHS, American Red Cross

Program Objectives/Benefits: Young men are introduced to men who have survived the rigors of urban life and achieved a measure of business.

Contact Person: Elmer Bailey, Jr. **Phone Number:** (713) 521-4104

**CONTEMPORARY CONCERNS FOR YOUTH
JEFFERSON COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT
BEAUMONT, TEXAS**

Target Population: Ages 10-17 and placed on informal adjustment.

Program Description: Junior League group leaders direct weekly group sessions with juveniles on informal adjustment. Each group is scheduled for six weeks covering topics of self-esteem, peer pressures, values, etc. Provide discussions and activities related to the problems that adolescents face and their response to current social pressures.

Children Served: 60 **Program Cost:** \$200

Agencies Involved: Junior League

Program Objectives/Benefits: Many clients are not re-referred once classes are successfully completed.

Contact Person: James Collins **Phone Number:** (409) 835-8490

**FOSTER GRANDPARENTS
JEFFERSON COUNTY
NEDERLAND, TEXAS**

Target Population: Children who are between the ages of 10 - 17 years old.

Program Description: The Foster Grandparent Program is a federal funded program located in Hardin, Jefferson, and Orange Counties. The program is for income eligible persons who are 60 years old or older and are willing to give love, smile and understanding to children with special needs without detriment to either themselves or the children served. Their duties will include providing emotional support, assistance in the development of basic learning skills, and helping to moderate effects of institutionalization.

Children Served: 395 **Program Cost:** \$223,248.00

Agencies Involved: Jefferson County Juvenile Probation

Program Objectives/Benefits: Helping incarcerated youths prepare for independent living. Acting as a community link for our youth.

Contact Person: Roxanne Packs **Phone Number:** (409) 722-0203

**CAREFEST
KENDALL COUNTY
BOERNE, TEXAS**

Target Population: Youth ages 9 - 11 years.

Program Description: Young people act as counselors for this two day summer program. The counselors act as role models and work on self esteem enhancement.

Children Served: 34 participants, 17 youth counselors

Agencies Involved: Boerne Optimist

Program Objectives/Benefits:

Contact Person: Rebecca Rogers **Phone Number:** (210) 249-9343

**H.E.R.O. PROGRAM
LUBBOCK COUNTY
LUBBOCK, TEXAS**

Target Population: Juvenile offenders in long term residential treatment unit.

Program Description: The goal of the program is to join a prosperous member of society with a juvenile offender. Thus far, volunteers from the community such as Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Reese Air Force Base, Black Chamber of Commerce, and professors from Texas Tech have come and given lectures to the Long Term unit. They have allowed juveniles to see the advantages of an education and have tried opening doors that may help keep youngsters out of the juvenile justice system.

Children Served: 183

Agencies Involved: RAFB, Chamber of Commerce, Texas Tech University

Program Objectives/Benefits: Community education, positive role model for offenders.

Contact Person: Joel Trevino **Phone Number:** (806) 765-2500

**FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM
NUECES COUNTY
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS**

Target Population: Males and females of juvenile age of any race who are incarcerated in detention.

Program Description: Low income senior citizens provide daily positive interaction with detained juveniles.

Children Served: 1,347

Agencies Involved: Staff members

Program Objectives/Benefits: These senior citizens provide a non-authority figure with whom to relate in detention.

Contact Person: Marta Balleste **Phone Number:** (512) 855-7303

**FRIENDLY VISITORS
NUECES COUNTY
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS**

Target Population: Males and females of juvenile age of any race who are incarcerated in detention.

Program Description: Community volunteers visit the children in detention throughout the week. Often the volunteer visitors are visiting children whose parents have not come to see them. The friendly visitors play cards and other games and just talk. Often friendships made in detention continue after the child has been released through correspondence.

Children Served: 1,347

Agencies Involved:

Program Objectives/Benefits: The children are impressed that these citizens come to visit them in detention and they don't have to. Often the wisdom and friendship is beneficial.

Contact Person: Marta Balleste **Phone Number:** (512) 855-7303

**JUVENILE OFFENDER PROGRAM
TOM GREEN COUNTY
SAN ANGELO, TEXAS**

Target Population: Male/female, all races, ages 10 to 17, offenders

Program Description: A 1 hour 15 minute session that meets once a week for eight weeks. Six to ten juveniles with two volunteer facilitators. A support group, each session has a topic (decision making, drugs sex, goals communication, etc.) as well as time to talk about concerns and past week activities. Juveniles are referred to program by juvenile probation officers, city municipal judges, parents and/or guardians. Volunteers are from the community and are interested, screened and trained.

Children Served: 16

Program Objectives/Benefits: Community involvement with the Juvenile Justice Center. Juveniles receiving drug and sex education and tools that teach communication, decision making, goals, etc. Juveniles learn that people to care and are willing do commit time to them.

Contact Person: Linda Kilman **Phone Number:** (915) 655-2323

**MENTOR PROGRAM
TOM GREEN COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER
SAN ANGELO, TEXAS**

Target Population: 5 -18, male and female, all races, any school age child including special education.

