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## Texas Statistical Trends

Juvenile crime in Texas has steadily increased over the past decade. Statistical data from 1986 to 1995 show that delinquent referrals rose 94.5%, and violent referrals (including homicide, sexual assault, robbery, and aggravated assault) increased an overwhelming 178%!

However, comparing juvenile probation data from 1994 to 1995 shows promising trends. Referrals for violent offenses for that period were *down* 1.4%, the first time since 1988. Total felonies also decreased 13.1%, due partly to a reclassification of burglary of a motor vehicle from a third degree felony to a misdemeanor A offense, and partly due to an increase in dollar value between felony and misdemeanor theft. Referrals for delinquent offenses rose only 2.1% from 1994 to 1995, compared to 12.3% for the year before. Juvenile referrals to probation departments are projected to increase by only 8% between 1996 and 2002 (according to Texas Criminal Justice Policy Council forecasts).

## Combating the Problem

Traditionally, the criminal justice system has invested the bulk of available time, effort and financial resources to work with offenders who pose a threat to society. Most of these individuals are usually 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, often the best that they can hope 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 reoffend. Numerous 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 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 youth **after** they offend, but now the criminal justice profession is readjusting its 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 (ten years of age by Texas law), work must begin 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 in their lives that are recognizable by teachers and school officials. These range from excessive truancy and behavior problems to indications of parental abuse. Unfortunately, the education system is not 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 the child's adult counterpart, the best the system can do is temporarily curb the criminal behavior.

It is critical that the criminal justice profession redirect priorities toward early 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 requires rethinking our educational and juvenile justice priorities to include collaboration at the local level of both systems and redirecting 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.

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## Introduction

This *Compendium of Delinquency Prevention Services in Texas* represents such efforts by local juvenile probation departments, and includes examples of primary, secondary, and tertiary programs and services. It should be noted that the listing is not comprehensive, as each of the 165 juvenile probation departments in Texas is actively involved in delinquency prevention.

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 the prevention of 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.

A mix of both traditional delinquency programs and creative and innovative programs can be found in this guidebook. Many programs presented cross over between several categories. For example, some programs may serve as both *early intervention programs* as well as *family preservation programs*, or a program that serves as an *intensive supervision program*, may also fall into the *sex offender programs* category.

Use this *Compendium of Delinquent Services* as a resource guide. While starting a new program in your community, use the contacts listed as resources to help duplicate either the program or offer direction. The contacts can offer valuable suggestions on what to do and what to avoid.

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## Early Intervention/First Referral Programs

Bridge Program	Nueces County
Building on New Directions (B.O.N.D.)	Rusk County
CHOICES	Various Locations
Diversion Unit	Bexar County
Early Intervention - Campus Based	Polk County
Education Supervision Program (ESP)	Tom Green County
First Offender Program	Van Zandt County
First Offender Program (FOP)	El Paso County
First Offender Program	Fort Bend County
First Offender (through the Texas Children's Mental Health Plan)	Fort Bend County
First Referral Program	Ward County
First Referral	Walker County
Law Related Education	Travis County
Officer of the Day	Nueces County
Services to At-Risk Youth (STAR)	Lubbock County
Short-Term Early Prevention (S.T.E.P.)	Tarrant County
Youth and Family Diversion	Randall County

**Bridge Program  
Nueces County  
Corpus Christi, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Corpus Christi Independent School District, D.A.R.E. Program, volunteers, Justice of the Peace Corps, Family Counseling, T.R.I.P. Center, Gulf Coast Council of La Raza

**Prevention Level:** Primary/Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-2

**Program Description:** The Bridge Program consists of one juvenile probation officer and four part-time aides. Delinquency prevention presentations are administered to area elementary schools. Children who show early and persistent antisocial behaviors are targeted in 17 elementary schools to receive services such as anger control counseling, mentoring, and supervision.

**Objectives/Goals:** To prevent delinquent behavior by targeting services to truancy and runaway referrals

**Program Results:** There is a decrease in runaway, truancy, and persistent misbehavior referrals.

**Target Population:** Prevention presentations target grades four and five in four identified zip codes; other services include children ages eight to 16, referred for runaway and truancy.

**Number Served Per Year:** 6,000

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$71,000

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**Building on New Directions (B.O.N.D.)  
Rusk County  
Henderson, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Primary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-2

**Program Description:** The B.O.N.D. Program offers at risk children and first time offenders the opportunity to learn life skills in an outdoor setting. The program requires that children become certified in CPR and First Aid and pass the Texas Parks and Wildlife Hunters Education Course.

**Objectives/Goals:** The program allows children to use their classroom knowledge in the outdoors, as well as teaching them some life skills and communication skills.

**Program Results:** The program has allowed the children to become closer to their probation officers and their peers.

**Target Population:** Ages 12-16

**Number Served Per Year:** 10

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$28,983

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Rusk County Juvenile Probation  
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**CHOICES  
Various Locations**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Schools, civic organizations

**Prevention Level:** Primary

**Program Description:** Sixty-five departments operated a CHOICES Program throughout the state of Texas during fiscal year 1996 (contacts of counties submitting the program to this compendium are listed below). CHOICES is a drug, alcohol and delinquency prevention program which uses a variety of educational approaches to make youth aware of the consequences of crime. Staffs utilize puppet shows, printed materials, and audio and video materials during the 50 minute (average) presentations.

**Objectives/Goals:** To teach consequences of peer pressure, drug abuse, criminal offenses, CINS offenses, and sexual abuse prior to a juvenile's involvement in the activity

**Program Results:** Education

**Target Population:** School aged children (pre-K through grade 12); the primary age group targeted is pre-K through 8th grade

**Number Served Per Year:** 2,766 (average)

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$12,125 (average)

**Cost Per Child:** \$4.30 (average)

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Early Intervention/First Referral Programs

**Diversion Unit  
Bexar County  
San Antonio, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Community Guidance Center, STARS Program, Battered Women's Shelter, Youth Alternatives, PDAP, CHCS

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-2

**Program Description:** Staff addresses the need for early intervention with new and minor offenders. Children voluntarily enter this program. The program's intent is to keep the beginning offender from penetrating further into the juvenile justice system. Children are placed on informal probation (deferred prosecution), sole sanction deferred prosecution or district attorney assisted diversion status. Services provided include substance abuse counseling, theft prevention, life skills and coping skills.

**Objectives/Goals:** To prevent the child from further penetration into the juvenile justice system while empowering youth with better coping and decision making skills

**Program Results:** A reduced recidivism rate (less than 7%) for those individuals who successfully complete the program

**Target Population:** Children referred to the department for misdemeanor and CINS offenses

**Number Served Per Year:** 3,200

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$400,196 **Cost Per Child Per Day:** \$0.69

**Contact:** Richard G. Garcia, Jr.  
Bexar County Juvenile Probation  
600 Mission Road, San Antonio, Texas 78210  
(210) 531-1903

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**Early Intervention - Campus Based  
Polk County  
Livingston, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Livingston School District, Shepard School District

**Prevention Level:** Primary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1

**Program Description:** The program provides intervention services such as mentoring, counseling, conflict resolution and peer mediation to middle school students who have displayed ongoing negative behavior including truancy, assaultive behavior and disruptiveness. The intervention officer is a juvenile probation officer based at campus and receives referrals from school administrators/ counselors.

**Objectives/Goals:** (1) Improve attendance and academic performance; (2) decrease referrals for disciplinary problems; (3) increase communication between school/parent/child.

**Program Results:** Attendance and academic performance have increased. Disciplinary referrals have decreased. Communication among all parties has greatly improved.

**Target Population:** Middle school students, age 9-12

**Number Served Per Year:** 125

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$55,145 **Cost Per Child Per Day:** \$2.50

**Contact:** Jean LeBlanc  
Polk County Juvenile Probation  
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**Education Supervision Program (ESP)  
Tom Green County  
San Angelo, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** San Angelo Independent School District, Ayudar Drug Counseling

**Prevention Level:** Primary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1

**Program Description:** The ESP Program attempts to prevent at-risk children who have histories of persistent misbehavior from entering into the juvenile justice system. ESP provides after school activities, guidance and counseling at the school site during the school day, and ropes course activities in an attempt to influence faulty decision making at early stages.

**Objectives/Goals:** To prevent children with problematic behaviors in the school setting from dropping out and becoming involved in the juvenile system

**Program Results:** Less than 30% of enrolled juveniles have come in contact with the juvenile department since the program inception.

**Target Population:** Junior high students exhibiting persistent misbehavior problems and few status offenses

**Number Served Per Year:** 114

**Contact:** Tom Green County Juvenile Probation  
1253 West 19th, San Angelo, Texas 76903  
(915) 655-2323

**First Offender Program  
Van Zandt County  
Canton, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Primary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-2

**Program Description:** The First Offender Program relies heavily on individual and group counseling, as well as education. The youth are placed on deferred prosecution until they successfully complete the program. The program emphasizes family involvement and participation.

**Objectives/Goals:** To hopefully dispel the misconceptions that using drugs, rebelling against parents, dropping out or skipping school, and being in a gang is "cool." Five week curriculum includes topics: communication skills, self-esteem, chemical dependency, anger, etc.

**Program Results:** It is a primary intervention and education program designed to prevent youthful offenders from further involvement in the juvenile justice system, as well as ensuring that they realize real life consequences for their delinquent behavior.

**Target Population:** All youth, 10-16 years of age

**Number Served Per Year:** 100

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$1,500 **Cost Per Child:** \$2.50

**Contact:** Bobby Colacino  
Van Zandt County Juvenile Probation  
P.O. Box 1021, Canton, Texas 75103  
(903) 567-4981

**First Offender Program (FOP)  
El Paso County  
El Paso, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** STAR Program; Family Planning Services; Catholic Diocese HIV/AIDS Ministry; El Paso Police Department; Life Management Center

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 2

**Program Description:** The First Offender Program is aimed at short-term (four months) supervision, diversion and prevention from further involvement in the juvenile justice system. Parents of the juveniles are required to attend four Saturday morning sessions on parenting and youth crime. The children are required to attend four educational workshops.

**Objectives/Goals:** To divert first time offenders from the formal court system and to provide prevention services to prevent juveniles from reentering the juvenile justice system.

**Program Results:** During 1994-95, FOP processed 1,001 juveniles. In 1994, 457 kids were referred with a 73% success rate. In 1995, 544 kids were referred with a 72% success rate. (Success equates to not recidivating.)

**Target Population:** First time juvenile offenders; Class A & B misdemeanors and state jail felonies

**Number Served Per Year:** 500

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$208,922 **Cost Per Child Per Day:** \$3.48

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El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department  
6400 Delta Drive, El Paso, Texas 79905  
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**First Offender Program  
Fort Bend County  
Richmond, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Leftwich Psychological Services, Raleigh Blackwell

**Prevention Level:** Primary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-2

**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, and attentive behavior patterns along with the parents receiving parenting skills.

**Objectives/Goals:** Reduction of future referrals/recidivism rates to be below 10%.

**Program Results:** A recidivism rate has been maintained between 4-7%.

**Target Population:** Juveniles, age 10-17

**Number Served Per Year:** 40-60

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$90.00 (incurred by parents per child)

**Contact:** Steve J. Macko, Assistant Chief JPO  
Fort Bend County Juvenile Probation  
122 Golfview Drive, Richmond, Texas 77469  
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**First Offender (through the Texas Children's Mental Health Plan)  
Fort Bend County  
Richmond, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Riceland Regional Mental Health Authority

**Prevention Level:** Primary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-2

**Program Description:** The First Offender Program is conducted by the local Mental Health Authority through TCMHP funding. The juvenile and parent are required to participate in an 8-hour program that discusses juvenile law, communications, anger management and social skills. Further referrals to mental health services are conducted on a case by case basis through Beverly Walsh, Ph.D.

**Objectives/Goals:** Early prevention/intervention to first offender population and early identification of more serious mental health needs. The program is aimed at reduced recidivism.

**Program Results:** A low recidivism rate for those juveniles completing the program

**Target Population:** Juveniles, age 10-17 with their first referral

**Number Served Per Year:** 100-200

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$75,000 (through Texas Children's Mental Health Plan)

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**First Referral Program  
Ward County  
Monahans, Texas**

**Counties Served:** Ward, Winkler, Loving, Reeves, Crane, Upton, Terrell

**Other Agencies Involved:** West Texas State Community Mental Health Mental Retardation Services

**Prevention Level:** Primary **Progressive Sanctions Levels Served:** 1-2

**Program Description:** The program is designed to help juveniles make better choices and improve family communication before they become repeat offenders in the juvenile justice system. The program is divided into two parts. The first part addresses choices and consequences, including a short overview of the juvenile justice system. The second part involves doing the "Colors Personality Analysis" with both the parent(s) and juvenile.

**Objectives/Goals:** To help juveniles be more aware of the choices they make and the consequences that go along with those choices, and to improve communication between the juvenile and parent(s).

**Program Results:** The recidivism rate of the juveniles who have attended the program is zero (to date) and the parents have stated that the "Colors Personality Analysis" was helpful in learning more about their child.

**Target Population:** Ages 10 to 17; primary and secondary grade levels

**Number Served Per Year:** 35 to 50

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$3,832 **Cost Per Child per Day:** \$9.12

**Contact:** Robin McElroy  
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Ward County Courthouse, 3rd Floor, 4th and Allen Street, Monahans, Texas 79756  
(915) 943-3632

**First Referral  
Walker County  
Huntsville, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Primary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-4

**Program Description:** This program is presented on an informal level intending only to provide information to the families of juveniles. The participants are requested to participate by the Juvenile Services Department as the first phase of dealing with an offense report received from a law enforcement agency. The program's objective is to provide families with knowledge about the juvenile justice system, how it works, and the consequences of criminal behavior. Juveniles and parents are required to watch two videos and participate in group discussions. The department provides a counselor for the parent's discussion group session, and a probation officer for the juvenile's session.

**Objectives/Goals:** Provide juveniles and families with knowledge about the juvenile justice system, how it works, and the consequences of criminal behavior.

**Program Results:** Changes of behavior through new awareness of juvenile justice system

**Target Population:** Juveniles, ages 10-17, who have committed a crime

**Number Served Per Year:** 150

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$1,500 **Cost Per Child Per Day:** \$.03

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**Law Related Education  
Travis County  
Austin, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Travis County Counseling Center

**Prevention Level:** Primary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1

**Program Description:** The program teaches concepts such as conflict management, decision making and problem solving through the study of the legal and judicial systems and how they work.

**Objectives/Goals:** To reduce the recidivism of first time offenders

**Program Results:** Increased awareness of legal and judicial systems and for the client to make better choices

**Target Population:** Ages 10-17

**Number Served Per Year:** 35

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$42,000 **Cost per Child per Day:** \$3.28

**Contact:** Tori Alvis  
Travis County Juvenile Probation  
2515 South Congress, Austin, Texas 78704  
(512) 448-7025

**Officer of the Day  
Nueces County  
Corpus Christi, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Primary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1

**Program Description:** Delinquency prevention officers and probation officers answer telephone calls concerning family crisis, school discipline, runaways, and general information. Parents and children walking into the probation department are seen by the Officer of the Day and referrals, counseling and program involvements are provided.

**Objectives/Goals:** To provide delinquency prevention services to families in trouble and in need, prior to their referral to the juvenile department.

**Program Results:** Approximately 1,500 juveniles and their families received services from this program.

**Target Population:** Children and parents experiencing problems in relationships, behavior, or needing referrals for services

**Number Served Per Year:** 1,500

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$6,446

**Contact:** Penny Grochow  
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**Services to At Risk Youth (STAR)  
Lubbock County  
Lubbock, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Catholic Family Services

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-2

**Program Description:** Catholic Family Services in collaboration with the Lubbock County Juvenile Probation Department provides the STAR program. First time misdemeanor offenders and CINS offenders are provided an opportunity to avoid probation and to have the opportunity to resolve their situation through early intervention services.

**Objectives/Goals:** Catholic Family Services conducts a series of meetings with the juvenile and their family to discuss such topics as communication, conflict resolution and parent/youth skills building.

**Program Results:** Decrease in repeat offenders

**Target Population:** 10 to 17 years of age

**Number Served Per Year:** 200

**Program Cost Per Year:** free service

**Contact:** Rod Knott - Probation Supervisor  
Lubbock County Juvenile Probation  
2025 North Akron, Lubbock, Texas 79415-1118  
(806) 765-2500

**Short-Term Early Prevention (S.T.E.P.)  
Tarrant County  
Fort Worth, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Fort Worth Independent School District (FWISD)

**Prevention Level:** Secondary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-2

**Program Description:** S.T.E.P. is a partnership effort between Juvenile Services and FWISD which provides first offender services in cases generally conforming to Supervisory Caution and Deferred Prosecution criteria. The department's Diversion Unit refers non-adjudicated youth who need additional intervention or transitional services at school to the Improvement in Discipline and Learning Environment (ID & LE) specialists of FWISD for follow-up counseling and intervention. ID & LE specialists assess each case and recommend short-term interventions and services that will be provided at no cost to the youth by trained school interventionists. The S.T.E.P. Program's interventions and transitional services include structured behavioral groups, individual short-term counseling, skill-building groups, education/intervention, and parent/family services. Feedback about the youth's intervention outcome is provided to Juvenile Services by the school district.

**Objectives/Goals:** Through early identification of students experiencing serious behavioral difficulties, the schools can intervene and provide additional services to meet the needs of students at-risk for further involvement with the juvenile justice system.

**Program Results:** Approximately 165 students have received project services in the program's one and a half year history. The primary benefit has been mutual identification (school/juvenile services) of the extent of truancy among the target population.

**Target Population:** First offenders enrolled in FWISD needing follow-up at school

**Number Served Per Year:** 50

**Program Cost Per Year:** negligible

**Cost per Child per Day:** less than \$2

**Contact:** Bill West  
Tarrant County Juvenile Probation  
2701 Kimbo Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76111  
(817) 838-4600 ext. 115

**Youth and Family Diversion  
Randall County  
Amarillo, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Secondary

**Program Description:** This program diverts referrals from probation, but still provides needed services to the juveniles and their families. The participants view "Dead Wrong" tapes, tour the Youth Center of the High Plains, and have discussions with a panel that consists of parents of juveniles and juveniles who were previously on probation.

**Objectives/Goals:** To divert referrals from probation while providing needed services to juveniles and their families

**Program Results:** Juveniles and their families see the extent of further involvement in the juvenile justice system and hopefully stop further inappropriate behavior.

**Target Population:** First time juvenile offenders

**Number Served Per Year:** 100

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$800

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## Court Volunteer Programs

Juvenile Court Conference Committee (JCCC)		Various Locations
Teen Court	Victoria County	
Neighborhood Conference Committee Program		Various Locations

**Juvenile Court Conference Committee (JCCC)  
Various Locations**

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1

**Program Description:** A number of departments across the state operate this type of program. This program provides services to first time and/or minor juvenile offenders referred to the juvenile probation department. The services are provided by community citizen volunteer groups or conference committees established by the juvenile probation departments. Compliance to the recommendations by the JCCC result in a closed case without prosecution.

**Objectives/Goals:** To provide early intervention and prevention services to offenders and to make the offender and parents accountable and responsible for their behavior. In addition, JCCC impresses upon the youth that the community is concerned about his or her actions.

**Program Results:** Improved parenting supervision and involvement and deterrence from continued negative behavior and involvement in the juvenile justice system.

**Target Population:** Juvenile aged youth (10-16); Class A & B misdemeanor offenders

**Number Served Per Year:** varies by county

**Program Cost Per Year:** varies by county

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 El Paso, Texas 79905  
 (915) 772-2133

**Teen Court  
Victoria County  
Victoria, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Primary/Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-2

**Program Description:** The program is designed for and run by teens to shift the responsibility from parents to teens, handling Class C misdemeanors. Juvenile offenders are tried by their peers in front of a judge, and whatever the peers' decision is, the juvenile must comply. After completion, the offense does not go into the juvenile's permanent record.

**Objectives/Goals:** To reduce the number of Class C misdemeanors

**Program Results:** Many volunteers gaining experience in the criminal justice field and a reduced number of misdemeanors

**Target Population:** Junior high and high school

**Number Served Per Year:** 80

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$500

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**Neighborhood Conference Committee Program  
Various Locations**

**Other Counties Served:** Aransas, Bee, Live Oak, McMullen

**Other Agencies Involved:** Sheriff's Office, Police Department, MHMR, the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, independent school districts, the Texas Rehabilitation Commission, private industry

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-2

**Program Description:** The Neighborhood Conference Committee Program is a volunteer group of local citizens that have been trained to provide intervention services to youth who have committed minor crimes (CINS, Class B & C misdemeanors). Through community networking with local resources, the committee takes a family-centered approach to solving the problems of youth and their families. Conferences are held with the youth and parents to come into an agreement of consequences that teach responsibility. Contacts of some counties offering the program are listed below.

**Objectives/Goals:** To facilitate resolution of the alleged act out of the juvenile court; provide accountability to the youth and parents; maximize the opportunity for citizen/victim involvement.

**Target Population:** Juveniles, ages 10-16 who have committed a minor offense

**Number Served Per Year:** 75-250 (varies by county)

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$0-\$77,714 (varies by county)

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	36th Judicial District Juvenile Probation Department	Travis County Juvenile Probation
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	Sinton, Texas 78387	Austin, Texas 78704
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## Parenting and Family Preservation Programs

Active Parenting/Education Network	Van Zandt County
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**Active Parenting/Education Network  
Van Zandt County  
Canton, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** East Texas Crisis Center; County Justices of the Peace

**Prevention Level:** Secondary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-5

**Program Description:** In a collaborative effort between the Van Zandt County Juvenile Probation Department and the Crisis Center, a monthly parenting session is held throughout the county. Sessions are held in four separate cities for 12 months. Series include complete notebooks of information and references for attending parents. Each session includes a brief problem solving session where group members share their experiences, successes and failures. Videos are also utilized.

**Objectives/Goals:** To reach out to the community making services accessible; believing that prevention requires shared responsibility; and that local people solve local problems best through parenting skills inventory, handling anger/conflict, role models for children, etc.

**Program Results:** Educate parents on how to effectively communicate with their children and equip them with the tools to combat the various problems that youth face today.

**Target Population:** (1) Parents of youth who have become involved in the juvenile justice system; (2) Open to all parents in the community.

**Number Served Per Year:** 90

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$3,000

**Cost Per Child Per Day:** \$11.11

**Contact:** Bobby Colacino  
Van Zandt County Juvenile Probation  
P.O. Box 1021, Canton, Texas 75103  
(903) 567-4981

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**Domestic Violence Prevention/Education  
El Paso County  
El Paso, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** El Paso Shelter for Battered Women

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 2-6

**Program Description:** Educate youth on domestic violence and its prevention. Service is provided every two to three months.

**Objectives/Goals:** To educate juveniles on what domestic violence is and how to prevent it from occurring.

**Program Results:** Juveniles become aware, informed and educated on aspects of domestic violence.

**Target Population:** Juveniles, ages 10-16, grades 6-11

**Number Served Per Year:** 360

**Program Cost Per Year:** no cost to department

**Contact:** Debra Turner  
(915) 593-1000

**Family Adventure Weekend  
Randall County  
Amarillo, Texas**

**Other Counties Served:** Potter and other counties contracting with Youth Center of the High Plains

**Other Agencies Involved:** Potter County Juvenile Probation, TPMHA, private therapists

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-5

**Program Description:** Family Adventure Weekend is a 25-hour intense family workshop beginning Friday evening, encompassing Saturday and a portion of Sunday afternoon. Nine to ten families are targeted for each session, which are centered around behavior modification, communication and relationships.

**Objectives/Goals:** Hope and desire to work toward change for the entire family of the offender.

**Program Results:** Increased communication skills, increased level of trust, enhanced parenting skills, enhanced problem solving techniques.

**Target Population:** Entire family of at risk juvenile offenders

**Number Served Per Year:** 100

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$20,000

**Contact:** Carla Thurman, Community Outreach Specialist  
Randall County Juvenile Probation  
9300 South Georgia, Amarillo, Texas 79118  
(806) 356-1150

**Family Impact Program  
Nueces County  
Corpus Christ, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Primary/Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-3

**Program Description:** Children and parents meet once a week for an eight hour course in which communications, family living skills and basic life skills are taught.

**Objectives/Goals:** To improve parenting skills and juvenile offenders' ability to function within the family.

**Program Results:** Parenting education and life skills are taught.

**Number Served Per Year:** 100

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$6,400

**Contact:** Joseph P. Alley  
Nueces County Juvenile Justice Center  
2310 Gollihar Road, Corpus Christi, Texas 78416  
(512) 855-7303

**Family Preservation  
Tarrant County  
Fort Worth, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Lena Pope Home

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 3-5

**Program Description:** Family Preservation provides intensive in-home and 24-hour crisis intervention services to adjudicated youth and their families to help them develop skills to cope with problems and stresses in their homes and to help parents manage their parental responsibilities in an effective way. Family preservation services last four to six months and utilize a goal-oriented plan developed in concert with each family. Families are seen in their homes at least once or twice weekly, for approximately two to three hours each visit, with 24-hour accessibility to a therapist for emergencies. Family preservation utilizes counseling, skills-based treatment, and the coordinating of resources as intervention strategies with adolescent offenders and their families. Individual, family and group counseling are options available to the family specialist to address the needs of a particular family. Skills-based treatment focuses on parenting, social skills, anger management, conflict resolution, problem solving and daily living skills.

**Objectives/Goals:** Family Preservation is intended to be an intensive supervision program for families of juveniles at risk of commitment. It is rooted in the belief that rehabilitation will be more effective if it supports maintaining the youth in his own home and empowers the family toward this end. It is also likely to be more successful when it addresses the whole family system and its connections to the larger environment.

**Program Results:** Since the program inception in 1992, approximately 300 families have received project services. Fewer than 7% of client families have not been able to maintain the client youth at home.

**Target Population:** Adjudicated youth on probation experiencing problems identified as significantly contributing to unlawful behavior

**Number Served Per Year:** 80

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$250,000

**Cost per Child per Day:** \$6

**Contact:** Marihelen Wieberg  
Tarrant County Juvenile Probation  
2701 Kimbo Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76111  
(817) 838-4600 ext.113

**Family Preservation Program  
Travis County  
Austin, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** MHMR

**Prevention Level:** Secondary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-5

**Program Description:** This program is available to all juveniles involved with Juvenile Court. Family Preservation provides in-home family functioning and reduces delinquent behavior. The therapist also facilitates parenting classes for families of youth in residential placements.

**Objectives/Goals:** Improve family functioning.

**Program Results:** 80% of families successfully complete program.

**Target Population:** Ages 10-17

**Number Served Per Year:** 45

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$301,489

**Contact:** Nolan Morrison  
Travis County Juvenile Probation  
2515 South Congress, Austin, Texas 78704  
(512) 448-7053

**Family Support Group  
El Paso County  
El Paso, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Secondary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 3-4

**Program Description:** Group sessions work on techniques to turn negative communication patterns into positive forms. Parents and children work together to air differences and resolve past and present differences which hinder family unity. Families work in individual groups within the larger group to learn skills, practice communication, and develop tools for coping with problems.

**Objectives/Goals:** To help families with a history of family violence enhance communication and reduce the problems that hinder family unity.

**Program Results:** Families have developed a broader understanding of the impact of violence and anger in the home and ways to overcome these patterns of behavior.

**Target Population:** Juveniles, ages 10-17, and their parents

**Number Served Per Year:** 50

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$32,060

**Cost Per Child Per Day:** \$1.78

**Contact:** Elizabeth Rivera  
El Paso County Juvenile Probation  
6400 Delta Drive, El Paso, Texas 79905  
(915) 772-2133

**Homeworks  
Van Zandt County  
Canton, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** East Texas Children's Council for Mental Health Mental Retardation

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-5

**Program Description:** A therapist and a family caseworker team together in this family preservation program to resolve and manage family problems; to improve the youth's coping skills; to enhance and support social, familial and academic functioning; and to provide family advocacy with other agencies and services. Services are delivered primarily in the family home. A home behavioral plan, the establishment of a family night, parent education through modeling, videos, and home therapy sessions are just a part of these sessions. The program lasts from four weeks to four months.

**Objectives/Goals:** The primary goal is to implement a community based intensive continuum of care program for youth and parents, thus reducing the need for inpatient or long term residential care.

**Program Results:** To provide parents and juveniles a better way to handle family problems and establish better home environments.

**Number Served Per Year:** 360

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$4,500 **Cost Per Child Per Day:** \$12.50

**Contact:** Bobby Colacino  
Van Zandt County Juvenile Probation  
P.O. Box 1021, Canton, Texas 75103  
(903) 567-4981

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**Letot Center - Non-Residential Services  
Dallas County  
Dallas, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** MHMR, Local Law Enforcement, Youth Crossing, Dallas Challenge, Truancy and Class C Enforcement Center, Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-5

**Program Description:** Youth and family counselors provide non-residential services in the form of youth, parent, family, and group counseling. There are five basic referral sources for youth in the program: Letot Intake Referrals, Community Referrals (i.e., parents referred by schools police, Parkland Hospital, probation officers, suicide and crisis centers), Deferred Prosecution Referrals, and Outreach Program Referrals (youth and families from Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services).

**Objectives/Goals:** (1) Provide crisis intervention to the youth and family; (2) reintegrate the youth back into the home and school; (3) prevent entry into the juvenile justice system; (4) prevent recidivism in the juvenile justice system.

**Program Results:** Family crisis intervention; resolve truancy and runaway problem in the home and school; expansion of community resources for the family; and improved family structure and parenting skills.

**Number Served Per Year:** 800

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$310,752 **Cost per Child per Day:** \$32.00 per session

**Contact:** Sam Quattrochi or Cherie Thompson  
10505 Denton Drive, Dallas, Texas 75220  
(214) 357-0391

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**Multi-Family Groups  
Travis County  
Austin, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 2-5

**Program Description:** The program serves as a support group which addresses daily living issues for juvenile offenders, their siblings, and their parents.

**Objectives/Goals:** For the child and family to learn to support each other so they can resolve conflict.

**Program Results:** 75% of juveniles successfully complete the program.

**Target Population:** Ages 10-17

**Number Served Per Year:** 15

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$45,000 **Cost per Child per Day:** \$8.21

**Contact:** Annie Ibarra  
Travis County Juvenile Probation  
2515 South Congress, Austin, Texas 78704  
(512) 448-7000

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**Multi-Family Support/Education Group  
Lubbock County  
Lubbock, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Southwest Center for Psychological Development; Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 5

**Program Description:** The Multi-Family group is designed to provide a source of mutual support for parents of residents in the long-term treatment program.

**Objectives/Goals:** To provide an educational effort in such critical areas as limit-setting, problem solving, communication, normal development, expectations of adolescents, behavior modification, anger management, use of natural consequences, empathy and listening skills, and parent/child bonding.

**Target Population:** Families of long-term residents

**Number Served Per Year:** 48

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$65,000 **Cost Per Child Per Day:** \$3.71

**Contact:** Richard Dean, Probation Supervisor  
Lubbock County Juvenile Probation  
2025 North Akron, Lubbock, Texas 79415-1118  
(806) 765-2500

**Parent-Child Mediation  
Travis County  
Austin, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Dispute Resolution Center

**Prevention Level:** Secondary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-4

**Program Description:** Parent and child mediations are designed to develop a family plan which promotes non-violence and harmony in their family life.

**Objectives/Goals:** For the parent and child to resolve their issues, which cause conflict in the family.

**Program Results:** Approximately 15 family-mediated agreements are obtained on a monthly basis. Domestic violence is pro-actively addressed.

**Target Population:** Ages 10-17

**Number Served Per Year:** 180

**Contact:** Efrain Davila  
Travis County Juvenile Probation  
2515 South Congress, Austin, Texas 78704  
(512) 448-7044

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**Parent to Parent Group  
El Paso County  
El Paso, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Secondary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 3-4

**Program Description:** This is a video based, eight session program which teaches parenting skills that are particularly applicable to today's society. It focuses on the common mistakes that parents make and guides parents toward raising children with a greater sense of personal responsibility.

**Objectives/Goals:** To help parents of juveniles involved with drugs and/or gangs or at risk for involvement, to understand and utilize prevention and intervention techniques.

**Program Results:** Parents learn to avoid some common mistakes of parenting in today's complex society and develop skills to better respond to their children's demands.

**Target Population:** Parents of children in the juvenile justice system who need enhanced parenting skills

**Number Served Per Year:** 100 families

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$32,060

**Cost Per Child Per Day:** \$1.00

**Contact:** Elizabeth Rivera  
El Paso County Juvenile Probation  
6400 Delta Drive, El Paso, Texas 79905  
(915) 772-2133

**Parenting and Life Skills (PALS)  
DeWitt County  
Cuero, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Secondary/Tertiary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 3-4

**Program Description:** The program is operated by a special project coordinator who enhances homemaking and parenting skills for parents and provides assistance in case management for services and probation compliance.

**Objectives/Goals:** Keep child in the home. Case management. Improve parents' supervision skills.

**Program Results:** Compliance; reduced recidivism (5% recidivism rate).

**Target Population:** Juveniles on probation

**Number Served Per Year:** 20

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$10,000 **Cost Per Child Per Day:** \$25.50

**Contact:** Jan Kitchell or Dennis Heinhold  
DeWitt County Juvenile Probation  
307 North Gonzales, Cuero, Texas 77954  
(512) 275-5162

**Parenting Class  
Victoria County  
Victoria, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 2-5

**Program Description:** This program provides parents with skills to use with their children. It teaches signs of substance abuse and gang activity, and it provides classes to juveniles on probation who are parents to teach them nurturing skills and different stages of a baby's life.

**Objectives/Goals:** To educate parents to look for signs of behaviors in their child that need to be corrected.

**Program Results:** Parents become more aware of drugs and gang symbols and colors, and start to look for these signs in their children.

**Target Population:** All adjudicated juveniles and their parents

**Number Served Per Year:** 100

**Contact:** Mende Holcomb  
Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center  
97 Foster Field Drive, Victoria, Texas 77905  
(512) 575-0399

**Parenting Classes for Teens  
Lubbock County  
Lubbock, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Helping Hands, A Ministry of Trinity Counseling Center

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-5

**Program Description:** A 12-week program of 1.5 hour sessions each week covering topics such as communication, self-esteem, decision making, child safety, nutrition, CPR, and style and techniques of discipline.

**Objectives/Goals:** Participants will be trained in coping with stress related to change, single parenting, teen parenting, and balancing parenting and a career.

**Program Results:** Youths will be skilled in finding resources in community to meet needs in times of crisis.

**Target Population:** Teenage parents/expectant parents, age 10-17

**Number Served Per Year:** 50

**Program Cost Per Year:** Free service

**Contact:** Rod Knott, Probation Supervisor  
Lubbock County Juvenile Probation  
2025 North Akron, Lubbock, Texas 79415-1118  
(806) 765-2500

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**Parenting Skills  
Atascosa County  
Jourdanton, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Secondary

**Program Description:** Parenting Skills is a ten-week program that meets once a week for parents of children who are referred to the juvenile probation department. Parents are required to attend. They are taught communication skills, problem solving techniques and the challenges of alcohol and other drugs. The book *Systematic Training for Effective Parenting, Parenting Teenagers*, by Don Dinkmeyer and Gary McKay is used. The classes are held on the same night as the "Life Skills Training" classes, another program in the county, to encourage participation and attendance. Youth and parents meet at a local juvenile justice alternative education program and go to separate classrooms for training.

**Objectives/Goals:** Reduce recidivism due to problems in the family. Encourage parents to take a more active role in participation in probation.

**Program Results:** Increased participation in probation. Increased responsibility of parents and juveniles on probation.

**Target Population:** Parents of juveniles on probation

**Number Served Per Year:** 300

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$2,400

**Contact:** Christopher M. Hill  
Atascosa County Juvenile Probation  
711 Broadway, Jourdanton, Texas 78026  
(210) 769-3222

**Positive Steps**

**Red River County  
Clarksville, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Northeast Texas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 3,5

**Program Description:** Parent/child skills building class which is a six-week program. Youth learn new skills to increase their level of responsibility at home, school and in their free time. Parents gain new skills in praising, discipline and communicating with their child.

**Objectives/Goals:** Parents and youth practice and implement their new skills and learn problem solving techniques for relapse prevention.

**Program Results:** Strengthens and maintains the family unit. Helps in prevention of future delinquent behavior.

**Target Population:** All adjudicated juveniles and parents

**Number Served Per Year:** 15-20

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$60 (paid by parents per child with the remainder of costs paid for by grant to Northeast Texas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse)

**Contact:** Dianne Allen Phelps  
Red River County Juvenile Probation  
200 N. Walnut, Clarksville, Texas 75426  
(903) 427-5761

**Project Redirection  
El Paso County  
El Paso, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** YMCA Project Redirection

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 3-6

**Program Description:** Provide counseling and education on parenting skills. Serves as a support group for teen parents. Service is provided on an as-needed basis when teen parent is identified.

**Objectives/Goals:** Educate teen parents on parenting skills.

**Program Results:** Juveniles become informed and educated on parenting skills. Youth have a support system through the program.

**Target Population:** Juveniles, ages 10-16, grades 6-11

**Number Served Per Year:** 10

**Program Cost Per Year:** no cost to department

**Contact:** Ann Houser  
(915) 593-1289

**STAR  
Red River County  
Clarksville, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Primary/Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-3

**Program Description:** The program provides intervention and counseling to juveniles who are at risk of abuse or neglect and who may have committed a delinquent offense.

**Objectives/Goals:** Addresses immediate crisis and aids youth and their families in working together to resolve conflicts.

**Program Results:** Strengthens and stabilizes families. Increases family participation in school, community and home settings.

**Target Population:** Non-adjudicated juveniles and first time offenders

**Number Served Per Year:** 10-15

**Program Cost Per Year:** no cost to the department

**Contact:** Dianne Allen Phelps  
Red River County Juvenile Probation  
200 North Walnut, Clarksville, Texas 75426  
(903) 427-5761

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**Tuff Luv Parents Support Group  
Nueces County  
Corpus Christi, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Nueces County Juvenile Justice Center Volunteers

**Prevention Level:** Primary-Tertiary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-5

**Program Description:** A weekly self-help parents support group is held at the juvenile department. The program stresses accountable, firmness and mutual support of parents undergoing difficulties with a child of any age.

**Objectives/Goals:** To provide support, advice and ideas for parents of troubled children.

**Program Results:** The program has been in existence for approximately ten years with good results.

**Target Population:** Parents of troubled children of any age

**Number Served Per Year:** 260

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$0

**Contact:** David Pursley  
Nueces County Juvenile Justice Center  
2310 Gollihar Road, Corpus Christi, Texas 78416  
(512) 855-7303

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## Life Skills Programs

Cognitive Development Program	El Paso County
Employment Development	Dallas County
Foster Care - Independent Living Program	Dallas County
Independent Living Skills Program	El Paso County
Job Search Program	Lubbock County
Lifeskills	Walker County
Life Skills	Bexar County
Life Skills Training	Various Locations
Male Responsibility	El Paso County
Money Management	Lubbock County
Monthly Workshop	Rusk County
Peaks Manual/Activity Books Program	Lubbock County
A Real Man's/Real Woman's Group	Lubbock County
Vogue College Project	Lubbock County

**Cognitive Development Program  
El Paso County  
El Paso, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 3-4

**Program Description:** The program is presented in a group format on a weekly basis for a duration of approximately six months. Reasoning skills are developed in juveniles through a process which uses a combination of lecture, games, and problem solving exercises.

**Objectives/Goals:** To help juveniles develop the cognitive skills that will allow them to better cope with and manage the problematic emotional and social situations in their lives.

**Program Results:** Juveniles learn more sophisticated and appropriate reasoning and coping skills.

**Target Population:** Male and female juveniles, ages 14-18, grades 7-12

**Number Served Per Year:** 50

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$32,060 **Cost Per Child Per Day:** \$1.76

**Contact:** Suzan Cervantes, Juan Campos, or Mary Rosales  
El Paso County Juvenile Probation  
6400 Delta Drive, El Paso, Texas 79905  
(915) 772-2133

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**Employment Development  
Dallas County  
Dallas, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Youth and Family Impact Centers

**Prevention Level:** Secondary

**Program Description:** The program involves life skills and job readiness training classes. A job bank is developed and maintained, job interviews are facilitated, and at-risk youth are nurtured and encouraged to find employment.

**Objectives/Goals:** To facilitate job placements and to motivate clients to alter their current lifestyles and attitudes, if appropriate.

**Program Results:** Successfully place at-risk clients into the local job market, both full and part-time.

**Target Population:** Emphasis on 16 and 17 year olds

**Number Served Per Year:** 250

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$30,000 **Cost per Child:** \$120

**Contact:** Joe Mickens, Jr.  
(214) 920-7761 or (214) 375-0490

**Foster Care - Independent Living Program  
Dallas County  
Dallas, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Contract foster homes

**Prevention Level:** Secondary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 3-5

**Program Description:** Females who are single and pregnant and/or with a toddler are appropriate for public education or a job readiness program. They must demonstrate a desire to be independent, reasonably self-reliant, and productive.

**Objectives/Goals:** To provide youth with the necessary life skills to live independently.

**Program Results:** Divert youth from further progression in the juvenile justice system and prevent youth from depending on public assistance.

**Target Population:** Adjudicated and non-adjudicated females, ages 15.5 to 17

**Number Served Per Year:** 25

**Cost per Child per Day:** \$38.00 per child, \$25.00 per infant or toddler

**Contact:** Sam Quattrochi or Marty White  
10505 Denton Drive, Dallas, Texas 75220  
(214) 357-0391

**Independent Living Skills Program  
El Paso County  
El Paso, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Secondary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 3-4

**Program Description:** The program consists of nine one and a half hour sessions presented on a weekly basis. Issues of emotional maturity, financial independence, and self care are addressed through lecture, group interaction, and structured activities.

**Objectives/Goals:** To help juveniles establish skills in the areas of relationships with family, adults, peers and members of the community as well as self-care, home management and financial management.

**Program Results:** Juveniles learn skills that will help them transition from a state of dependent living to one of independence.

**Target Population:** Males and females between the ages of 15 and 18 who have achieved high school status

**Number Served Per Year:** 75

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$32,060

**Cost Per Child Per Day:** \$1.18

**Contact:** Kriss-Helena Hughes  
El Paso County Juvenile Probation  
6400 Delta Drive, El Paso, Texas 79905  
(915) 772-2133

**Job Search Program  
Lubbock County  
Lubbock, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 5

**Program Description:** This program teaches residents of the Lubbock County Youth Center how to seek employment.

**Objectives/Goals:** To introduce residents to job searches and interviewing.

**Program Results:** Through mock interviews and visits to the Texas Employment Commission, residents learn job search basics.

**Target Population:** Long-term residents

**Number Served Per Year:** 50

**Program Cost Per Year:** nominal

**Contact:** Richard Dean, Detention Supervisor  
Lubbock County Juvenile Probation  
2025 North Akron, Lubbock, Texas 79415-1118  
(806) 765-2500

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**Lifeskills  
Walker County  
Huntsville, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Montgomery and Walker County Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 2-4

**Program Description:** This self-awareness program, through the use of group facilitating techniques, reverses peer pressure, uses role playing and a workbook, and confronts probationers with their negative values and behavior which in turn forces them to see themselves differently. Participants are required to attend the nine-hour presentation, actively participate in group discussion, and pay a \$10 fee. The supervising counselor directs group interaction, allowing the group to decide the course of discussion.