Program Description: Volunteers meet at school once a week for one hour with students for school year. No contact outside school. Volunteers are screened and must complete a 1 1/2 hour training session. Volunteers are from all areas of the community. VIPS office at SAISD keeps tab of hours spent. Goal is increased self esteem and increased academic achievement.

Children Served: 60

Agencies Involved: San Angelo Independent School System - partnership between two agencies.

Program Objectives/Benefits: Someone cares, which produces increased self esteem and academic achievement. Also community involvement and increased knowledge of needs of at-risk youth.

Contact Person: Linda Kilman **Phone Number:** (915) 655-2323

**VOLUNTEERS IN DETENTION
TOM GREEN COUNTY
SAN ANGELO, TEXAS**

Target Population: Any child in the Tom Green County Detention Center; male or female; age 10 to 17; any race.

Program Description: Volunteers are recruited from the community to provide various services for juveniles. Tutoring, games, activities, painting, videos, and special projects. Activities are pre-approved by Detention Director. Volunteers are interviewed, screened, and trained.

Children Served:

Agencies Involved: Community organizations that provide special programs or needs.

Program Objectives/Benefits: Community education; juveniles experience time given by volunteers who do not have to care but do, thus increasing self worth. Special skills taught by volunteers; tutoring skills increase academic achievement.

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PREVENTION SERVICES

BELL

1. Bell County Community Residence Group: monthly staffing of multi-problem youth
2. "Parent Power" education program for parents of first time offenders

BOWIE

1. Delinquency Prevention Education: to schools, churches, and civic groups
2. Juvenile Law Conference: annual conference with justices of the peace, constables

BROOKS

1. D.A.R.E. pre-kindergarten to 5th grade

CAMERON

1. Boy's Club
2. STARS: runaway services
3. Big Brothers/Big Sisters
4. Juvenile Volunteer Program: first offender program
5. D.A.R.E.

CASS

1. Juvenile Law Awareness: 7-8th grades

CHAMBERS

1. Juvenile Law Presentations: all area schools and at 4H Connections, a summer program for at-risk youth

COKE

1. Juvenile Law Presentations: schools and service and youth groups
2. Juvenile Law Training: public school teachers

COMAL

1. Graffiti Removal Program
2. Salvation Army Group Program
3. Friends of the River: summer cleanup program
4. Juvenile Law Presentations: area schools in cooperation with law enforcement

EL PASO

1. Early intervention Program: first-time and minor offenders and families
2. First Grade Program: education/prevention for 6-7 year olds
3. First Offender Program: first-time A/B misdemeanor and felony offenders and families

FALLS

1. Constructive Use of Free Time: 10-14 year old minority youth

FORT BEND

1. First Offender Program: all first offenders and families
2. Shoplifting Program
3. TDC Outreach

GOLIAD

1. Juvenile Justice Presentations: schools, civic groups

GREGG

1. School Presentations: juvenile law, gangs, occult, drugs

GUADALUPE

1. TDC Outreach
2. Dropout/Suspended Student Program

HARDIN

1. Runaway/Truant Counseling

HARRIS

1. TDC "Operation Kick It"
2. "Take a Bold Step"
3. Alanon/Alateen
4. Volunteer Programs: Junior League, Arts Program, Juvenile Court Volunteers, Writer's Program, tutoring
5. Boy Scouts
6. Red Cross
7. Parenting Skills

HASKELL

1. Drug/Alcohol Education and Counseling

HAYS

1. Juvenile Justice Presentations

HUTCHINSON

1. D.A.R.E.

JEFFERSON

1. Shoplift Prevention Class
2. Twice Pardoned
3. From Both Sides
4. Changes of the Heart
5. TEEN COURT
6. Sex Offender Treatment
7. Contemporary Concerns for Youth

LUBBOCK

1. Juvenile Justice Presentations: delinquency, gangs, volunteer programs
2. Job Fair
3. "Prevention Parties"
4. Drug Screening and Assessment

LYNN

1. "Babies With Babies"
2. Community Service Restitution

MONTGOMERY

1. Public School Presentations
2. TDC Operation Kick It
3. TDC Outreach
4. Summer Recreation Program
5. Parenting/Family Counseling

PARKER

1. First Offender Program
2. Elementary School Prevention Program

RANDALL

1. Literacy Lab
2. Community Service Project
3. Mediation Program

RED RIVER

1. Community Service Program
2. Diversion Impact Program

REEVES

1. D.A.R.E.

REFUGIO

1. School-based Services

SCURRY

1. School Presentations
2. Minor in Possession Program
3. Newsletter

UPSHUR

1. Self-Help for Families
2. Alternative Education Program
3. Community Service Program
4. Therapeutic Weight Training Program
5. AIDS Awareness Training

WILLIAMSON

1. School Presentations
2. First Offender Program
3. Justice System Field Trips
4. At-Risk Intervention

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