**Objectives/Goals:** Gives the student the opportunity to look at his or her behavior and discover the factor that caused him or her to get into trouble.

**Program Results:** Change in behavior.

**Target Population:** Probationers, age 10-17

**Number Served Per Year:** 79

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$25.28 (covers postage)

**Contact:** Kimberly Greene  
Walker County Juvenile Services  
P.O. Box 536, Huntsville, Texas 77342-0536  
(409) 436-4994

**Life Skills  
Bexar County  
San Antonio, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Volunteers in Probation (VIP), the Junior League of San Antonio

**Prevention Level:** Secondary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 2-7

**Program Description:** The program is implemented in a classroom setting where basic life skills are taught to the children who are detained in the Bexar County detention center. The basic life skills taught include topics such as learning how to apply for a job, job interviews, journal writing, table manners, how to manage and control emotions and anger, how to learn respect for others.

**Objectives/Goals:** To teach each student to demonstrate proficiency in basic developmental skills and life skills based on standardized competency-based curriculums.

**Program Results:** Results are seen in the behavior of children that stay for a longer time. Their relationship and interaction improves with peers, detention officers, probation officers, judges and parents.

**Target Population:** From ages 10 to 17, with some of the children reading at the 2nd grade level up to about 9th grade. Very few of the participants are at the 10th, 11th, and 12th grade level.

**Number Served Per Year:** 2,358

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$31,500

**Contact:** Nate Wilson  
Bexar County Juvenile Probation  
600 Mission Road, San Antonio, Texas 78210  
(210) 531-1121

**Life Skills Training  
Various Locations**

**Prevention Level:** Secondary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 2-5

**Program Description:** Life Skills Training is a ten to twelve-week program that meets once a week. Probationers are taught the skills of choices, self-esteem, avoidance of drug and alcohol usage, responsibility, and discipline.

**Objectives/Goals:** Instill behaviors which will deter further involvement with the criminal justice system.

**Program Results:** Reduce the number of reoffenders in the community.

**Target Population:** Juveniles, age 10-17 (some counties involve the families in classes)

**Number Served Per Year:** 25-150 (varies by county)

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$1,200-\$6,000 (varies by county)

**Contact:** Christopher M. Hill  
Atascosa County Juvenile Probation  
711 Broadway, Jourdanton, Texas 78026  
(210) 769-3222

Chris Hernandez  
Nueces County Juvenile Justice Center  
2310 Gollihar Rd, Corpus Christi, Texas 78416  
(512) 855-7303

**Male Responsibility  
El Paso County  
El Paso, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Family Planning Services

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 2-6

**Program Description:** Educate male youth on responsibilities of being a male in relation to sexuality, birth control, teen parenting, etc.

**Objectives/Goals:** Educate male youth on male responsibilities.

**Program Results:** Male juveniles become better informed, educated and aware of issues pertaining to their sexuality and other responsibilities.

**Target Population:** Males, ages 10-16, grades 6-11

**Number Served Per Year:** 360

**Program Cost Per Year:** no cost to department

**Contact:** James Aguirre  
4824 Alberta Ste. 403, El Paso, Texas 79905  
(915) 532-5454

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**Money Management  
Lubbock County  
Lubbock, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary

**Program Description:** Residents of the Lubbock County Youth Center are instructed on maintaining a budget, using credit, and having a checking or savings account.

**Objectives/Goals:** The program's goal is to help residents become aware of the importance of money management.

**Program Results:** The focus of this program is to help a resident become more responsible, utilize problem solving skills, and learn budget/management techniques.

**Target Population:** Juveniles, 10-17

**Number Served Per Year:** 50

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$2,000

**Cost Per Day Per Child:** \$0.11

**Contact:** Richard Dean, Detention Supervisor  
Lubbock County Juvenile Probation  
2025 North Akron, Lubbock, Texas 79415-1118  
(806) 765-2500

**Monthly Workshop  
Rusk County  
Henderson, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Rusk County Extension Office, Special Health Resources

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-4

**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 two months on HIV/AIDS awareness.

**Objectives/Goals:** To educate students and parents regarding life skills and teen topics of interest and to promote awareness of HIV/AIDS.

**Program Results:** The program benefits are self improvement and greater skills through increased education and knowledge relating to the issues addressed in the workshop program.

**Target Population:** Juveniles, 10-17

**Number Served Per Year:** 120

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$1,000

**Contact:** Lisa Matlock  
Rusk County Juvenile Probation  
212 North Van Buren, Henderson, Texas 75652  
(903) 657-0372

**Peaks Manual/Activity Books Program  
Lubbock County  
Lubbock, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 3-5

**Program Description:** Constructive activity program utilizing games as a facilitation for youth in the Lubbock County Youth Center.

**Objectives/Goals:** Develop self-esteem, trust and decision making skills.

**Program Results:** Residents build self-esteem and trust.

**Target Population:** Detained youth, ages 10-17

**Number Served Per Year:** 150

**Program Cost Per Year:** nominal

**Contact:** Richard Dean, Detention Supervisor  
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**A Real Man's/Real Woman's Group  
Lubbock County  
Lubbock, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Southwest Center for Psychological Development, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 5

**Program Description:** The group targets individuals who have known deficits in social models of competence, interpersonal, racial, ethnic, gender, and legal functioning.

**Objectives/Goals:** Screened community speakers who have overcome obstacles of race, poverty, early abuse or neglect, premature dropout, early criminal and/or substance abuse histories are selected through a variety of referral sources to speak with the juveniles in the youth center.

**Program Results:** The nature of the group will be both educational and interactive in a manner that will allow residents some image of success despite their current situation.

**Target Population:** Long-term residents or short-term residents lacking known models of social, racial, ethnic, gender and legal competence.

**Number Served Per Year:** 48

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$65,000 **Cost Per Day Per Child:** \$3.71

**Contact:** Richard Dean, Detention Supervisor  
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**Vogue College Project  
Lubbock County  
Lubbock, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary

**Program Description:** Vogue College and Lubbock County Youth Center have established a summer program where residents can visit their facility to learn about careers in the cosmetology field.

**Objectives/Goals:** Vogue College students provide Lubbock County Youth Center residents with hair, skin, and nail care.

**Program Results:** Offers residents information on personal hygiene care and promotes positive role modeling and self-esteem.

**Target Population:** Juveniles, 10-17

**Number Served Per Year:** 25

**Program Cost Per Year:** free

**Contact:** Richard Dean, Detention Supervisor  
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## Mentor and Educational Programs

Atlas Program	Lubbock County
Austin Travis County Advocacy Program (AT-CAP)	Travis County
Back on Track Mentor Program	El Paso County
Book Report/Reading Program	Lubbock County
Community Liaison Officer	Dallas County
Community Mentoring Program	Travis County
Cultural Awareness Mentor Program	Victoria County
G.U.I.D.E. Program	Nueces County
Letot Center - Educational Program	Dallas County
Mentor Program	Tom Green County
A New Way of Life	El Paso County
New/Current Events	Lubbock County
Newspapers in Education	El Paso County
NovaNet Computer Based Education System	El Paso County
Religious and Spiritual Guidance, Counseling and Education	El Paso County
Tarrant County Advocate Program (TCAP)	Tarrant County
Youth Art Program	Lubbock County

**Atlas Program  
Lubbock County  
Lubbock, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 5  
**Program Description:** Maps and atlases are used to acquaint residents with national and world regions.  
**Objectives/Goals:** Educate youth about the world.  
**Program Results:** Increased knowledge about the world.  
**Target Population:** Juveniles, ages 10-17  
**Number Served Per Year:** 50  
**Program Cost Per Year:** \$2,000 **Cost Per Child Per Day:** \$0.11  
**Contact:** Richard Dean, Detention Supervisor  
Lubbock County Juvenile Probation  
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**Austin Travis County Advocacy Program (AT-CAP)  
Travis County  
Austin, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-6  
**Program Description:** Referrals to the program are made by the probation department. Offenders are assigned to a mentor and service hours are determined by the child and family's level of need. Youth generally receive services for six months. The parent agency is a nationwide organization.  
**Objectives/Goals:** Provide mentoring one-to-one.  
**Program Results:** 90% of juveniles successfully complete the program.  
**Target Population:** Ages 10-17  
**Number Served Per Year:** 60  
**Program Cost Per Year:** \$520,000 **Cost per Child per Day:** \$23.75  
**Contact:** Louie Linares  
5105 South Congress, Suite 103, Austin, Texas 78704  
(512) 494-8800

**Back on Track Mentor Program  
El Paso County  
El Paso, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** El Paso Police Department; El Paso Community College (Valle Verde and Transmountain Campuses)

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 2

**Program Description:** The Back on Track Mentor Program involves a mentor to work with first time offenders for a ten-week period. The program allows juvenile offenders to connect and interact positively with role models in order to enhance the juvenile's opportunities of completing the terms and conditions of the juvenile's diversion program.

**Objectives/Goals:** To prevent first time juvenile offenders from reentering the juvenile justice system. Mentors provide guidance and direction and serve as positive role models to these children.

**Program Results:** From February 1995 to December 1996, there were four mentor sessions with 79 juveniles entering the program. Seventy-four successfully completed the program, with 80% not recidivating.

**Target Population:** First time juvenile offenders referred for Class A & B misdemeanors and state jail felonies; ages 10-16

**Number Served Per Year:** 40

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$2,900 **Cost Per Child Per Day:** \$1.45

**Contact:** David Natividad  
El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department  
6400 Delta Drive, El Paso, Texas 79905  
(915) 772-2133

**Book Report/Reading Program  
Lubbock County  
Lubbock, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 5

**Program Description:** This program is designed to encourage residents of the Lubbock County Youth Center to read and at the same time improve their writing and oral skills.

**Objectives/Goals:** Improve writing and oral skills.

**Program Results:** The program promotes reading and helps a resident gain self-confidence while improving oral communication skills. Writing skills are also enhanced by utilizing writing techniques such as outlines, illustration, comparison/contrast.

**Target Population:** All residents in detention

**Number Served Per Year:** 50

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$5,000 **Cost Per Child Per Day:** \$0.27

**Contact:** Richard Dean, Detention Supervisor  
Lubbock County Juvenile Probation  
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**Community Liaison Officer  
Dallas County  
Dallas, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Step Foundation, Dallas Independent School District

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-4

**Program Description:** The Community Liaison Officer builds a relationship between collateral agencies, community, school, student and the parent/guardian that provides a successful school experience for the youth as well as prevents further penetration in the juvenile justice system.

**Objectives/Goals:** To increase attendance by 90% of the days offered. Working with community groups to educate youth on the consequences of delinquent behavior.

**Program Results:** During the Fall 1996 semester, 97.5% of the students under supervision had no recurrence of truancy or delinquent behavior.

**Target Population:** Juveniles, ages 12-17, grades 7-12

**Number Served Per Year:** 75

**Contact:** Ike Thomas  
Dallas County Juvenile Probation  
2600 Lone Star Drive, Box 5, Dallas, Texas 75212

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**Community Mentoring Program  
Travis County  
Austin, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Austin Metro Ministries

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-3

**Program Description:** Four times a year, approximately 30 volunteer mentors from the community are recruited, trained and certified by the Juvenile Court as mentors. They are individually matched with Juvenile Court juveniles.

**Objectives/Goals:** Provides one-to-one mentoring.

**Program Results:** 85% of matches are still paired with mentors.

**Target Population:** Ages 10-17

**Number Served Per Year:** 111

**Program Cost Per Year:** no cost to department

**Contact:** Margaret Owens  
Travis County Juvenile Probation  
2515 South Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78704  
(512) 448-7000

**Cultural Awareness Mentor Program  
Victoria County  
Victoria, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Primary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 2-3

**Program Description:** This program teaches awareness of the juveniles' own culture as well as other cultures. Awareness is taught through different volunteers throughout the community by being a mentor to the juvenile.

**Objectives/Goals:** To teach pride in all cultures, race, and history and to help reduce the number of juveniles participating in gangs by providing them a mentor.

**Program Results:** Gives the juvenile someone who is interested in them and they start to shy away from the gangs and gang activities.

**Target Population:** Ages 10-18

**Number Served Per Year:** 60

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$34,827

**Contact:** Conrad Jones  
Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center  
97 Foster Field Drive, Victoria, Texas 77905  
(512) 575-0399

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**G.U.I.D.E. Program  
Nueces County  
Corpus Christi, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** The 78415 Grant, Communities in Schools, Workforce Development, area churches and civic groups.

**Prevention Level:** Primary/Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-3

**Program Description:** The G.U.I.D.E. Mentoring Program provides one on one mentoring and guidance for young people who are referred through the Nueces County Juvenile Department's Bridge Program, as well as individuals on deferred prosecution and probation.

**Objectives/Goals:** To provide a positive role model to at-risk juveniles and juveniles on probation.

**Program Results:** Beginning good participation from juveniles and mentors.

**Target Population:** Ages 8-16

**Number Served Per Year:** 110

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$5,600

**Contact:** Penny Grochow  
Nueces County Juvenile Justice Center  
2310 Gollihar Road, Corpus Christi, Texas 78416  
(512) 855-7303

**Letot Center - Education Program  
Dallas County  
Dallas, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Dallas Independent School District

**Prevention Level:** Primary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1

**Program Description:** Dallas Independent School District provides two teachers for Letot Center Emergency Shelter. They provide an educational program for up to 60 children each year. The program operates from August through May. Services provided by the teachers include informal testing of spelling, reading, and math skills. School work is provided according to skill level.

**Objectives/Goals:** (1) Enroll the child in school setting; (2) coordinate reintegration of the child back into home school; (3) provide positive school experience for children in the shelter.

**Program Results:** Improved self-esteem around school performance and the opportunity for reintegration back into school.

**Target Population:** Juveniles, grades 5-12

**Number Served Per Year:** 600

**Contact:** Marty White or Terri Schmeer (school teacher)  
10505 Denton Drive, Dallas, Texas 75220  
(214) 357-0391

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**Mentor Program  
Tom Green County  
San Angelo, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** San Angelo Independent School District

**Prevention Level:** Primary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-3

**Program Description:** One on one partnership between volunteer/student for one classroom period once a week at the school for one year. The program provides confidentiality, volunteer screening and training, program guidelines, school staff contact person, and parent and student permission requirements. The volunteers act as friends, not as a counselor or tutor. They meet outside of the classroom to talk, play games, and work on social skills and trust. If a student moves to another school, the volunteer continues to meet with the student.

**Objectives/Goals:** Increase positive self esteem, attendance, positive behavior and attitude towards school and others, improve schoolwork, and trust.

**Program Results:** Attendance improved, positive behavior during and after mentor visits, increased social skills, learn to trust others.

**Target Population:** At risk students, grades kindergarten-12

**Number Served Per Year:** 135 during Fall 1996

**Contact:** Linda Kilman  
136 West Twohig, Suite C, San Angelo, Texas 76903  
(915) 655-6346

**A New Way of Life  
El Paso County  
El Paso, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Women's Resource Center, Mary Kay Cosmetics, YWCA, Texas Employment Commission, Police Department, Transitional Living Center, Planned Parenthood

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 3-5

**Program Description:** The program is presented in a group format to female offenders on a weekly basis for approximately seven weeks. Career development as well as personal growth and female issues are addressed through presenters by various women's organizations and health groups within the community.

**Objectives/Goals:** To help female offenders make more informed choices in areas such as career development, education, personal growth, health, appearance and self-esteem.

**Program Results:** Female offenders will develop a broader understanding of the issues they face now and in the future as well as enhance their own personal growth.

**Target Population:** Female offenders, ages 13-17, grades 8-12

**Number Served Per Year:** 50

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$32,060 **Cost Per Child Per Day:** \$1.78

**Contact:** Elizabeth Chavez  
El Paso County Juvenile Probation  
6400 Delta Drive, El Paso, Texas 79905  
(915) 772-2133

**New/Current Events  
Lubbock County  
Lubbock, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 3-5

**Program Description:** Daily discussion groups of current events for juveniles in the Lubbock County Youth Center.

**Objectives/Goals:** Teach residents the importance of reading newspapers and the ability to discuss world events.

**Target Population:** Residents

**Number Served Per Year:** 150

**Program Cost Per Year:** nominal

**Contact:** Richard Dean, Detention Supervisor  
Lubbock County Juvenile Probation  
2025 North Akron, Lubbock, Texas 79415-1118  
(806) 765-2500

**Newspapers in Education  
El Paso County  
El Paso, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** El Paso Times, El Paso Herald Post

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 2-6

**Program Description:** Local newspaper company works with individuals in the community to become sponsors for school sites. The sponsor pays the newspaper subscription for school sites, and the newspaper company provides curriculum for educators to use with the newspapers.

**Objectives/Goals:** Promote literacy and support education system.

**Program Results:** Juveniles respond more positively to working with newspapers than with traditional books. Youths demonstrate increased participation while literacy is promoted and supported.

**Target Population:** Juveniles, ages 10-16, grades 6-11

**Number Served Per Year:** 830

**Program Cost Per Year:** no cost to department

**Contact:** Mona Pacheco  
300 North Campell, El Paso, Texas 79901  
(915) 546-6297

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**NovaNet Computer Based Education System  
El Paso County  
El Paso, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** El Paso Independent School District, Juvenile Justice Center - School

**Prevention Level:** Secondary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 2-5

**Program Description:** NovaNet is a computer-based learning tool (subscription-based service) offering interactive instructional course work ranging from elementary to post graduate. There is almost 10,000 hours of self-paced instruction in more than 150 subject areas.

**Objectives/Goals:** Focus on individual learning levels, work with at risk/drop out students, increase test scores and accelerate student achievement.

**Program Results:** Self paced for those who are slow or advanced. Students coming from schools with NovaNet can continue course work while they are detained and achieve school credit. Practice testing for SAT, GED, TAAS, and ABLE is available.

**Target Population:** Juveniles, 10-17, all grade levels

**Number Served Per Year:** 620

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$55,000

**Cost Per Child Per Day:** \$43.00

**Contact:** Michele Wyndham, Lab Director  
El Paso County Juvenile Probation  
6400 Delta Drive, El Paso, Texas 79905  
(915) 775-4781

**Religious and Spiritual Guidance, Counseling and Education**  
**El Paso County**  
**El Paso, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Catholic Diocese of El Paso, Ministerio Exodo, Iglesia de Jesucristo, House of Prayer, Victory Inner City Ministries, Shalom Ministries, Templo Corona de Gloria, Word of Life Church

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 2-6

**Program Description:** The program offers spiritual and religious support and education to youth.

**Objectives/Goals:** To offer a spiritual support system to youth.

**Program Results:** Youth gain a support system.

**Number Served Per Year:** 830

**Program Cost Per Year:** no cost to department

**Contact:** Martha Matta  
 El Paso County Juvenile Probation  
 6400 Delta Drive, El Paso, Texas 79905  
 (915) 775-4770

**Tarrant County Advocate Program (TCAP)**  
**Tarrant County**  
**Fort Worth, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Youth Advocate Programs, Inc.

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 3-5

**Program Description:** TCAP is a home-based program of intensive intervention utilizing paid, trained community role models (advocates) to develop empowering relationships with families and high-risk youth. TCAP promotes a service delivery approach which includes addressing the practical and material needs of families. Length of participation in the program is approximately six months, with about 80-100 youth actively receiving services at any one time. The program is provided under contract by Youth Advocate Programs, Inc., of Harrisburg, PA and is funded through a combination of state and county funds.

**Objectives/Goals:** The goal of TCAP is to seek solutions to needs limiting the youth's ability to function positively at home and in the community. Responsible, trained adults who live in the same community as the youth assist in the resolution of needs identified by the youth and family, teach and assist families to resolve conflicts, develop strengths, seek solutions, and increase positive encounters and support networks with the community.

**Program Results:** Approximately 300 youth have experienced the benefits of education, employment, and the internal rewards of self-empowerment and self-esteem. By facilitating a support system within the community, TCAP families have developed linkages that endure beyond TCAP.

**Target Population:** TCAP services target the department's most at-risk youth; adjudicated offenders in the department's southeast and northside- areas which account for disproportionate referrals of minority youth for violence, drug trafficking, weapons and gang-related offenses.

**Number Served Per Year:** 160-200

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$973,350 **Cost per Child per Day:** \$40

**Contact:** Marihelen Wieberg  
 Tarrant County Juvenile Probation  
 2701 Kimbo Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76111  
 (817) 838-4600 ext. 113

**Youth Art Program  
Lubbock County  
Lubbock, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 5

**Program Description:** Through a collaborative effort with Lubbock Independent School District Art Classes at the Lubbock County Youth Center, residents are able to enter in art competition and exhibits.

**Objectives/Goals:** Promotes positive use of residents' abilities, develops self-expression and enhances creative potential.

**Program Results:** Students have won various art competitions and have had work exhibited at the South Plains Fair and Garden and Arts Center.

**Target Population:** Residents, age 10-17

**Number Served Per Year:** 50

**Program Cost Per Year:** nominal

**Contact:** Richard Dean, Detention Supervisor  
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## Outdoor Adventure Programs

New Games  
Ropes Adventure Course  
Wilderness Challenge Camp

Van Zandt County  
Various Locations  
Lubbock County

**New Games  
Van Zandt County  
Canton, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Glen Oaks Hospital

**Prevention Level:** Primary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-4

**Program Description:** New Games is conducted at a local park provided by Glen Oaks Hospital. The New Games course involves activities designed for trust building, peer relationship enhancement, conflict resolution, and life skills training.

**Objectives/Goals:** To improve each child's self-esteem and self-concept and to provide them with the tools necessary to avoid peer pressure and prevent further penetration into the juvenile justice system.

**Program Results:** Helps juveniles to trust one another and learn ways to resolve conflict.

**Target Population:** All youth who do not exhibit any severe mental or emotional disorders

**Number Served Per Year:** 30

**Program Cost Per Year:** no cost to department

**Contact:** Bobby Colacino  
Van Zandt County Juvenile Probation  
P.O. Box 1021, Canton, Texas 75103  
(903) 567-4981

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**Ropes Adventure Course  
Various Locations**

**Prevention Level:** Primary-Tertiary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-5

**Program Description:** Ropes helps juveniles discover both mental and physical potential through the use of experiential learning initiatives and challenging obstacles. Each participant is challenged to use desired coping skills, such as problem solving, trust, enhancement, communication, and social responsibility to overcome a series of course obstacles. Through these obstacles, participants learn that previously unachievable goals can become realistic through hard work and the support of staff and peers.

**Objectives/Goals:** The program helps to develop trust in self and others and teaches positive social coping skills. It enhances and teaches respect, listening skills, problem solving skills, leadership characteristics, communication skills and positive enhancement of self-esteem.

**Program Results:** Youth experience personal achievement and understand the importance of trust.

**Target Population:** All youth (can be used with physically and mentally handicapped)

**Number Served Per Year:** 400-1,500 (varies by county)

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$56,631 (varies by county)

**Contact:** Victoria Medley  
Randall County Juvenile Probation  
9300 S. Georgia, Amarillo, Texas 79118  
(806) 356-1150

Garrett Hults or Charlie O'Brien  
Smith County Juvenile Probation  
100 East Berta, Tyler, Texas 75702  
(903) 535-0850 or (903) 593-2293

**Wilderness Challenge Camp  
Lubbock County  
Lubbock, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 5

**Program Description:** The Wilderness Challenge Camp is a two-day event in which Lubbock County Youth Center residents are paired with a volunteer for mentoring, fellowship, and recreation. "Teaching sessions" are held through the event where topics such as peer pressure, gang membership, integrity/honesty, as well as other important teen issues are discussed.

**Objectives/Goals:** Residents are challenged to take a stand for themselves and to choose the best choices for themselves and for their futures. A one day basketball camp is also held teaching basics of basketball and strategy techniques.

**Program Results:** Mentoring, fellowship, and recreation, along with sportsmanship and leadership skills.

**Target Population:** Juveniles, 10-17

**Number Served Per Year:** 20

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$2,500 **Cost Per Day Per Child:** \$0.34

**Contact:** Richard Dean, Detention Supervisor  
Lubbock County Juvenile Probation  
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## Community Volunteer/Assistance Programs

Animals of the Month	El Paso County
Dare to Dream	Harris County
Foster Grandparent Program	El Paso County
Letot Center - Volunteer Program	Dallas County
Master Gardener Program	Nueces County
Partnership for Youth	Fort Bend County
VIP Volunteer Program	Smith County
Voices for Choices	Harris County
Volunteers in Probation	Bexar County

**Animals of the Month  
El Paso County  
El Paso, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 2-6

**Program Description:** Volunteers from the El Paso Zoo Docent Program visit the juvenile facility on a monthly basis and bring four to six animals to provide education to youth on ecosystem, animal behavior, etc.

**Objectives/Goals:** Educate juveniles on ecosystem process and animal education.

**Program Results:** Juveniles become educated and informed on the ecosystem. They learn more about different types of animals.

**Target Population:** Juveniles, ages 10-16, grades 6-11

**Number Served Per Year:** 828

**Program Cost Per Year:** no cost to department

**Contact:** Ann Langenfeld or Ross Gibson  
El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department  
6400 Delta Drive, El Paso, Texas 79905  
(915) 772-2133

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**Dare to Dream  
Harris County  
Houston, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Houston Independent School District

**Prevention Level:** Primary

**Program Description:** Astronaut Dr. Bernard A. Harris, Jr. visits elementary school students selected by counselors and teachers and presents T-shirts and membership cards. The focus is to improve self-esteem by believing in the ability to succeed. Probation officer provides two or three programs. (Any well-known person could substitute for the astronaut.)

**Objectives/Goals:** Recognize and nurture children who need extra support to succeed by mixing them with on-level students. Dr. Harris' ABC's are the foundation of the program. A: Ability to succeed; B: Belief in ability; C: Creativity and commitment.

**Program Results:** Improved behavior, school attendance and self-esteem.

**Target Population:** Elementary, 5th grade; ages 11-12

**Number Served Per Year:** 150

**Program Cost Per Year:** Mostly in-kind by probation Public Information Officer and JPO. \$2,200 (\$600 from grant).

**Contact:** Carole Allen, Public Information  
Harris County Juvenile Probation Department  
3540 West Dallas, Houston, Texas 77019  
(713) 512-4122

**Foster Grandparent Program  
El Paso County  
El Paso, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Foster Grandparent Program

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 2-6

**Program Description:** Senior citizens are assigned to work with juveniles as mentors and support groups.

**Objectives/Goals:** Provide mentoring and support to juveniles.

**Program Results:** Juveniles' behavior is more positive and has a support group.

**Target Population:** Juveniles, ages 10-16, grades 6-11

**Number Served Per Year:** 830

**Program Cost Per Year:** no cost to department

**Contact:** Susan Armendariz  
El Paso City Hall Building  
(915) 541-4372

**Letot Center - Volunteer Program  
Dallas County  
Dallas, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Community volunteers, local universities, Love For Kids, Altrusa Club

**Prevention Level:** Primary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1

**Program Description:** The Letot Center Volunteer Program consists of community volunteers and interns who give their time in mentoring and support of youth in the residential and non-residential programs. Volunteers are utilized to work as tutors and recreation leaders, work with special needs youth, provide resources, provide special holiday activities, and counsel youth in internship programs.

**Objectives/Goals:** (1) To provide support and mentoring to the residential and non-residential programs through the use of community volunteers and interns; (2) To provide the acquisition of resources for the Letot Center.

**Program Results:** Role modeling; mentoring; and resource acquisition for center and clients.

**Target Population:** Juveniles, grades 5-12

**Number Served Per Year:** 600

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$10,000

**Contact:** Sam Quattrochi or Marty White  
10505 Denton Drive, Dallas, Texas 75220  
(214) 357-0391

**Master Gardener Program  
Nueces County  
Corpus Christi, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M - Corpus Christi

**Prevention Level:** Primary/Secondary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1

**Program Description:** Master gardeners train through the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, serve as mentors to juveniles referred through the Bridge Program and Selective Offense Supervision Unit. They grow a garden on site and are allowed to use the produce they grow.

**Objectives/Goals:** To teach responsibility and to provide a positive role model and positive experiences for at-risk juveniles.

**Program Results:** The first garden was a success with good participation of mentors and juveniles.

**Target Population:** Ages 8-16

**Number Served Per Year:** 30

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$2,000

**Contact:** W.G. West  
Nueces County Juvenile Justice Center  
2310 Gollihar Road, Corpus Christi, Texas 78416  
(512) 855-7303

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**Partnership for Youth  
Fort Bend County  
Richmond, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Big Brother/Big Sister

**Prevention Level:** Secondary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 2-4

**Program Description:** The purpose of this program is to recruit, screen and train volunteer mentors from the community to provide support and promote values for youth and their families who are involved in the juvenile justice system in Fort Bend County by building positive relationships between the mentors and the youth. In addition to building the youths' self-esteem, improving personal attitudes, and instilling values by word and example, the mentor will involve the youth in educational, recreational, and community service activities. Emphasis will also be placed on the teaching and practical application of communication, conflict resolution, problem-solving, decision making and goal setting skills by the mentor with the young person.

**Objectives/Goals:** To recruit, screen and train adults for matches with law-involved youth; to prevent the assigned youth from becoming repeat offenders during a one year period of mentoring; and to increase the youths' self-esteem and personal attributes.

**Program Results:** Goals are: (1) by the end of 1997, 60 screened and trained mentors will have been assigned to 60 youth from the probation department; (2) 65% of the youth will not have had subsequent referrals to the juvenile probation department; (3) 75% of the youth will show significant progress as indicated by the personal attitude study.

**Number Served Per Year:** 25-50

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$101, 855

**Contact:** Mary Gready  
Fort Bend County Juvenile Probation  
122 Golfview Drive, Richmond, Texas 77469

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**VIP Volunteer Program  
Smith County  
Tyler, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Churches and civic organizations

**Prevention Level:** Secondary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-5

**Program Description:** Developed to assist the staff at Smith County Juvenile Service through the use of volunteers in their efforts to produce law-abiding citizens. This program offers a wide variety of opportunities designed to benefit the child.

**Objectives/Goals:** To assist the juvenile probation department in the daily needs of the juveniles as well as the operations of the department.

**Program Results:** The volunteer program has given another outlet to assist in the rehabilitation process.

**Target Population:** All juveniles served under progressive sanctions levels 1 through 5.

**Number Served Per Year:** 700+

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$13,520

**Contact:** Betty Hayes or Garrett Hults  
Smith County Juvenile Probation  
100 East Berta, Tyler, Texas 75702  
(903) 535-0850

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**Voices for Choices  
Harris County  
Houston, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Houston Independent School District

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 4

**Program Description:** Guest speakers and presentations are arranged in the juvenile detention center to motivate, educate and inspire youth about career possibilities. Some speakers have included: Deputy Sheriff, recruiters, Texas Representative, astronaut, a musician, etc.

**Objectives/Goals:** The goal is to increase exposure of clients to successful people who share their experience.

**Program Results:** Good behavior while presentation is being made and future influence on decision making.

**Target Population:** Juveniles, ages 10-17

**Number Served Per Year:** 4,000

**Program Cost Per Year:** In-kind staff and grants - \$10,000

**Cost per Child per Day:** \$2.50

**Contact:** Marge Costanzo  
Houston Independent School District  
c/o Harris County Juvenile Probation Department  
3540 West Dallas, Houston, Texas 77109  
(713) 527-1847

**Volunteers in Probation  
Bexar County  
San Antonio, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Youth Services Division, City Agency

**Prevention Level:** Secondary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 2-7

**Program Description:** Adult volunteers are recruited and trained to be matched with at-risk youth as mentors and role models. Volunteers also work within the detention facility in the Arts and Crafts Project, Visitation Project, and disciplinary hearing officer. They participate in camp-outs, fund raisers, picnics, and other special activities.

**Objectives/Goals:** To curb juvenile delinquency in the community.

**Program Results:** Children in detention are provided with constructive activities. Children in the community are provided with a social and emotional outlet.

**Target Population:** Juveniles, ages 10-16, and will accept younger siblings

**Number Served Per Year:** 4,000

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$85,136

**Contact:** Rosie Abreu  
Bexar County Juvenile Probation  
600 Mission Road, San Antonio, Texas 78210  
(210) 531-1941

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## Restitution Programs

Community Service Restitution  
Financial Restitution  
Make Amends Program  
Operation Payback  
South Plains Food Bank Farm Project  
Tyler Against Graffiti

Various Locations  
Tarrant County  
Nueces County  
Van Zandt County  
Lubbock County  
Smith County

**Community Service Restitution  
Various Locations**

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-5

**Program Description:** Programs vary by county, but all involve some degree of restitution by the juvenile offender to the community through the performance of community service hours. While some departments make the juvenile responsible for finding his or her own work, some departments have employees assigned as coordinators for the program. The programs also vary in the type of juveniles required to serve; some require only deferred prosecution juveniles, some require only court-ordered probationers, and some require all referrals to serve hours. Examples of work performed ranges from gardening, trash clean up, graffiti removal, and food distribution.

**Objectives/Goals:** While the main objective quoted by most counties is “to give back to the community,” community service restitution programs hold youth accountable for their behavior, instill a sense of responsibility, and increase juveniles’ self-confidence.

**Program Results:** Free services are provided to the communities in which the juveniles offended, and the juveniles are taking responsibility for their actions.

**Target Population:** Generally targets youth ages 10-17.

**Number Served Per Year:** varies by county (between 15 and 1,500 for counties below)

**Program Cost Per Year:** varies by county (between \$0 and \$207,600)

**Contact:**

Melissa Weiss Austin County Juvenile Probation One East Main Bellville, Texas 77418 (409) 865-5911 ext. 137	Belinda Courvier Bexar County Juvenile Probation 600 Mission Road San Antonio, Texas 78210 (210) 531-1840
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Jesse DeLeon Hays County Juvenile Probation 302 West San Antonio San Marcos, Texas 78666 (512) 396-4443	Rod Knott, Probation Supervisor Lubbock County Juvenile Probation 2025 North Akron Lubbock, Texas 79415-1118 (806) 765-2500
Dianne Allen Phelps Red River County Juvenile Probation 200 North Walnut Clarksville, Texas 75426 (903) 427-5761	Joseph Bradford Rusk County Juvenile Probation 212 North Van Buren Henderson, Texas 75652 (903) 657-0372

Bill West

Efrain Davila

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2701 Kimbo Road  
Fort Worth, Texas 76111  
(817) 838-4600 ext. 115

Tarrant County Juvenile Probation  
2515 South Congress  
Austin, Texas 78704  
(512) 448-7044

James L. Bigham  
Ward County Juvenile Probation  
Ward County Courthouse, 3rd Floor  
Monahans, Texas 79756  
(915) 943-3632

Mende Holcomb  
Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center  
97 Foster Field Drive  
Victoria, Texas 77905  
(512) 575-0399

Virginia Talkington  
Dallas County Juvenile Probation  
2600 Lone Star  
Dallas, Texas 75212  
(214) 941-7548

**Financial Restitution  
Tarrant County  
Fort Worth, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Secondary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 3-5

**Program Description:** Financial restitution requires that a written agreement be activated which details a plan for restoring monetary loss to the victim of the youth's offense. This may occur as a voluntary component in first-offender, non-court-directed cases, or it may be specified by court order as a condition of probation in more serious cases. Establishment of the plan in court directed cases usually occurs immediately following a youth's dispositional hearing. Preparation of documentation and case followings are performed by personnel in the Victim Assistance Unit.

**Objectives/Goals:** Restoring financial loss to the community is regarded as a therapeutic event in an offender's program of rehabilitation. It also provides a concrete, non-litigious avenue for victims to recover a portion of their loss.

**Program Results:** Collections of approximately \$60,000 were distributed to approximately 300 victims last year.

**Target Population:** Youth who participate in this effort may do so either voluntarily or under court order.

**Number Served Per Year:** 260

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$42,000

**Cost per Child per Day:** \$0

**Contact:** Kelly Willis  
Tarrant County Juvenile Probation  
2701 Kimbo Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76111  
(817) 838-4600

**Make Amends Program  
Nueces County  
Corpus Christi, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** 24 local non-profit agencies

**Prevention Level:** Secondary/Tertiary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 2-4

**Program Description:** The Make Amends Program is a community treatment program utilizing a mixture of four approaches - monetary restitution, direct services to victim, community service restitution, and victim offender mediation.

**Objectives/Goals:** To hold juvenile offenders accountable, to provide community service restitution and to provide monetary restitution to the victims of juvenile crime.

**Program Results:** \$105,170 in restitution collected; 13,179 community service hours performed; 1,638 gang graffiti sites covered over; and numerous non-profit and educational agencies benefitting.

**Target Population:** Ages 10-18

**Number Served Per Year:** 450

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$64,870

**Contact:** Rick Pappageorge  
Nueces County Juvenile Justice Center  
2310 Gollihar Road, Corpus Christi, Texas 78416  
(512) 855-7303

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**Operation Payback  
Van Zandt County  
Canton, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Secondary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-4

**Program Description:** Youth are ordered to complete a specific number of community service hours based on the seriousness of their conduct and the sanction level assigned. A Van Zandt County Community Corrections Officer oversees the programs and a variety of community agencies and departments provide work sites and jobs for the youth, including filing, cleaning, sweeping, picking up trash at illegal dump sites, hanging Christmas lights, and washing fire trucks and police cars.

**Objectives/Goals:** Divert youth from secure detention, hold each child accountable for his or her behavior, provide valuable service to the community, and teach children to respect themselves, their families, and their communities.

**Program Results:** Reduce juvenile delinquency, build self-esteem, and provide the community with a valuable service.

**Target Population:** Juveniles, ages 10-16

**Number Served Per Year:** 200

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$2,400

**Cost per Child per Day:** \$1.20

**Contact:** Bobby Colacino  
Van Zandt County Juvenile Probation  
P.O. Box 1021, Canton, Texas 75103  
(903) 567-4981

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**South Plains Food Bank Farm Project  
Lubbock County  
Lubbock, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** South Plains Food Bank Farm

**Program Description:** Residents in the transitional program at Harmony Cottage participate in this program once a week.

**Objectives/Goals:** Residents help cultivate, maintain and harvest the vegetable farm that the South Plains Food Bank has for their organizational needs.

**Program Results:** This program promotes community concern and community service.

**Target Population:** Long term residents

**Number Served Per Year:** 50

**Program Cost Per Year:** nominal

**Contact:** Richard Dean, Detention Supervisor  
Lubbock County Juvenile Probation  
2025 North Akron, Lubbock, Texas 79415-1118  
(806) 765-2500

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**Tyler Against Graffiti  
Smith County  
Tyler, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** City of Tyler Block Grant

**Prevention Level:** Secondary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 2-5

**Program Description:** The program consists of one staff member coordinating a group of juveniles in graffiti abatement. Time permitting, litter abatement and removal of telephone pole signs is performed.

**Objectives/Goals:** The program allows juveniles to pay back to society for their delinquent conduct. It also sends a message to gang members that our community will not tolerate graffiti.

**Program Results:** This program has improved the appearance of the city and it appears as though it has lowered gang criminal activity.

**Target Population:** Juveniles served under progressive sanctions levels 2-5

**Number Served Per Year:** 200

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$14,000

**Contact:** Tony Carvajal, Coordinator  
Smith County Juvenile Probation  
100 East Berta, Tyler, Texas 75702  
(903) 535-0850



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## Victim Assistance Programs

Family Mediation Program	El Paso County
Peer Victim/Offender Mediation	Travis County
Trauma Survivor's Group	Lubbock County
Victim Assistance Job Development Program	Bexar County
Victim Assistance Program	Bexar County
Victim/Survivor Empathy Group	Lubbock County
Victim/Offender Mediation	Various Locations

**Family Mediation Program  
El Paso County  
El Paso, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 3-4

**Program Description:** Referrals are made by the supervising officer if the resolution of the family conflict appears to be too time consuming or beyond his or her expertise to achieve. Families will be referred for a mediation session on specific days authorized by the mediator and as the need arises.

**Objectives/Goals:** To address intra-family conflicts of a nonviolent nature which arises while the juvenile is on probation. The resolution of which is felt to be too time consuming or beyond the expertise of the supervising officer.

**Program Results:** Introduce resources and tools to aid families in reestablishing healthy communication in the family.

**Target Population:** Juveniles, ages 10-17, grades 5-12 and their families

**Number Served Per Year:** 104

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$32,060 **Cost per Child per Day:** \$0.89

**Contact:** Kriss Helena Hughes  
El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department  
6400 Delta Drive, El Paso, Texas 79905  
(915) 772-2133

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**Peer Victim/Offender Mediation  
Travis County  
Austin, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Dispute Resolution Center

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-4

**Program Description:** Juvenile offenders are trained to become "peace makers" via mediation training. Trained juvenile peacemaker will co-mediate victim/offender mediation at the Juvenile Court with adult volunteer mediators.

**Objectives/Goals:** For the offender to provide restoration to the victim via mediation conducted by other juveniles in the system.

**Program Results:** Approximately every quarter, 8 to 10 juveniles are trained as mediators and participate in a minimum of six victim-offender mediations.

**Target Population:** Males from the residential center, ages 13-17

**Number Served Per Year:** 32

**Contact:** Efrain Davila  
Travis County Juvenile Probation  
2515 South Congress, Austin, Texas 78704  
(512) 448-7044

**Trauma Survivor's Group  
Lubbock County  
Lubbock, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Southwest Center for Psychological Development, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 5

**Program Description:** The Trauma Victim Recovery Group will target individuals demonstrating prolonged symptoms of post traumatic stress symptoms and for whom such symptoms may play an important role in their delinquent behaviors, risk taking tendencies and revictimization of themselves or others.

**Objectives/Goals:** Help children recover from trauma and lead productive lives.

**Target Population:** Lubbock County Youth Center residents that are identified by their probation officer as having been likely victims of some form of early and significant trauma.

**Number Served Per Year:** 48

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$65,000

**Cost per Child per Day:** \$3.71

**Contact:** Richard Dean, Detention Supervisor  
Lubbock County Juvenile Probation  
2025 North Akron, Lubbock, Texas 79415-1118  
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**Victim Assistance Job Development Program  
Bexar County  
San Antonio, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Texas Agricultural Extension Services, several JTPA (Job Training Partnership Act) service providers, several private-sector corporate sponsors

**Prevention Level:** Secondary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 2-4

**Program Description:** The job development program, a component of the Bexar County Juvenile Probation Department's Victim Assistance Unit, is designed to develop employment opportunities for juvenile probationers who have been court ordered to pay monetary restitution to victims of juvenile crime or to participate in the program.

**Objectives/Goals:** To provide employment opportunities for juvenile offenders that owe monetary restitution to victims; to provide pre-employment orientation to juvenile probationers; to maintain contact with outside educational/employment programs for training; and job placement.

**Program Results:** In FY 95-96, 139 youth were placed at employment sites.

**Target Population:** Males and females, ages 14-17, in and out of school.

**Number Served Per Year:** 150

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$27,000

**Contact:** Mary Ann Delgado, Supervisor; Mike Valco, Job Development Officer  
Bexar County Juvenile Probation  
233 East Mitchell, San Antonio, Texas 78210  
(210) 531-1829 or (210) 531-1825

**Victim Assistance Program  
Bexar County  
San Antonio, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Crosspoint, Bexar County Adult Probation Department (Zero Tolerance Program), Parents of Murdered Children, Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, MADD-San Antonio Chapter

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 2-4

**Program Description:** The victim impact panel consists of three to four victims who speak about their cases and in what way their lives and the lives of family members have changed. Panelists do not blame or judge juvenile offenders who attend. Victims never speak to groups in which their offender is present. After the presentation, offenders are divided into small groups along with a volunteer and staff member. The facilitator leads a group discussion and facilitates completion of a written questionnaire. Parents are required to attend the panel with their child.

**Objectives/Goals:** To enhance and support existing programs by placing juvenile offenders face to face with people whose lives have been affected by a crime.

**Program Results:** To sensitize juvenile offenders on the consequence and how a crime changed the lives of victims and their families. Juveniles are court ordered as a condition of their probation, or ordered as part of the deferred prosecution agreement.

**Target Population:** Referrals (as deferred prosecution agreement or a condition of court ordered probation)

**Number Served Per Year:** 365

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$71,000

**Contact:** Mary Ann Delgado, Victim Services Coordinator  
Bexar County Juvenile Probation  
233 East Mitchell, San Antonio, Texas 78210  
(210) 531-1828

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**Victim/Survivor Empathy Group  
Lubbock County  
Lubbock, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Southwest Center for Psychological Development, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 5

**Program Description:** The Victim Empathy Group will target individuals who have demonstrated deficits in interpersonal empathy as evidenced by their commitment of crimes against a person.

**Objectives/Goals:** Group format will involve a presentation by someone who has been the direct victim of behavior similar to that committed by the resident, but who has recovered from that trauma, to now consider themselves a "survivor" rather than a victim.

**Program Results:** The focus of this therapeutic effort will be to rehumanize the victims in the minds of perpetrators who suffer from an inability to see their victims or potential victims as real people.

**Target Population:** Long term residents having committed crimes against a person

**Number Served Per Year:** 50

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$65,000

**Contact:** Richard Dean, Detention Supervisor  
Lubbock County Juvenile Probation  
2025 North Akron, Lubbock, Texas 79415-1118  
(806) 765-2500

**Victim/Offender Mediation  
Various Locations**

<b>Prevention Level:</b>	Secondary	<b>Progressive Sanctions Level Served:</b> 1-5
<b>Program Description:</b>	Face to face meetings are held with victims, offenders, offender's parents, and a volunteer mediator to discuss a dispute or conflict. If a mutually satisfying agreement can be reached, a contract is written to reflect the agreement and all parties, including the mediator, sign the agreement contract.	
<b>Objectives/Goals:</b>	To provide full or partial loss recovery; to increase offenders' awareness of accountability for behavior; and to promote victim and community involvement.	
<b>Program Results:</b>	By involving both victim and offender, everyone has an opportunity to input in any agreement that might be reached.	
<b>Target Population:</b>	Any juvenile who has committed an offense involving a victim	
<b>Number Served Per Year:</b>	65-115 (varies by county)	
<b>Program Cost Per Year:</b>	\$0-\$6,000 (varies by county)	
<b>Contact:</b>	Virginia Talkington Dallas County Juvenile Probation 2600 Lone Star Dallas, Texas 75212 (214) 941-7548	Linda Ann Collins Gregg County Juvenile Probation 310 Turk Street Longview, Texas 75601 (903) 758-0121
	John Sloan Harris County Juvenile Probation 3540 West Dallas Houston, Texas 77019 (713) 521-4141	Rod Knott, Probation Supervisor Lubbock County Juvenile Probation 2025 North Akron Lubbock, Texas 79415-1118 (806) 765-2500
	Efrain Davila Travis County Juvenile Probation 2515 South Congress Austin, Texas 78704 (512) 448-7044	Robin Manning Ward County Juvenile Probation Courthouse Monahans, Texas 79756 (915) 943-3632



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## HIV/STD Awareness Programs

HIV/AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Disease Prevention Education  
HIV Testing

El Paso County  
El Paso County

**HIV/AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Disease Prevention Education  
El Paso County  
El Paso, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** El Paso City County Health and Environment District, Centro Salud Le Fe Clinic, Southwest Aids Committee, Planned Parenthood, Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Center, Family Planning Services

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 2-6

**Program Description:** Provide HIV/Aids education service once a month and provide sexually transmitted disease prevention education every two to three months.

**Objectives/Goals:** Bring about awareness of high risk behavior that can lead to exposure of HIV or STD's.

**Program Results:** Juveniles become better informed, aware and educated in the high risk behavior that can lead to receiving HIV or a STD.

**Target Population:** Juveniles, ages 10-16, male and female

**Number Served Per Year:** 1,242

**Program Cost Per Year:** no cost to department

**Contact:** Mario R. Hernandez  
El Paso City County Health and Environment Director  
1148 Airway Blvd., El Paso, Texas 79925  
(915) 771-5704

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**HIV Testing  
El Paso County  
El Paso, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** El Paso City County Health District

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 2-6

**Program Description:** Provide blood test screening for HIV. Provide medical services and counseling, if needed. Services are provided twice a month.

**Objectives/Goals:** Screens high risk youth for HIV and provide services if results are positive.

**Program Results:** Juveniles are screened for HIV who otherwise may not be screened if not detained. Juveniles are provided immediate services if results are positive. Program supports fight against spread of Aids.

**Target Population:** Male and female juveniles with high risk behavior for contacting HIV/Aids

**Number Served Per Year:** 830

**Program Cost Per Year:** no cost to department

**Contact:** Mario Sobal-Varro and Evelyn Gurrola  
222 South Campbell Street, El Paso, Texas 79901  
(915) 543-3560

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## Substance Abuse Programs

Alateen	Travis County
Alcohol Abuse Prevention/Education	El Paso County
Alcohol and Drug Program	Lubbock County
ALFA Program	Nueces County
Assisting Youth to Understand Drugs and Alcohol (AYUDA)	San Patricio County
AYUDAR Project	Tom Green County
Drug and Substance Abuse Counseling	El Paso County
Drug and Substance Abuse Prevention/Education	El Paso County
East Texas Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (ETCADA)	Rusk County
Ground Zero	Tarrant County
Houston Council on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse - Juvenile Probation	Harris County
Insight/Awareness Group	Travis County
Juvenile Offender Substance Abuse Treatment Services Network (JOSTATS)	Travis County
Passport to Recovery	Van Zandt County
Project Libertad	El Paso County
Rural Intervention Program	Comal County
Substance Abuse Program	Various Locations
Youth Intervention	Red River County

**Alateen  
Travis County  
Austin, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Alanon sponsors

**Prevention Level:** Secondary

**Program Description:** Juveniles attend this group on a volunteer self-referral basis. The group is facilitated by Alanon volunteers and deals with co-dependency issues and addiction.

**Objectives/Goals:** To allow juveniles in detention a safe, confidential arena to discuss alcohol and drug problems that occur in their families.

**Program Results:** Maintain an average attendance of the Alateen Program of 24 juveniles per month. Upon release, residents are also given brochures about meetings in the area.

**Target Population:** Ages 10-17

**Number Served Per Year:** 200

**Program Cost Per Year:** no cost

**Contact:** Jim Gobin  
Travis County Juvenile Probation  
2515 South Congress, Austin, Texas 78704  
(512) 448-7000 ext.2210

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**Alcohol Abuse Prevention/Education  
El Paso County  
El Paso, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Alcoholics Anonymous, hospitals and institutions

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 2-6

**Program Description:** Provide alcohol use/abuse prevention education. Serves as a support group for youth identified with alcohol use/abuse problems. The program offers group and individual counseling and education twice a week.

**Objectives/Goals:** Bring about awareness of consequences of alcohol use/abuse.

**Program Results:** Juveniles become better informed and educated of consequences of alcohol use/abuse. Juveniles are provided with a support group.

**Target Population:** Juveniles, ages 10-16

**Number Served Per Year:** 830

**Program Cost Per Year:** no cost to department

**Contact:** Martha Matta  
El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department  
6400 Delta Drive, El Paso, Texas 79905  
(915) 775-4770

**Alcohol and Drug Program  
Lubbock County  
Lubbock, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Lubbock Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Lubbock Mental Health Mental Retardation, and Managed Care Center for Addictive/Other Disorders

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 5

**Program Description:** A program designed to address the need for chemical dependency prevention, intervention, and aftercare.

**Objectives/Goals:** Residents are administered a variety of tests to determine the best treatment plan to address individual needs.

**Program Results:** Provide services for residents in both the short-term and residential treatment program.

**Target Population:** Residents with chemical dependency

**Number Served Per Year:** 50

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$2,500

**Contact:** Richard Dean, Detention Supervisor  
Lubbock County Juvenile Probation  
2025 North Akron, Lubbock, Texas 79415-1118  
(806) 765-2500

**ALFA Program  
Nueces County  
Corpus Christi, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Coastal Bend Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse

**Prevention Level:** Primary-Tertiary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-4

**Program Description:** Alcohol and other drug abuse counseling sessions are held by the Coastal Bend Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse aimed at diminishing substance abuse and related issues including self-esteem, communication, goal setting, conflict resolution, sexually transmitted diseases, relationships and others.

**Objectives/Goals:** To diminish drug and alcohol abuse among juvenile offenders.

**Target Population:** Juveniles who engage in the use of controlled substances

**Number Served Per Year:** 100

**Program Cost Per Year:** no cost to department

**Contact:** Joseph P. Alley  
Nueces County Juvenile Justice Center  
2310 Gollihar Road, Corpus Christi, Texas 78416  
(512) 855-7303

**Assisting Youth to Understand Drugs and Alcohol (AYUDA)  
San Patricio County  
Sinton, Texas**

**Other Counties Served:** Aransas, Bee, Live Oak, McMullen

**Other Agencies Involved:** Local high schools from four counties, Aransas County Citizens Against Drugs, PRIDE

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-4

**Program Description:** AYUDA is a substance abuse education and intervention program for youth between the ages of 10-17 who are high risk for substance abuse. This program has three main components: education, counseling, and alternative activities. It provides realistic consequences for abusing illegal substances and teaches a substance free lifestyle.

**Objectives/Goals:** Program strategy is to use the power of the juvenile courts combined with innovative prevention and intervention strategies to bring about positive change for youth who are at high risk.

**Program Results:** An increase in knowledge and coping skills to resist negative peer pressure and substance abuse. To have the youth become involved in the community.

**Target Population:** Intermediate, junior high and high school juveniles

**Number Served Per Year:** 450

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$276,530

**Contact:** Gary G. Swenchonis  
36th Judicial Probation Unit  
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**AYUDAR Project  
Tom Green County  
San Angelo, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** San Angelo ISD, West Texas Boys Ranch, San Angelo State School, Region XV Education Service Center

**Prevention Level:** Primary/Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1

**Program Description:** (1) Drug/alcohol education, presentation or classroom; (2) Crisis intervention in drug/alcohol related situations; (3) Screening and assessments for drug/alcohol; (4) Counseling and follow-up; (5) Weekly support groups; (6) Challenge course activities; (7) Art education and counseling.

**Objectives/Goals:** Gain an understanding of the progressive nature of addiction and the effects on each member of the family and to demonstrate movement toward a drug free lifestyle.

**Program Results:** Have seen 1,400 adolescents individually and 4,500 in presentation/education programs.

**Target Population:** Primarily Hispanic population

**Number Served Per Year:** 1,400

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$118,706 **Cost per Child per Day:** \$4.00

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Tom Green County - Juvenile Justice Center  
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**Drug and Substance Abuse Counseling  
El Paso County  
El Paso, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** West Texas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 2-6

**Program Description:** Provide drug and substance abuse counseling to youth with drug and substance abuse problems. Provide group counseling 1 to 2 times per week and individual counseling three to four times a week.

**Objectives/Goals:** Address the individual needs of juveniles identified with a drug/substance abuse problem.

**Program Results:** Begin meeting needs of drug/substance abuse juveniles while at a primary stage of their involvement in the juvenile justice system.

**Target Population:** Juveniles with drug and substance abuse problems

**Number Served Per Year:** 828

**Program Cost Per Year:** no cost to department

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(915) 565-8339

**Drug and Substance Abuse Prevention/Education  
El Paso County  
El Paso, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Narcotics Anonymous, Aliviane

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 2-6

**Program Description:** Provide drug use and abuse prevention education. Serves as a support group for juveniles identified with a drug use/abuse problem twice a month.

**Objectives/Goals:** Bring about awareness of consequences of drug use and abuse.

**Program Results:** Juveniles become better informed and educated of the consequences of drug use/abuse. Juveniles are provided with a support group.

**Target Population:** All juveniles detained

**Number Served Per Year:** 830

**Program Cost Per Year:** no cost to department

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**East Texas Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (ETCADA)  
Rusk County  
Henderson, Texas**

**Other Counties Served:** 10 counties in East Texas region

**Program Description:** A licensed chemical dependency counselor comes once a week to assess juveniles. Support groups specifically geared toward chemical dependency are offered.

**Objectives/Goals:** Education of chemical dependency, along with intervention and support.

**Target Population:** Juveniles

**Number Served Per Year:** 30

**Contact:** Linda L. Hughes, L.C.D.C.  
450 East Loop 281, Longview, Texas 75605-7936

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**Ground Zero  
Tarrant County  
Fort Worth, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 2-4

**Program Description:** Ground Zero is a program of the Tarrant Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse targeting adolescents at high risk for alcohol and substance abuse. Funding is provided by a grant from the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse. In the program, juveniles admitted to the detention center for a law violation may undergo drug urinalysis testing to assess recent consumption and identification of illegal substances.

**Objectives/Goals:** Youth who test positive receive a SASSI (Substance Abuse Screening Severity Index) administered and scored by Ground Zero staff and interpreted by a Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor. Screening results from the SASSI indicate whether a child (1) is using but has not yet developed patterns of substance abuse or dependence, (2) needs a more in-depth substance abuse assessment, or (3) has a serious alcohol or chemical dependency problem requiring treatment.

**Program Results:** The program started in Fall 1996. It appears that usage is more prevalent and intractable than previously believed.

**Target Population:** Youth on supervision caseloads who are admitted to detention for any law violation undergo a urinalysis testing for drug usage.

**Number Served Per Year:** 500

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$24,000 (cost of urinalysis) **Cost per Child per Day:** \$8

**Contact:** Marihelen Wieberg  
Tarrant County Juvenile Probation  
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**Houston Council on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse - Juvenile Probation  
Harris County  
Houston, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Houston Council on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-2

**Program Description:** The Houston Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse offers individual counseling at the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department intake area on Saturday afternoons. Workshops and family interventions are offered at the Chimney Rock Center three to four times a month, usually in the evenings.

**Objectives/Goals:** Offer drug counseling and intervention at early level in involvement in hopes of deterring further drug use.

**Program Results:** Hopefully, the program will deter additional drug use.

**Target Population:** Majority of clients are ages 14-16.

**Number Served Per Year:** 500

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$50,000 **Cost per Child per Day:** \$2.00

**Contact:** John Sloan  
Harris County Juvenile Probation Department  
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**Insight/Awareness Group  
Travis County  
Austin, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Austin Recovery Center

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-6

**Program Description:** Juveniles are referred to the Insight/Awareness Group after a drug assessment indicates a need for intervention. The groups are facilitated by staff from the Austin Recovery Center. Facilitators are certified Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselors.

**Objectives/Goals:** To stimulate juveniles with substance abuse problems to begin to develop some insight and awareness of their problems and to offer treatment alternatives.

**Program Results:** Approximately 350 juveniles receive drug assessments yearly; 50 children receive therapeutic services from ARC after release from detention.

**Target Population:** Ages 10-17

**Number Served Per Year:** 200+

**Contact:** Jim Gobin  
Travis County Juvenile Probation  
2515 South Congress, Austin, Texas 78704  
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**Juvenile Offender Substance Abuse Treatment Services Network (JOSATS)  
Travis County  
Austin, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Austin Child Guidance Center, Youth Advocacy

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 3-4

**Program Description:** The JOSATS is a comprehensive network of substance abuse services that are available to juvenile offenders. Services include screening, assessments, educational out-patient and in-patient substance abuse treatment, along with case management.

**Objectives/Goals:** For the juvenile to become educated about drugs and for those who use, to reduce or stop the use of drugs.

**Program Results:** This program is scheduled to start Spring 1997--no data available.

**Target Population:** Ages 10-17

**Number Served Per Year:** 250

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$1,000,000 **Cost per Child per Day:** \$11

**Contact:** Emmitt Hayes  
Travis County Juvenile Probation  
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**Passport to Recovery  
Van Zandt County  
Canton, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-4

**Program Description:** The Van Zandt County Juvenile Probation Department implemented a Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Program which consists of ongoing weekly individual and group sessions. A certified and licensed drug abuse counselor conducts individual therapeutic treatment outpatient services, education and awareness programs, and on-site drug/alcohol testing to detect substance abuse in juvenile offenders.

**Objectives/Goals:** Teach and encourage juvenile substance use offenders to maintain sobriety, lead healthy, productive, drug-free lifestyles, and develop holistic balance between mental, emotional, physical, social and spiritual development.

**Program Results:** To prevent substance abuse among youth through the use of education and awareness, and to provide rehabilitation and treatment services for the more serious substance abuser.

**Number Served Per Year:** 40

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$8,000 **Cost per Child per Day:** \$4.76

**Contact:** Chuck Jaecks, Assistant Chief Probation Officer  
Van Zandt County Juvenile Probation  
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**Project Libertad  
El Paso County  
El Paso, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** West Texas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Aliviane No-Ad Substance Abuse Program, Guillen Middle School

**Prevention Level:** Primary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-3

**Program Description:** The program provides an array of prevention/intervention services for a local middle school, the juvenile probation department and other referral sources. Some services that are coordinated for clients include substance abuse services, screening/assessment, "Minors in Possession" classes, a modified version of the Alcohol Education Program for minors, gang intervention (cognitive skills or gang intervention), ropes course and youth day treatment substance abuse services (4 hours per day, 5 days a week).

**Objectives/Goals:** The program seeks to better identify the extent of substance abuse in the first time juvenile offenders and provide prevention and early intervention services to juveniles and their parents to prevent more serious dependency problems and additional referrals to probation.

**Program Results:** Youths attending the program have realized increased confidence and self-esteem and reduced substance abuse and gang related activity, increased interpersonal problem-solving skills and awareness of consequences of alcohol/drug abuse.

**Target Population:** Grades kindergarten through 12; between ages 5-16 who reside in a family or household where drug and alcohol abuse is a problem

**Number Served Per Year:** 1,200

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$192,768 **Cost per Child per Day:** \$160

**Contact:** Clarence A. Branch, Program Coordinator  
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**Rural Intervention Program  
Comal County  
New Braunfels, Texas**

**Other Counties Served:** Guadalupe, Bastrop, Caldwell, Gonzales, Wilson, Karnes, Lavaca, Colorado, Atascosa

**Other Agencies Involved:** Teen Connection (services contracted), schools

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-4

**Program Description:** Substance abuse education, intervention, prevention and treatment program. Services are provided by Teen Connection on a contract basis. The program is also now doing school intervention programs, allowing non-probation referrals to be served by the program.

**Objectives/Goals:** Substance abuse education, prevention, and treatment for juvenile probation referrals in rural areas that have lack of resources to serve such needs.

**Program Results:** To date, response by participating counties has been very positive. It is a two-year "pilot" program and hope to receive funding to continue past August 1997.

**Number Served Per Year:** First six months in operation, 200 served

**Program Cost Per Year:** Initial grant was for \$400,000 for 2 year period (first year, \$160,000; second year, \$240,000)

**Contact:** Carol Robison or Judy Badger  
Comal County Juvenile Probation  
171 East Mill, New Braunfels, Texas 78130

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Substance Abuse Programs

**Substance Abuse Program  
Various Locations**

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-5

**Program Description:** The program provides services to at-risk youth for substance abuse. It includes screens, intakes, assessments, case management, drug education and counseling services. These services are provided in both a group and individual settings. Services or referrals are also available for family members.

**Objectives/Goals:** To increase the resilience of youths to not use drugs or refrain from further use and to educate juveniles regarding the addictive process related to drug use and how it affects them socially, mentally, physically, financially, and spiritually.

**Program Results:** Substance abuse issues are identified earlier in youth. This has resulted in the ability to provide more cost effective services through a continuum of care.

**Target Population:** Youth at risk for substance abuse

**Number Served Per Year:** 25-550 (varies by county)

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$64,120-\$195,823 (varies by county)

**Contact:**

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**Youth Intervention  
Red River County  
Clarksville, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Dean Tinnell, Northeast Texas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse

**Prevention Level:** Primary/Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-3

**Program Description:** The program provides screens and counseling, and it educates juveniles and family members on the impact of substance abuse. Monitoring is provided to juveniles who have been assessed and screened.

**Objectives/Goals:** The program restores juveniles' lifestyles to be alcohol and drug free. Educates youth as to dangers and of how to make choices to remain drug-free. Informs juvenile probation staff as to degree of child's involvement with alcohol or drugs.

**Program Results:** Education about dangers of alcohol and drug abuse as well as relapse prevention and recovery skills is provided.

**Target Population:** Ages 10-16

**Number Served Per Year:** 20

**Program Cost Per Year:** Services are provided by grant to Northeast Texas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse

**Contact:** Dianne Allen Phelps  
Red River County Juvenile Probation  
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## Behavior Management Programs

Aggression Control Program	Nueces County
Anger Management Classes	Travis County
Anger Management Program	Lubbock County
Personal Responsibility Program	Travis County
Serious Habitual Offender Comprehensive Action Program (SHOCAP)	Various Locations

**Aggression Control Program  
Nueces County  
Corpus Christi, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Secondary/Tertiary

**Program Description:** Weekly group meetings are held with therapists who deal with these offenders' anger control issues. The participants learn how to identify and manage their aggressive behaviors.

**Program Results:** Aggression control classes are held weekly.

**Target Population:** Juvenile referrals for an aggressive or violent offense

**Number Served Per Year:** 30

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$6,400

**Contact:** Nueces County Juvenile Justice Center  
2310 Gollihar Road, Corpus Christi, Texas 78416  
(512) 855-7303

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**Anger Management Classes  
Travis County  
Austin, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Various community agencies

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 2-4

**Program Description:** Anger management classes are designed to assist juveniles in functioning in the community by understanding and learning how to control their anger.

**Objectives/Goals:** To assist the delinquent in identifying and learning how to control their anger.

**Program Results:** Of those who successfully completed the program, 88% were not readjudicated.

**Target Population:** Available to adjudicated juveniles from ages 13 to 17.

**Number Served Per Year:** 130

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$15,000 **Cost Per Child Per Day:** \$0.32

**Contact:** Cinda Barz  
Travis County Juvenile Probation  
2515 South Congress, Austin, Texas 78704  
(512) 448-7039

**Anger Management Program  
Lubbock County  
Lubbock, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center; Texas Department of Criminal Justice, John T. Montford Unit

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 2-4

**Program Description:** The Anger Management Program is an eight-week program provided by a Texas Tech therapist to juveniles under supervision who have exhibited difficulty in controlling their anger.

**Objectives/Goals:** To teach appropriate responses to anger and other emotions. To reduce violent offenses.

**Program Results:** The program is new - no statistical data available. Participants are modeling more appropriate behavior.

**Target Population:** Juveniles, age 10-17

**Number Served Per Year:** 60-80

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$2,500 **Cost Per Child Per Day:** \$0.11

**Contact:** Rod Knott, Probation Supervisor  
Lubbock County Juvenile Probation  
2025 North Akron, Lubbock, Texas 79415-1118  
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**Personal Responsibility Program  
Travis County  
Austin, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Secondary

**Program Description:** Behavior therapy techniques are utilized to eliminate or reduce negative behaviors. Individual counseling is utilized to reinforce personal responsibility and assist in goal setting. Psycho-educational classes teach appropriate social skills and provide an opportunity to practice their use.

**Objectives/Goals:** To reduce the number of behavioral incidents in the detention center and to provide appropriate life skills so that juveniles may choose to handle their problems in a prosocial manner.

**Program Results:** Reduced number of serious incidents by 50%.

**Target Population:** Juveniles, ages 10-17

**Number Served Per Year:** 2,912

**Contact:** Jim Gobin, Casework Manager  
Travis County Juvenile Probation  
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**Serious Habitual Offender Comprehensive Action Program (SHOCAP)  
Various Locations**

**Other Agencies Involved:** District Attorneys Office, Police Departments, Sheriff's Department, schools, churches and community services.

**Prevention Level:** Secondary/Tertiary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 3-5

**Program Description:** The program's primary aim is to develop an intensive juvenile justice effort to identify, apprehend and effectively control the juvenile who displays a consistent pattern of repeated serious crime.

**Objectives/Goals:** To increase operational cooperation and coordination between police, prosecutors, courts, probation, schools, social and family service organizations, and other community organizations in the early identification of serious chronic juvenile offenders. The SHOCAP program emphasizes juvenile justice system coordination and information gathering to aid in early identification of serious chronic juvenile offenders. SHOCAP seeks to suppress the criminal activity, control the dangerous conduct, and then organize a system wide supervision of the offender while in the community.

**Program Results:** Criminal activity in the community will be decreased due to the identification, improved surveillance, and referral to court of serious, habitual offenders.

**Target Population:** Adjudicated juveniles who have committed offenses serious in nature (i.e., assault against a person where a weapon was used, organized activity, arson, multiple offenses against a person, sexual offenses).

**Number Served Per Year:** 5-100 (varies by county)

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$31,930-\$68,261 (varies by county)

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## Gang Prevention Programs

Gang Intervention/Prevention Services  
Law Enforcement Against Delinquency (L.E.A.D. Program)  
Rural Youth Gang Intervention Project

Lubbock County  
Harris County  
Bexar County

**Gang Intervention/Prevention Services  
Lubbock County  
Lubbock, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** South Plains Association of Governments; Lubbock Independent School District; Lubbock County Criminal District Attorney's Office

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-2

**Program Description:** A program designed to provide enhanced supervision to 20-25 pre-adjudicated juvenile offenders who are known gang members or at high risk of becoming gang members.

**Objectives/Goals:** To prevent or reduce gang involvement. To educate the community and other agencies about gangs and gang related activity. To reduce the numbers of gang related crimes.

**Program Results:** Reduced recidivism. Conducted 46 public presentations to 1,186 participants. Conducted prevention/diversion classes for 125 youth. Held numerous special activity nights for at-risk youth.

**Target Population:** Gang members between 10-17 years of age

**Number Served Per Year:** 2,156

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$45,000 **Cost per Child per Day:** \$0.06

**Contact:** Rod Knott, Probation Supervisor  
Lubbock County Juvenile Probation  
2025 North Akron, Lubbock, Texas 79415-1118  
(806) 765-2500

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**Law Enforcement Against Delinquency (L.E.A.D. Program)  
Harris County  
Houston, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Harris County Sheriff's Department and Keller-Williams Realtors

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 5

**Program Description:** The Harris County Sheriff's Department in conjunction with the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department developed the L.E.A.D. Program in an attempt to curb juvenile crime and gang activity. The Sheriff's Department will be responsible for providing mentors for this project. These mentors will consist of sworn peace officers employed by the Sheriff's Department.

**Objectives/Goals:** To provide youth with a support system (mentor) which will hopefully prevent further criminal behavior.

**Program Results:** Reduction in recidivism. Improved communications between residents and police agencies.

**Target Population:** Males, ages 10-17, attending grades 6-12

**Number Served Per Year:** 62 served in first year

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$740

**Contact:** Sgt. Al Johnson  
601 Lockwood, Houston, Texas 77011  
(713) 921-8879

**Rural Youth Gang Intervention Project  
Bexar County  
San Antonio, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Somerset ISD, Southwest ISD, East Central ISD, Southside ISD, Justice of the Peace Courts 4 and 5, STARS Program, Community Guidance Center, Bexar County Gang Task Force

**Prevention Level:** Primary

**Program Description:** The Bexar County Juvenile Probation Department, in conjunction with the Justice of the Peace Courts, rural Independent School Districts, local civic and religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, families and community groups, addresses rural gang involvement through early intervention programming. The at-risk child for gang involvement exhibits behaviors that include truancy, low academic scores, high drop out rates, poverty, lack of supervision, lack of recreational activities, and family member/peer gang affiliation.

**Objectives/Goals:** Provide case management and education services to at-risk youth in order to deter them from becoming involved in the juvenile justice system.

**Program Results:** Increased awareness of gang activity and early intervention strategies while empowering youth with community pride and adequate coping/decision making skills.

**Target Population:** At risk youth, ages 10-16

**Number Served Per Year:** 500 direct case management; 1,500 education/group participants

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$98,841

**Cost per Child per Day:** \$1.64

**Contact:** Richard G. Garcia, Jr.  
Bexar County Juvenile Probation  
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## Border Specific Programs

Border Children Justice Project  
Mexican National Diversion Program

Cameron County  
El Paso County

**Border Children Justice Project  
Cameron County  
San Benito/Brownsville, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Mexican Consulate, Immigration Office, Consejo Tutelar

**Prevention Level:** Secondary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-4

**Program Description:** The Border Children Justice Project was designed to facilitate the disposition of juvenile illegal aliens referred to the probation department for delinquent conduct. It was especially intended to decrease the number of Mexican nationals avoiding prosecution by falsifying their identification. Funds are provided to improve the rehabilitative efforts of Texas and Mexican authorities through probation services, institutional placements, and social work services. The program is operated in five border counties (Cameron, El Paso, Starr, Val Verde, and Webb).

**Objectives/Goals:** The main objective is to address crime problems along the Mexican border and to properly identify juveniles from Mexico.

**Program Results:** The parents of juvenile illegal aliens are informed of juvenile matters.

**Target Population:** Undocumented aliens, ages 10-17

**Number Served Per Year:** 38-61 (varies by county)

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$30,000

**Cost per Child per Day:** \$1.04

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**Mexican National Diversion Program  
El Paso County  
El Paso, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** The Mexican Consulate, City of Juarez' Social and Service Agencies

**Prevention Level:** Secondary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 2

**Program Description:** The Mexican National Diversion Program is a 4-month program for residents of the City of Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico and nearby surrounding areas. The program consists of supervision, diversion, and prevention from further delinquent behavior. The juveniles are supervised weekly and are required to participate in Community Improvement Program, school and/or work, and counseling (substance use, family, or individual) if needed.

**Objectives/Goals:** To divert first time juvenile offenders from formal court proceedings, to provide prevention services, and to hold the youth accountable for his actions.

**Program Results:** Some of the results are shown in positive behavior adjustment delinquency deterrent, and no further negative behavior. The program has a 100% success rate.

**Target Population:** Male and female first time offenders, between ages 10-17, accused of committing a Class A or B misdemeanor

**Number Served Per Year:** 42

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$30,000

**Contact:** Jorge E. Mendoza  
El Paso County Juvenile Probation  
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## Runaway and Truancy Programs

Community Youth Development Project  
Runaway Program  
Selective Offense Supervision Unit  
Truancy Reduction Impact Program (T.R.I.P.)

Dallas County  
Lubbock County  
Nueces County  
Nueces County

**Community Youth Development Project  
Dallas County  
Dallas, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Federal, state, county, and city agencies, community and civic organizations, religious and volunteer organizations.

**Prevention Level:** Primary

**Program Description:** The program was designed to target youth within the 75216 zip code area, who are the most at risk of delinquency and school failure. The Juvenile Liaison Officer provides monitoring linkage and network services to those youth who are showing patterns of truancy and early delinquent behavior.

**Objectives/Goals:** The goal of this program is to provide intensive individualized intervention for identified high-risk youth.

**Program Results:** The program is reducing the excessively high incidence of truancy among youth presently falling within the 75216 zip code area.

**Target Population:** School age children (grades 1-12) in 75216 zip code area

**Number Served Per Year:** 90

**Contact:** Ray Hernandez, Juvenile Liaison Officer  
Dallas County Juvenile Probation Department  
S.O. Cliff High School  
3601 South Marsalis Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75216

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**Runaway Program  
Lubbock County  
Lubbock, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Department of Human Services, law enforcement

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-2

**Program Description:** Catholic Family Services provides temporary shelter and counseling services to target population families.

**Objectives/Goals:** Provide parenting skills training.

**Program Results:** Prevention of subsequent runaways and trancies.

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

**Number Served Per Year:** 200

**Program Cost Per Year:** no cost to department

**Contact:** Rod Knott, Probation Supervisor  
Lubbock County Juvenile Probation  
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(806) 765-2500

**Selective Offense Supervision Unit  
Nueces County  
Corpus Christi, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Texas A&M (Corpus Christi) Departments of Criminal Justice, Psychology and Counseling; Del Mar College Departments of Criminal Justice and Mental Health Science

**Prevention Level:** Primary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-2

**Program Description:** Selective Offense Supervision Unit utilizes university interns and volunteers to provide services to runaways, truants and Class C misdemeanors. The program provides referrals for services, short term supervision, and counseling.

**Objectives/Goals:** To reduce runaways and truancies in Nueces County.

**Program Results:** Reduction in runaways and truants.

**Target Population:** Referrals for runaway or truancy

**Number Served Per Year:** 1,300

**Program Cost Per Year:** no cost to department

**Contact:** Penny Grochow  
Nueces County Juvenile Justice Center  
2310 Gollihar Road, Corpus Christi, Texas 78416  
(512) 855-7303

**Truancy Reduction Impact Program (T.R.I.P.)  
Nueces County  
Corpus Christi, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Primary/Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1

**Program Description:** The T.R.I.P. Center is a temporary holding facility for juveniles who are truant from school. It also provides referrals for assistance to the Gulf Coast Council of La Raza and the Nueces County Juvenile Department.

**Objectives/Goals:** To reduce the number of juveniles who are truant from school and committing offenses during the day.

**Program Results:** Juvenile truants are identified and provided service.

**Target Population:** Juveniles who are picked up for truancy and day time curfew violation

**Number Served Per Year:** 400

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$53,412

**Contact:** Joseph P. Alley  
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Mental Health/Mental Retardation Programs

Families First  
Juvenile Services/MHMR/CPS - Joint Project  
Mental Health Caseload  
Spruce Youth and Family Center

Randall County  
Tarrant County  
El Paso County  
Dallas County

**Families First  
Randall County  
Amarillo, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** TPMHA

**Prevention Level:** Secondary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 3-4

**Program Description:** Clients are referred to the program by juvenile probation where screening, assessment and psychological counseling for clients and their families is provided. Assessment is also available for clients/families in need of information and/or link-up to services in the community.

**Objectives/Goals:** Goals of the program are to preserve families by providing mental health services to teach necessary social and coping skills.

**Target Population:** Juveniles who are first time offenders.

**Number Served Per Year:** 60-80

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7201 I-40 W Ste 200, Amarillo, Texas 79106  
(806) 354-2191

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**Juvenile Services/MHMR/CPS - Joint Project  
Tarrant County  
Fort Worth, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Child Protective Services, MHMR

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 3-5

**Program Description:** The Joint Project is an effort initiated by Tarrant County Juvenile Services to contract with Tarrant County MHMR and the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services for full-time, on site case management services, to facilitate the provision of services from each of those agencies jointly with Tarrant County Juvenile Services to its client families. A probation officer from Juvenile Services is assigned to a specialized caseload of such client families. This probation officer works as a team member with a CPS and MHMR Caseworker assigned to Juvenile Services full-time.

**Program Results:** Approximately 66 youth have received project services. Youth on these caseloads successfully complete probation approximately 99% of the time.

**Target Population:** Adjudicated youth with significant MH/CPS histories and/or need for service are given priority for this project.

**Number Served Per Year:** 66

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$163,568

**Cost per Child per Day:** \$5.00

**Contact:** Ken Harris  
Tarrant County Juvenile Probation  
2701 Kimbo Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76111  
(817) 838-4600 ext. 134

**Mental Health Caseload  
El Paso County  
El Paso, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** MHMR - Life Management

**Prevention Level:** Secondary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 3-5

**Program Description:** Adjudicated juveniles having a diagnosis of schizophrenia, bi-polar disorder, dysthymia, major depression, or any diagnosis or collection of diagnosis indicating a serious mental health condition are provided appropriate supervision. A simple diagnosis of "Conduct Disorder" is excluded from this caseload.

**Objectives/Goals:** To provide knowledgeable and informed supervision, coordinated with treatment for juveniles with serious mental health issues.

**Program Results:** Improved monitoring and coordination of services for adjudicated juveniles with mental health problems.

**Target Population:** Juveniles with serious mental health conditions

**Number Served Per Year:** 50

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$50,569

**Cost per Child per Day:** \$2.80

**Contact:** Sylvia Edwards and Field Tracker  
El Paso County Juvenile Probation  
6400 Delta Drive, El Paso, Texas 79905  
(915) 772-2133

**Spruce Youth and Family Center  
Dallas County  
Dallas, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Dallas public schools, Dallas County MHMR, Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, Parkland Community Oriented Primary Care Program

**Prevention Level:** Secondary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-4

**Program Description:** The Spruce Youth and Family Center is a community/school based center that provides health and mental health services to youth and their families. These services are provided by a collaborative partnership between Dallas public schools, Dallas County MHMR, Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, Parkland Community Oriented Primary Care Program and Dallas County Juvenile Department.

**Objectives/Goals:** To address physical, emotional, and social needs of youth and their families and to promote family focused programs which enhance the well-being of youth and their families.

**Program Results:** Improve communication between family members, reduce truancy rate, reduce recidivism rate, maintain a healthy life style, and improve mental health.

**Target Population:** Grades pre-K through 12; ages 4 to 18

**Number Served Per Year:** 350+

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$550,000

**Contact:** Kimberly Walcott, LMSW  
Spruce Youth and Family Center  
9716 Grady Lane Road, Dallas, Texas 75217  
(972) 557-6242



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## Sex Offender Programs

Offense Specific Sex Offender Treatment  
Sex Offender Program  
Sexual Offender Program  
Sexual Perpetrators Counseling Group

Travis County  
Jefferson County  
El Paso County  
Nueces County

**Offense Specific Sex Offender Treatment  
Travis County  
Austin, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 2-4

**Program Description:** A licensed psychologist and his staff provide individual, group and family counseling to adjudicated sex offenders in order to treat the juvenile's delinquent sexual behavior. The duration of the treatment is generally for 12 to 18 months.

**Objectives/Goals:** To reduce the juvenile's delinquent sexual behavior.

**Program Results:** 99% of juveniles do not re-offend with a sex offense.

**Target Population:** Adjudicated sex offenders

**Number Served Per Year:** 55

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$100,000 **Cost per Child per Day:** \$5

**Contact:** Dr. Carlos Loredo  
2111 Montclair, Austin, Texas 78704  
(512) 443-1374

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**Sex Offender Program  
Jefferson County  
Beaumont, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 3-5

**Program Description:** Juveniles referred for sex offenses are tested by a local psychologist who specializes in dealing with this type of behavior. A licensed counselor provides group therapy for those clients who have been identified with needs for therapy.

**Objectives/Goals:** This program attempts to focus on early detection of needs and to provide a therapeutic group setting for the client.

**Program Results:** Most clients attend the group for one to one-and-a-half years. After completion, there is a graduation procedure.

**Target Population:** Males, ages 14 and above

**Number Served Per Year:** 60

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$16,000

**Contact:** Katie Durio, Terri Hunt  
Jefferson County Juvenile Probation  
215 Franklin, Beaumont, Texas 77701  
(409) 835-8490

**Sexual Offender Program  
El Paso County  
El Paso, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Norma Reed and Associates

**Prevention Level:** Secondary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 3-5

**Program Description:** The juvenile must have been adjudicated for a sexual offense or have a documented history of having perpetrated sexual offenses against others.

**Objectives/Goals:** Goals of the program are to provide supervision and treatment of sex offenders by a probation officer who is knowledgeable of the treatment, legal and supervision issues specifically related to these offenders.

**Program Results:** All sexual offenders are registered in compliance with legal requirements other than the court order and a set length of time is insured for certain adjudicated offenses to allow for completion of the needed counseling.

**Target Population:** Male and female juveniles, ages 10-17, grades 5-12

**Number Served Per Year:** 25

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$36,165

**Cost per Day per Child:** \$4.01

**Contact:** Otis Martin  
El Paso County Juvenile Probation  
6400 Delta Drive, El Paso, Texas 79905  
(915) 772-2133

**Sexual Perpetrators Counseling Group  
Nueces County  
Corpus Christi, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 4

**Program Description:** The program is a weekly outpatient counseling group specializing in treating the perpetrators of sexual offenses who are on probation. Issues of sexual victimization of the juvenile perpetrator and inappropriate sexual conduct is dealt with.

**Objectives/Goals:** To make sexual offenders accept responsibility for their actions and break the cycle of sexual abuse.

**Target Population:** Juvenile sexual perpetrators, ages 10-17

**Number Served Per Year:** 12

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$10,800

**Contact:** Ricardo Ortiz  
Nueces County Juvenile Justice Center  
2310 Gollihar Road, Corpus Christi, Texas 78416  
(512) 855-7303



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## Intensive Supervision and At-Home Detention Programs

About Face	Galveston County
Aftercare	Dallas County
Challenge Program	Bexar County
County Wide Curfew Check	Walker County
Community-Based Detention (CBD)	Tarrant County
Electronic Monitoring	Various Locations
Intensive Supervision Program (ISP)	Various Locations
Phase III Boot Camp After-Care/Intensive Supervision	Harris County
Probation Community Control Program (PCCP)	Tom Green County

**About Face  
Galveston County  
Texas City, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Mental Health and Mental Retardation

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 4

**Program Description:** This program was implemented to reduce the number of juveniles committed to the Texas Youth Commission and as an alternative to long term residential placement. The juveniles shall be under court jurisdiction, which will mandate compulsory school attendance, participation in close order drills and physical fitness exercise along with mandatory juvenile group counseling and parent education. Educational needs are satisfied by an education curriculum during the core hours of the day.

**Objectives/Goals:** The About Face Program's intent is to provide a program to effectively channel delinquent juveniles behavior into more positive outcomes in the forms of willing law abiding citizens.

**Program Results:** Effectively channel delinquent youth's behavior into more positive outcomes in the forms of willing law abiding citizens, instilling the importance of self discipline, responsibility, and respect towards one's self and one's community.

**Target Population:** Juveniles on probation who are assigned to Progressive Sanctions Level 4

**Number Served Per Year:** 40 (six month program)

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$247,263

**Cost per Child per Day:** \$33.87

**Contact:** Brent T. Norris  
Galveston County Juvenile Probation  
5500 Attwater Avenue, Texas City, Texas 77590  
(409) 770-5914

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**Aftercare  
Dallas County  
Dallas, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 5

**Program Description:** Aftercare is an intensive supervision unit. It was designed to provide continuum of care service for juvenile offenders placed in contract residential facilities. The program is staffed with eleven caseworkers, one supervisor, and one assistant supervisor whose responsibility is to coordinate the roles of the department, facility, family, friends, and the community in the treatment of the youth. Emphasis is placed on creating an experience that will strengthen and extend the safety net after placement and probation are completed.

**Objectives/Goals:** To reduce the unsuccessful discharge rate in residential placement.

**Program Results:** The Aftercare Program maintained the unsuccessful discharge rate of youth in residential placement facilities at or below 35%.

**Target Population:** Youth, ages 10-17

**Contact:** Eddie L. Rayford  
Dallas County Juvenile Department  
2600 Lone Star Drive, Box 5, Dallas, Texas 75212

**Challenge Program  
Bexar County  
San Antonio, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Center for Health Care Services, YMCA

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 4

**Program Description:** A two month program for ISP adjudicated youth made up of two components; a classroom/group and a physical experience/challenge component.

**Objectives/Goals:** Youth are placed in a setting where they are challenged to confront their weaknesses and achieve the realization that they can overcome.

**Program Results:** 80% successful completion rate in 1996.

**Target Population:** Progressive Sanctions Level 4 adjudicated youth

**Number Served Per Year:** 96

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$69,000 **Cost per Child per Day:** \$11.98

**Contact:** Richard A. Garcia or Joel Cavazos  
Bexar County Juvenile Probation  
600 Mission Road, San Antonio, Texas 78210  
(210) 531-1931

**County Wide Curfew Check  
Walker County  
Huntsville, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Huntsville Police Department, Walker County Sheriff's Department

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 2-4

**Program Description:** A physical house to house check of probationers, performed by the Walker County Juvenile Services Department with assistance from local law enforcement. This is done to monitor the probationers' compliance with their conditions of probation dealing with their curfew.

**Objectives/Goals:** To encourage probationers to comply with their curfew and to impress upon them that all conditions of probation are important.

**Program Results:** To have probationers abide by their curfew and to know that a probation officer will check on them.

**Target Population:** Probationers

**Program Cost Per Year:** no cost to department

**Contact:** Kimberly Greene or Jeffrey Alexander  
Walker County Juvenile Probation  
P.O. Box 536, Huntsville, Texas 77342-0536  
(409) 436-4994

**Community-Based Detention (CBD)  
Tarrant County  
Fort Worth, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Tarrant County Advocate Program

**Prevention Level:** Secondary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 3-5

**Program Description:** CBD provides in-home detention services to alleged juvenile offenders pending charges for non-violent crimes who can be returned to the physical custody of their parents while awaiting disposition of their cases. CBD services are provided through the Tarrant County Advocate Program (TCAP) and are structured to conform with the general function of detention and in accordance with established standards for in-home detention services. TCAP utilizes trained advocates to provide intensive community supervision of youth in the program. Advocates are responsible for escorting youth and parents to scheduled court hearings until final disposition of the case. They assist youth in keeping appointments with attorneys and for diagnostic services and may also provide nightly curfew checks through face-to-face contact or telephone confirmation. Activities are used to identify strengths and needs of the youth and family in relation to educational, vocational, and social functioning. This information may be utilized as part of a service plan presented by advocates to the court, if requested, in cases where CBD has been provided for 14 days or longer. Disposition of referrals receiving CBD services are as expeditiously docketed as cases physically detained.

**Objectives/Goals:** CBD offers Tarrant County Juvenile Services and Juvenile Courts not only a cost effective, non-residential alternative to detention, but additional service delivery when compared with traditional detention services.

**Program Results:** As of March 1997, approximately 90 youth have received project services. Greater than 95% return to court with no new law violations and no additional referrals.

**Target Population:** Generally, youth considered for CBD are those charged with non-violent offenses whose parents are willing and able to assist with supervision in the home. Youth deemed inappropriate for the program are those who have demonstrated a danger to themselves or to the community. Each case is carefully screened by Juvenile Services and the Court to ensure that home detention does not jeopardize community safety.

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$60,000

**Cost per Child per Day:** \$25-30

**Contact:** Marihelen Wieberg  
Tarrant County Juvenile Probation  
2701 Kimbo Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76111  
(817) 838-4600 ext. 113

**Electronic Monitoring  
Various Locations**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Randall County's Sheriff's Office

**Prevention Level:** Secondary/Tertiary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 2-4

**Program Description:** Many departments use electronic monitoring primarily for juveniles who are in severe risk of absconding or have had persistent curfew violations. It is also used as an alternative to secure detention for some non-adjudicated juveniles.

**Objectives/Goals:** To maintain 24-hour supervision for severely at-risk children.

**Program Results:** The primary benefit is to reduce detention population and the amount of time a child may spend in detention. Secondly, it provides an incentive for the child to continue appropriate behavior.

**Target Population:** Persistent violators and those at risk of absconding.

**Number Served Per Year:** varies by county

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$2,400-\$180,000

**Contact:** Richard A. Garcia  
Bexar County Juvenile Probation  
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San Antonio, Texas 78210  
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Barry Gilbert  
Randall County Juvenile Probation  
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Amarillo, Texas 79118  
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Hope Brockway  
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2701 Kimbo Road  
Fort Worth, Texas 76111  
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David Hensley  
Travis County Juvenile Probation  
2515 South Congress  
Austin, Texas 78704  
(512) 448-7000

**Intensive Supervision Program (ISP)  
Various Locations**

**Prevention Level:** Secondary-Tertiary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 4-5

**Program Description:** During 1996, 113 of the 165 juvenile probation departments operated an Intensive Supervision Program (contacts of counties submitting program descriptions to this compendium are listed below). With an average caseload of 12, ISP officers generally use this program as a last alternative to placement outside the home and commitment to the Texas Youth Commission. Those children involved are identified as high risk and need maximum supervision. Supervision often includes the use of electronic monitoring, frequent drug testing, curfew checks, school and home visits, participation in family counseling, and payment of financial or community service restitution.

**Objectives/Goals:** The objectives of ISP programs are to provide juveniles with services needed to help reduce recidivism, reduce probation violations, reduce out of home placements and commitments to the Texas Youth Commission, and return juveniles to the community as law-abiding citizens.

**Program Results:** ISP programs address juveniles' high risks and needs; provide and enhance public safety; provide cost effective alternatives to placements; and reduce commitments to the Texas Youth Commission.

**Target Population:** Juveniles, ages 10-17. Some counties offer special programs aimed at specific offender caseloads (Bexar County has programs for felony, gang, sex offender, and substance abuse caseloads; Nueces County has programs for female, serious offender, and sexual offender caseloads).

**Number Served Per Year:** 30 (average)

**Program Cost Per Year:** from \$5,898 to \$525,000 (for counties reporting) **Cost per Child per Day:** \$12.48

**Contact:**

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Suzan Cervantes or Sonia Solis El Paso County Juvenile Probation 6400 Delta El Paso, Texas 79905 (915) 772-2133	Tom Glore Hays County Juvenile Probation 302 West San Antonio San Marcos, Texas 78666 (512) 396-4443
Chris Revill Hill County Juvenile Probation P.O. Box 892 Hillsboro, Texas 76645 (817) 582-9553	Bill Black Jefferson County Juvenile Probation 215 Frankilin Beaumont, Texas 77701 (409) 835-8490
Rod Knott, Probation Supervisor Lubbock County Juvenile Probation 2025 North Akron Lubbock, Texas 79415-1118 (806) 765-2500	Barry Gilbert Randall County Juvenile Probation 9300 South Georgia Amarillo, Texas 79118 (806) 356-1150

Joseph Bradford Rusk County Juvenile Probation 212 North Van Buren Henderson, Texas 75652 (903) 657-0372	Garrett Hults or Patricia Caprario Smith County Juvenile Probation 100 East Berta Tyler, Texas 75702 (903) 535-0850
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Third Floor Ward County Courthouse  
Monahans, Texas 79756  
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2701 Kimbo Road  
Fort Worth, Texas 76111  
(817) 838-4631

Chris Hernandez  
Nueces County Juvenile Justice Center  
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Corpus Christi, Texas 78416  
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**Phase III Boot Camp After-Care/Intensive Supervision  
Harris County  
Houston, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 5

**Program Description:** The Program holds the client accountable and responsible for behavior seven days per week by providing intensive supervision. Officers have varied schedules so clients are unaware of contact times. There are three face-to-face contacts with the officer and probationer each week in addition to a minimum of three telephone curfew checks per week. Additionally, a curfew van goes out twice weekly between 8:30 pm and midnight on varying days and conducts approximately 30 personal curfew checks. Weekend programming, which is mandatory, includes drug screening, group counseling and ROPES.

**Objectives/Goals:** Provide immediate and intensive supervision for clients released from the boot camp to instill self-discipline and responsibility while assisting in the reintegration of the youth to home and community and enforcing the court orders.

**Program Results:** Of the 160 youths in the program during the first six months of operation, 57 (36%) were returned to court. Of those, 46 were for technical offenses (often resulting from the intensiveness of supervision); 6 for misdemeanors and 5 for felonies. 88 clients successfully completed the program.

**Target Population:** Males, ages 15-18, average grade of 9

**Number Served Per Year:** 160 during first six months of operation (4/96 through 9/96)

**Contact:** Tom Brooks  
Harris County Juvenile Probation  
3540 West Dallas, Houston, Texas 77109  
(713) 467-2705

**Probation Community Control Program (PCCP)**  
**Tom Green County**  
**San Angelo, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 4

**Program Description:** PCCP is an intensive supervision probation program that provides strict 24 hour supervision to youth who have exhausted all options available prior to being removed from the community. It is a four level system that attempts to work youth back down to intensive supervision and regular probation.

**Objectives/Goals:** Prevent juveniles from being sent to the Texas Youth Commission and attempts to influence decision making in order to return to regular probation.

**Program Results:** Less than 10% committed to the Texas Youth Commission and 40% successfully complete probation.

**Target Population:** Multiple referrals, serious offenders, and those who are candidates for the Texas Youth Commission.

**Number Served Per Year:** 44

**Contact:** Tom Green County Juvenile Probation  
1253 West 19th, San Angelo, Texas 76903  
(915) 655-2323

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## Day Treatment and School Based Programs

Carver Learning Center Probation (CLCP)	Tom Green County
In Home Boot Camp Program	Fort Bend County
Jefferson County Youth Academy	Jefferson County
Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP)	Various Locations
Juvenile Probation Alternative Center (JPAC)	Victoria County
P.A.T.H.S. Juvenile Justice Alternative School	Rusk County
Pathways	Tarrant County
Probation Interacting with Education (PIE)	Tom Green County
Project Exito	El Paso County
School Based Probation Officer	Victoria County
Specialized Treatment and Rehabilitation (STAR)	Various Locations

**Carver Learning Center Probation (CLCP)  
Tom Green County  
San Angelo, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** San Angelo Independent School District, Carver Learning Center, Ayudar Drug Counseling, MHMR

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 3

**Program Description:** The CLCP Program provides services to its target population through monitoring attendance, drug testing and counseling, utilizing NCTI-Crossroads curriculum for prosocial skills, and immediate behavior management guidance. The program is located on-site at San Angelo's Alternative Education Program for behaviorally challenged students.

**Objectives/Goals:** Successfully move probationers from the alternative campus back to the mainstream campus through acquisition of necessary and appropriate skills to refrain from delinquency.

**Program Results:** 30% of youth served return to mainstream campus each semester and another 20% choose to remain on the alternative campus.

**Target Population:** Juveniles between ages 13 and 17 who have been removed from mainstream campus and placed on probation and attend the alternative school.

**Number Served Per Year:** 86

**Contact:** Tom Green County Juvenile Probation  
1253 West 19th, San Angelo, Texas 76903  
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**In Home Boot Camp Program  
Fort Bend County  
Richmond, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 4-5

**Program Description:** The program was specifically designed to eliminate the removal of juveniles to residential facilities and to impact both the offender and family in their environment. Program length is from six to nine months for Phase I to Phase III. Additionally, the juvenile is monitored until his eighteenth birthday. Juveniles are required to participate in 12 hour days, 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Monday through Friday in drill, physical endurance and educational studies. Community service is conducted on week-ends from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Parent education and counseling is mandated by the court and strictly enforced.

**Program Results:** The program is highly successful at modifying behaviors and reunifying families.

**Target Population:** Age 14-17 male offenders that are ready to be removed from their home due to multiple factors or referrals.

**Number Served Per Year:** 50

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$215,000

**Contact:** Captain Andrew Norwood  
Fort Bend County Juvenile Probation  
122 Golfview Drive, Richmond, Texas 77469  
(281) 341-3800

**Jefferson County Youth Academy  
Jefferson County  
Beaumont, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Sheriff's Department, local school districts

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 3-4

**Program Description:** The Youth Academy is a day boot camp/school program for juvenile offenders that have been expelled from school. The program is a combined effort between Jefferson County Juvenile Probation, the Sheriff's Department, and local school districts to provide a disciplined setting.

**Objectives/Goals:** This program makes available to the court additional consequences and sanctions in an effort to deter commitment to the Texas Youth Commission.

**Program Results:** Assisting clients in needed behavior changes to avoid further referrals to juvenile probation.

**Target Population:** Ages 12-17

**Number Served Per Year:** 65

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$225,000

**Contact:** Bill Black  
Jefferson County Juvenile Probation  
215 Franklin, Beaumont, Texas 77701  
(409) 835-8490

**Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program  
Various Locations**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Local school districts

**Prevention Level:** Secondary/Tertiary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-4

**Program Description:** Section 37.011 of the Texas Education Code requires that certain counties with a population exceeding 125,000 (some counties with population less than the required amount opted to open JJAEPs) provide placement in a JJAEP for expelled, adjudicated delinquents. Local option may permit placement for additional misbehavior. Each juvenile board determines the program content and placement duration. Programs may focus on English, mathematics, science, history, self-discipline, and GED programs.

**Objectives/Goals:** To educate children that would have been expelled from school; and to maintain a safe school environment.

**Program Results:** Allows students who are expelled from school to continue their education and remove them from potential daytime criminal activity.

**Target Population:** Expelled juveniles

**Number Served Per Year:** varies by county

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$58,859-\$76,030 (of counties below) **Cost per Child per Day:** \$4.00-\$125.00

**Contact:** Amador Rodriguez  
Cameron County Juvenile Probation  
P.O. Box 1573, San Benito, Texas 78586  
(210) 399-3075

Jamal Rasheed, Administrator  
Dallas County Juvenile Program  
4711 Harry Hines Blvd., Dallas, Texas 75235  
(214) 905-9551

Dr. Waymon Wesley or Garrett Hults  
Smith County Juvenile Probation  
100 East Berta, Tyler, Texas 75702  
(903) 535-0850

**Juvenile Probation Alternative Center (JPAC)  
Victoria County  
Victoria, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 3-4

**Program Description:** Designed to serve as a last resort alternative school placement for juveniles on probation to teach basic skills, social skills, and how to deal with family environment with life skills.

**Objectives/Goals:** JPAC offers a place for juveniles on probation to come to school after they have been expelled from an alternative school setting.

**Program Results:** A smaller schoolroom setting enables students to concentrate and catch up on work that they are behind in.

**Target Population:** Ages 10-18

**Number Served Per Year:** 12

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$100

**Contact:** Rise Konarik  
Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center  
97 Foster Field Drive, Victoria, Texas 77905  
(512) 575-0399

**P.A.T.H.S. Juvenile Justice Alternative School  
Rusk County  
Henderson, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Henderson Independent School District, community businesses, East Texas Council on Drugs and Alcohol

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-5

**Program Description:** The program consists of a half day of self-paced academics or GED preparation and a half day of life skills training and communication/social skills training through music therapy groups. Students are referred to individual counseling as necessary. Students receive one hour per week of group drug and alcohol counseling and special education services as needed. A levels and point system is utilized for behavior management. The staff consists of two certified teachers (one provided by Henderson Independent School District) and a coordinator/music therapist.

**Objectives/Goals:** To provide an opportunity for students to receive an education and to address skills deficit behavior problems, lack of social/communication skills and drug/alcohol issues.

**Program Results:** The program has improved school attendance, educational success, and provided students with life skills, communication, and social skills.

**Target Population:** Students, ages 12-16, who have been expelled from school and/or court ordered into the program

**Number Served Per Year:** 13

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$64,165

**Contact:** Linda Pool, RMT-BC, P.A.T.H.S. Coordinator  
Rusk County Juvenile Probation  
212 North Van Buren, Henderson, Texas 75652  
(903) 657-0372

## Pathways

Tarrant County  
Fort Worth, Texas

**Other Agencies Involved:** Fort Worth Independent School District (FWISD), Lena Pope Home

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 3-5

**Program Description:** Pathways Learning Center is the department's juvenile justice alternative education program. It is a collaborative effort among FWISD and Lena Pope Home to provide academic instruction, intensive probation supervision, and family-focused therapeutic intervention (including behavior management and skills based treatment). The program serves approximately 48 youth at a time, allowing for a 1:8 teacher to student ratio, with the additional support of probation officers, behavior interventionists, a clinical coordinator, and a program director. Youth are court-ordered to attend and participate in the program, and their parents are directed to support program efforts by the Juvenile Court. Tenure is expected to be until the end of the expulsion term, and until individual treatment plan and program goals are met.

**Objectives/Goals:** Tarrant County Juvenile Services recognizes that many adolescent offenders under compulsory supervision by the Juvenile Court have had very unsuccessful academic experiences and that a significant number are permanently expelled as a result of their disruptive behavior or cumulative failure to progress academically. Juvenile Services developed the Pathways Program to provide accredited educational services for juveniles at middle school and high school levels to address academic and behavioral barriers to successful functioning in their home school environments. The goal is that youth who participate encounter a successful educational experience leading to grade level achievement and/or re-integration into a home school or mastery of basic academic skills.

**Program Results:** Since program inception, approximately 194 youth have received educational and behavioral services which enabled them to progress academically and to allow higher academic study. Greater than 80% of program youth are successful at discharge.

**Target Population:** Middle and high school students who are on probation and expelled from public school

**Number Served Per Year:** 50

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$649,598

**Cost per Child per Day:** \$60

**Contact:** Marihelen Wieberg  
Tarrant County Juvenile Probation  
2701 Kimbo Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76111  
(817) 838-4600 ext. 113

**Probation Interacting with Education (PIE)  
Tom Green County  
San Angelo, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** San Angelo Independent School District, Ayudar Drug Counseling

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 3

**Program Description:** The program strives to help each individual become successful in the school setting and in the community by providing a program of tutoring and rigorous exercise.

**Objectives/Goals:** The program provides discipline through rigorous exercises and fitness and academic emphasis in the tutoring portion.

**Program Results:** Improvement in attendance and grades; reduction , and in some cases extinction, of further referrals to the juvenile system; portion of the cases go on to participate in school.

**Target Population:** Juveniles who are 13 to 16 years old, in junior high or high school or alternative school, who have a history of misbehavior in the school setting.

**Number Served Per Year:** 76

**Contact:** Tom Green County Juvenile Probation  
1253 West 19th, San Angelo, Texas 76903  
(915) 655-2323

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**Project Exito  
El Paso County  
El Paso, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Crossroads Training and Drug Counseling

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 3-5

**Program Description:** Coordination and enforcement of supervision and services for graduates of the department's boot camp (Challenge), which incorporates physical training, group programs, and community service, family contact, pro-social activities, and employment assistance.

**Objectives/Goals:** The main objective is to prevent juveniles who have graduated from the Challenge Program from re-entering the juvenile justice system through the use of local agencies.

**Program Results:** 100% diverted from the Texas Youth Commission.

**Target Population:** Juveniles who are successfully released from the El Paso County Challenge Program, from ages 14 to 16 years.

**Number Served Per Year:** 33

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$29,116 **Cost per Child per Day:** \$2.45

**Contact:** Manuel Torres  
El Paso County Juvenile Probation  
6400 Delta Drive, El Paso, Texas 79905  
(915) 775-4774

**School Based Probation Officer  
Victoria County  
Victoria, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 3

**Program Description:** The School Based Probation Officer acts as a liaison between juvenile probation and the Victoria Independent School District. The officer provides support for all campuses by acting quickly on school referrals, especially for at-risk students. The officer also handles all truancy cases and children in need of supervision cases.

**Objectives/Goals:** To act as a liaison between agencies to better serve schools and the juvenile justice system.

**Program Results:** The officer carries only these types of cases on her caseload and visits the schools daily.

**Number Served Per Year:** 53

**Contact:** Rise Konarik  
Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center  
97 Foster Field Drive, Victoria, Texas 77905  
(512) 575-0399

**Specialized Treatment and Rehabilitation (STAR)  
Various Locations**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Local school districts

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-4

**Program Description:** The STAR Program is a non-residential boot camp that provides structure and discipline within the school setting. The program addresses the needs of the juveniles by providing for the child's education while teaching teamwork and life skills, thus instilling a sense of pride and self-discipline. The program has been duplicated in several counties.

**Objectives/Goals:** To increase student attendance and academic level; increase communication between the student, parents, and school; and improve self-esteem.

**Program Results:** Improve grades, behavior, and self-esteem.

**Target Population:** Primarily middle school and junior high school juveniles, ages 10-15

**Number Served Per Year:** 74-925 (varies by county)

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$75,998-\$297,000 (varies by county)

**Contact:**

Israel "Buddy" Silva, Chief JPO Hidalgo County Juvenile Probation P.O. Box 267 Edinburg, Texas 78540 (210) 381-8600	Rod Knott, Probation Supervisor Lubbock County Juvenile Probation 2025 North Akron Lubbock, Texas 79415-1118 (806) 765-2500
Jean LeBlanc, JPO Polk County Juvenile Probation 101 West Church Street Livingston, Texas 77351 (409) 327-6850	Sgm. James Watley Smith County Juvenile Probation 100 East Berta Tyler, Texas 75702 (903) 535-0850 or (903) 592-3040
Leroy Wilkinson Walker County Juvenile Services P.O. Box 536 Huntsville, Texas 77342-0536 (409) 436-4994	



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## Residential Programs

Aftercare Caseload	El Paso County
Challenge	El Paso County
Child Protective Services/Title IV-E Caseload	El Paso County
Dallas County Youth Village	Dallas County
Foster Care	Various Locations
J.U.S.T.I.C.E. Boot Camp	Nueces County
Leadership Academy	Travis County
Letot Center - Emergency Shelter	Dallas County
Long-Term Diversionary Program	Gregg County
Mill Street Project/Residential Placement	Johnson County
Title IV-E Federal Foster Care Program	Various Locations
Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Post Adjudication Alternative Placement Program	Victoria County

**Aftercare Caseload  
El Paso County  
El Paso, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 5

**Program Description:** The program provides quality supervision in the treatment of juveniles who have been in out-of-home placement, coupled with a gradual decrease of supervision and increase of juveniles' responsibilities prior to termination.

**Objectives/Goals:** To positively re-integrate the juvenile with the family and community by reinforcing the skills and techniques acquired while in placement.

**Target Population:** Adjudicated youths in treatment-oriented residential placements for issues other than drug and alcohol abuse and who are not CPS or Title IV-E eligible cases.

**Number Served Per Year:** 75

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$86,796 **Cost per Child per Day:** \$3.21

**Contact:** Monica Sotelo, Alfredo Navarro, Field Tracker  
El Paso County Juvenile Probation  
6400 Delta Drive, El Paso, Texas 79905  
(915) 772-2133

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**Challenge  
El Paso County  
El Paso, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Crossroads Training and Drug Counseling

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 3-5

**Program Description:** Challenge is a highly regimented, secure boot camp program involving strict discipline, drill/ceremony, physical training, education and intensive counseling in several areas. The program consists of two phases. The initial phase stresses intense discipline and structured activities. The second phase is a reintegrational phase which is slightly less structured with more privilege opportunities.

**Objectives/Goals:** To provide public safety, while rehabilitating the lives of the most serious juvenile offenders and prepare them for reintegration back into the community.

**Program Results:** 80% successful completion rate of the program; 100% participation in program services; 100% participation in educational programs; 100% drug free during the program; 80% without a new referral.

**Target Population:** Adjudicated males, ages 14-16

**Number Served Per Year:** 33

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$475,891 **Cost per Child per Day:** \$110.15

**Contact:** Manuel Torres  
El Paso County Juvenile Probation  
6400 Delta Drive, El Paso, Texas 79905  
(915) 775-4774

**Child Protective Services/Title IV-E Caseload  
El Paso County  
El Paso, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 3-5

**Program Description:** The program is designed to provide supervision to juveniles as well as coordinate services between the juvenile probation department and the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services to address not only juveniles' needs but the immediate needs of the family.

**Objectives/Goals:** To provide counseling services, in-home care, medical needs and foster care.

**Program Results:** Transition of juveniles into foster care, group homes or independent living programs if re-unification with the family is not an option. Quality intensive family preservation service for the successful re-integration of the juvenile to his or her home.

**Target Population:** Adjudicated offenders who have an open case with the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services or who have been court ordered into residential treatment and meet the Title IV-E guidelines.

**Number Served Per Year:** 50

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$54,709 **Cost per Child per Day:** \$3.03

**Contact:** Rose Butler or Field Tracker  
El Paso County Juvenile Probation  
6400 Delta Drive, El Paso, Texas 79905  
(915) 772-2133

**Dallas County Youth Village  
Dallas County  
Dallas, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 4-5

**Program Description:** This is a secure, highly structured residential placement facility that works with youth ages 10-17. Youth offenses range from status offenses to minor violent offenses. The program provides individual, group, sex offender, chemical dependency, family and family training therapy.

**Objectives/Goals:** (1) Treat and rehabilitate adjudicated youth close to the community where they reside; (2) Divert youth from the Texas Youth Commission; (3) Provide referral and services to the family to assist a positive and productive re-entry back into the community.

**Target Population:** Each youth must be able to read at least at a third grade level. Youth ages range from 10 to 17, with 16 being the average post-adjudicated male.

**Number Served Per Year:** 105

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$2,355,294 **Cost per Child per Day:** \$55.96

**Contact:** Teresa E. Barnett, Superintendent  
Dallas County Juvenile Probation  
1508 East Langdon Road, Dallas, Texas 75241  
(972) 225-9700

**Foster Care  
Various Locations**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Children's Protective Services, MHMR, placement agencies

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-5

**Program Description:** The Foster Care Program is family focused treatment with a goal of preparing the child to return home. It is sometimes used as a temporary transition for youth who are not appropriate to return home, but will require short-term placement in a residential treatment facility. This program is well suited for youth who have had serious emotional and behavioral difficulties.

**Objectives/Goals:** To habilitate child and return them to home situation; to habilitate family prior to child's return; to curtail further delinquency.

**Program Results:** Reduction in offenses; improved academic performances; healthier child (mentally and physically); improved family situations.

**Target Population:** Emphasis on ages 10-15, some counties place only females.

**Number Served Per Year:** 2-90 (varies by county)

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$265,000-\$700,000 (varies by county) **Cost per Child per Day:** \$15.00-\$72.60

**Contact:** Rod Knott, Probation Supervisor      Sam Quattrochi or Marty White  
Lubbock County Juvenile Probation      Dallas County Juvenile Probation  
2025 N. Akron, Lubbock, TX 79415-1118      10505 Denton Dr., Dallas, Texas 75220  
(806) 765-2500      (214) 357-0391

Le Rivas  
Randall County Juvenile Probation  
9300 S. Georgia, Amarillo, Texas 79118  
(806) 356-1150

**J.U.S.T.I.C.E. Boot Camp  
Nueces County  
Corpus Christi, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Corpus Christi Independent School District, Nueces County Hospital District, Coastal Bend Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Young Marines and other volunteers.

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 5

**Program Description:** J.U.S.T.I.C.E. Boot Camp is an intensive eight month to a year residential treatment program for progressive sanction level 5 and above. Juvenile offenders who have violated their probation are court ordered into the program. The program utilizes the military disciplinary model and provides intensive educational life skills and attitudinal training.

**Objectives/Goals:** To develop self-disciplined rehabilitated individuals whose educational performance is enhanced and whose life skills are conducive with a crime free life style.

**Program Results:** Although no cadets have graduated and returned home yet, they are very involved in the program and none have had to be removed.

**Target Population:** Ages 12-17

**Number Served Per Year:** 48

**Contact:** Laura Milstead  
J.U.S.T.I.C.E. Boot Camp  
745 North Padre Island Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas 78406  
(512) 289-4270

**Leadership Academy  
Travis County  
Austin, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Family Preservation, community service restitution agencies, local universities

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 3, 5

**Program Description:** Three phased residential program operating on a positive peer culture model utilizing a secure component, halfway house, and supervised community living by probation officer when the child returns home.

**Objectives/Goals:** Return to community living with skills needed to prevent further penetration into the juvenile justice system.

**Program Results:** Return to optimum functioning within the community.

**Target Population:** Males, ages 14-16

**Number Served Per Year:** 70

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$1,980,816 **Cost per Child per Day:** \$115.28

**Contact:** Claire Burnett, Director  
Travis County Juvenile Probation  
2515 South Congress, Austin, Texas 78704  
(512) 448-7076

**Letot Center - Emergency Shelter  
Dallas County  
Dallas, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Dallas Challenge, Incest Recovery Program, MHMR, Dallas Independent School District, Promise House Shelter, Greater Dallas Council on Alcoholism

**Prevention Level:** Primary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1

**Program Description:** The Letot Center provides a 30-day, highly structured program using a behavioral management system. Daily programming includes therapeutic and problem-solving groups. Educational groups focus on Aids, sex education, health and hygiene, conflict resolution, life skills, and substance abuse. Residents participate in recreational, art and drama activities. The shelter program has a case management system that provides individual family and parent crisis intervention services to the children and their families. Casework services are provided when the family is in need of other community resources. Aftercare services are set-up for families to continue when the child returns home.

**Objectives/Goals:** (1) Provide a non-secure residential setting with crisis intervention services to reunite families; (2) divert status offenders from entering into the juvenile justice system; (3) prevent further progression in the juvenile justice system.

**Program Results:** Reunite status offender with parents; assist families in locating and linking with community resources; and halt progression of children into the juvenile justice system.

**Number Served Per Year:** 600

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$803,048 **Cost per Child per Day:** \$84.00

**Contact:** Marty White or Cathy Brock  
10505 Denton Drive, Dallas, Texas 75220  
(214) 357-0391

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**Long-Term Diversionary Program  
Gregg County  
Longview, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 5

**Program Description:** The program is designed for juveniles who have been found by the courts to have engaged in delinquent conduct, and as part of their probation have been placed on suspended commitment from the Texas Youth Commission to participate in a residential placement program (following progressive sanctions guideline level 5) for a period of time not less than six months. The program offers individual counseling, crisis intervention, parent/child training, and anger management.

**Objectives/Goals:** To aid the residents' development into socially adjusted individuals and to promote positive changes in their personal developments.

**Program Results:** By being a community based program, the results of parent/child training has been very successful due to the close proximity of the child and parent.

**Target Population:** Any juvenile on progressive sanctions guideline level 5

**Number Served Per Year:** 16

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$224,000 **Cost per Child per Day:** \$83

**Contact:** Doug Williams  
Gregg County Juvenile Probation Department  
310 Turk Street, Longview, Texas 75601  
(903) 758-0121

**Mill Street Project/Residential Placement  
Johnson County  
Cleburne, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Cleburne Independent School District

**Prevention Level:** Secondary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 3-5

**Program Description:** The Mill Street Project provides quality treatment and care to and for juveniles who are chemically dependent or emotionally disturbed or are suffering from depression, attention deficit disorder, sexual abuse, and who violated criminal laws of the State of Texas.

**Objectives/Goals:** To motivate and teach each juveniles to use positive resources necessary for them to reach their highest potential, and encourage them to take full responsibility for their individual thoughts and behavior.

**Program Results:** Develops coping strategies, personal strengths, and reduce the possibility of recidivism.

**Target Population:** Grades 8-10

**Number Served Per Year:** 50

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$337,952

**Cost per Child per Day:** \$75

**Contact:** John Warren  
Johnson County Juvenile Probation  
116 South Mill Street, Cleburne, Texas 76031  
(817) 556-6880

**Title IV-E Federal Foster Care Program  
Various Locations**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, Department of Public and Regulatory Services

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 3-5

**Program Description:** As of March 1997, there are 55 departments contracting with the Title IV-E Program. The program reimburses departments a percentage of the placement costs of eligible youths placed out of the home. Title IV-E administrative costs are also reimbursed 50%.

**Objectives/Goals:** A service plan developed on the child and parents targets their needs. The child, parent and care giver are contacted at least once a month to assist in the goal of family preservation and reunification.

**Program Results:** With their needs and services noted initially, the family is reunited as soon as possible because they are monitored and updated throughout the child's stay in placement.

**Target Population:** Certain criteria (AFDC eligibility, federal language in court orders, parental deprivation, IV-E approved facility) must be met in order to certify a child IV-E eligible. Any child on court-ordered probation placed outside the home can be screened for IV-E eligibility.

**Number Served Per Year:** 231 in fiscal year 1996 (statewide)

**Cost per Child per Day:** varies according to the level of care required to meet the child's needs.

<b>Contact:</b>	Ayda Ozuna	Roger Martinez
	Cameron County Juvenile Probation	El Paso County Juvenile Probation
	P.O. Box 1573	6400 Delta Drive
	San Benito, Texas 78586	El Paso, Texas 79905
	(210) 399-3075	(915) 772-2133

**Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Post Adjudication Alternative Placement Program  
Victoria County  
Victoria, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Tertiary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 3-6

**Program Description:** The program is a dual purpose facility with a structured environment offering residential treatment to adolescent males and females. These individuals have been identified as at-risk or adjudicated delinquents. Emphasis is on a positive peer culture approach in conjunction with a level system.

**Objectives/Goals:** To teach these juveniles to deal with situations and to think before they act out.

**Program Results:** These juveniles have a chance to work with computers and have a chance to learn vocational skills while still getting credit for going to school on a daily basis.

**Target Population:** Ages 10-18

**Number Served Per Year:** 25 long term; 72 total beds

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$1,990,770 **Cost per Child per Day:** \$83

**Contact:** Pama Hencerling  
Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center  
97 Foster Field Drive, Victoria, Texas 77905  
(512) 575-0399

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## Operation Outreach and Other Law Enforcement Programs

Diversion Impact  
Night in Jail Program  
Operation Kick-It  
Operation Outreach

Red River County  
Nueces County  
Various Locations  
Various Locations

**Diversion Impact  
Red River County  
Clarksville, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Red River County Sheriff's Department, Texas Department of Public Safety

**Prevention Level:** Primary/Secondary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-5

**Program Description:** The program provides an overview of the juvenile justice system presented by juvenile probation personnel and law enforcement. Juveniles are given a tour of the county jail followed by presentations from trustees and parolees. Program closes with a video presentation of "Dead Wrong: The John Evans Story."

**Objectives/Goals:** To increase awareness of consequences of delinquent behavior and prepare child to make better choices in the future.

**Program Results:** Large decrease in recidivism rates for juvenile offenders.

**Target Population:** Juvenile offenders, ages 10-16

**Number Served Per Year:** 150

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$2,500

**Contact:** Dianne Allen Phelps  
Red River County Juvenile Probation  
200 North Walnut, Clarksville, Texas 75426  
(903) 427-5761

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**Night in Jail Program  
Nueces County  
Corpus Christi, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Nueces County Sheriff's Departments

**Prevention Level:** Primary/Secondary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-4

**Program Description:** Juveniles are taken on a graphic tour of the Nueces County Jail by Sheriff's Department personnel. If possible, they speak to prisoners who explain in detail the harsh realities of involvement in criminal activity and life in the county jail.

**Objectives/Goals:** To determine further delinquent activity of familiarizing delinquents and pre-delinquents with the realities of incarceration.

**Program Results:** Positive feedback from parents and juveniles.

**Target Population:** Ages 10-17

**Number Served Per Year:** 190

**Program Cost Per Year:** no cost to department

**Contact:** Penny Grochow  
Nueces County Juvenile Justice Center  
2310 Gollihar Road, Corpus Christi, Texas 78416  
(512) 855-7303

**Operation Kick-It  
Various Locations**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Texas Department of Corrections

**Prevention Level:** Secondary/Tertiary

**Program Description:** The Kick-It Program is designed as a diversion program by attempting to influence young offenders out of a path of crime. The program is presented by volunteer inmates from the Texas Department of Corrections and is conducted at the probation department for all juvenile aged children on some form of supervision. Several departments operate this program; those counties submitting a program description are listed below.

**Objectives/Goals:** To increase awareness to help deter the juveniles from continuing delinquent conduct.

**Program Results:** The inmates encourage the young offenders to assume responsibility for their behavior in order to avoid the same outcome they have encountered.

**Target Population:** Some counties offer program to juveniles in detention, some to all juveniles supervised.

**Number Served Per Year:** 25-50 (varies by county)

**Program Cost Per Year:** no cost to department

**Contact:** Melissa Weiss  
Austin County Juvenile Probation  
One East Main  
Bellville, Texas 77418  
(409) 865-5911 ext 137

Richard Dean, Detention Supervisor  
Lubbock County Juvenile Probation  
2025 North Akron  
Lubbock, Texas 79415-1118  
(806) 765-2500

**Operation Outreach  
Various Locations**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Texas Department of Corrections

**Prevention Level:** Secondary/Tertiary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-4

**Program Description:** Operation Outreach is a relatively popular program operated throughout the state (contacts are listed below for those counties submitting a program description). Designed to give juvenile offenders a first hand look at what a state penitentiary is like on the inside, juveniles hear actual stories of the lives of inmates and how they got to prison. Juveniles spend a day with the inmates and participate in their daily routine, which includes group discussions and field work.

**Objectives/Goals:** To expose the juveniles to the consequences of criminal behavior in an attempt to deter them from future criminal activity.

**Program Results:** The program gives the juveniles a first hand look at what prison life really involves.

**Target Population:** Juveniles under supervision

**Number Served Per Year:** 25-70 (varies by county)

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$0-\$120 (varies by county)

**Contact:** Melissa Weiss  
Austin County Juvenile Probation  
One Main East  
Bellville, Texas 77418  
(409) 865-5911 ext 137

Garrett Hults or Patricia Caprario  
Smith County Juvenile Probation  
100 East Berta  
Tyler, Texas 75702  
(903) 535-0850

Bobby Colacino  
Van Zandt County Juvenile Probation  
P.O. Box 1021  
Canton, Texas 75103  
(903) 567-4981

Mende Holcomb  
Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center  
97 Foster Field Drive  
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## Other Various Programs

Hopeline  
Legal Advocates for Minors Project (LAMP)  
Letot Center Early Assessment  
Photo ID Card  
Probationer of the Month  
Project Wrap  
Southwest Keys Tracking and Austin Outreach

Nueces County  
Dallas County  
Dallas County  
Smith County  
Walker County  
Dallas County  
Travis County

**Hopeline  
Nueces County  
Corpus Christi, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Primary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1

**Program Description:** Hopeline is a 24-hour hotline operated by the juvenile department, which receives calls from juveniles and parents requesting assistance for behavioral problems, family relationship problems, gang information and delinquency prevention.

**Objectives/Goals:** To provide 24-hour assistance to troubled teens and parents.

**Program Results:** The Hopeline receives approximately 150 calls each month.

**Target Population:** Any age

**Number Served Per Year:** 1,500

**Program Cost Per Year:** no cost to department

**Contact:** Penny Grochow  
Nueces County Juvenile Justice Center  
2310 Gollihar Road, Corpus Christi, Texas 78416  
(512) 855-7303

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**Legal Advocates for Minors Project (LAMP)  
Dallas County  
Dallas, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Dallas Independent School District, Youth and Family Centers

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 3

**Program Description:** In 1995, the Juvenile Justice Committee of the Dallas Bar Association began working on ways to involve lawyers in working with young people at risk. The committee designed a three-pronged project for pro bono assistance by lawyers, the Legal Advocates for Minors Project. One prong promotes lawyers' involvement at two Dallas high schools. The second prong includes involvement in Big Brothers and Big Sisters. In the third prong, the "Interim Advocates/Lawyers" component, lawyers are devoting time and legal skills in helping minors alleged to have committed crimes for which cases likely will be filed, but who do not receive services through the Juvenile Department in the interim between arrest and appointment of permanent counsel.

**Objectives/Goals:** To provide services and assessment to youth while they are pending court disposition to prevent further penetration in the system.

**Target Population:** Property offenders, ages 10-15

**Number Served Per Year:** 200

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$60,000 **Cost per Child per Day:** \$8.00

**Contact:** Emily Craig  
Dallas County Juvenile Department  
2600 Lone Star Drive, Box 5, Dallas, Texas 75212  
(214) 698-4272

**Letot Center Early Assessment  
Dallas County  
Dallas, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** MHMR, local law enforcement, Dallas Challenge, Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services

**Prevention Level:** Primary/Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1

**Program Description:** Early assessment is provided to insure that youth are assessed to prevent wasted time seeking appropriate resources, as well as insuring that resources are sought that meet each youths' specific needs.

**Objectives/Goals:** The objective is to provide accurate assignments that provide resources to reunite families and prevent further penetration into the juvenile justice system.

**Program Results:** All problematic areas are identified so that appropriate resources are deployed to the youth and their families.

**Target Population:** Ages 10-16, grades 5-12

**Number Served Per Year:** 2,000

**Cost per Child per Day:** \$36.00-\$40.00

**Contact:** Sam Quattrochi or Joanna Vatsis  
10505 Denton Drive, Dallas, Texas 75220  
(214) 357-0391

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**Photo ID Card  
Smith County  
Tyler, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 2-4

**Program Description:** A picture photo ID card is given to juveniles under supervision at the department. ID cards consist of picture, name, date of birth, type of supervision, curfew time, and other persons they are court-ordered to not associate with.

**Objectives/Goals:** To assist law enforcement in identifying probationers and provide immediate consequences for violations.

**Program Results:** Better rapport with local law enforcement agencies and holds probationers more accountable.

**Target Population:** All juveniles served under Progressive Sanctions Levels 2, 3, and 4

**Number Served Per Year:** 400

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$200 (initial set-up was approximately \$1,000)

**Contact:** Garrett Hults, Deputy Director  
Smith County Juvenile Probation  
100 East Berta, Tyler, Texas 75702  
(903) 535-0850

**Probationer of the Month  
Walker County  
Huntsville, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Local restaurants and cinema

**Prevention Level:** Secondary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 2-4

**Program Description:** At the end of each month, the juvenile services staff select one probationer to serve as the "Probationer of the Month" for that month. This probationer must meet certain standards and requirements set forth by the staff and in return is rewarded for their efforts with a free meal for two at a local restaurant and free movie passes at the local cinema.

**Objectives/Goals:** To reward probationer for his or her efforts towards positive behavior.

**Program Results:** Changing behavior

**Target Population:** All probationers

**Number Served Per Year:** 12

**Program Cost Per Year:** no cost to department

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**Project Wrap  
Dallas County  
Dallas, Texas**

**Other Agencies Involved:** Mental Health and Mental Retardation (MHMR), Dallas County Advocate Program

**Prevention Level:** Secondary

**Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 2-5

**Program Description:** The wraparound process is a way to improve the lives of children and families who have complex needs. The process is used to help communities develop individualized plans of care. The actual plan is developed by a child and family team (four to ten people who know the child best). The team must be no more than half professionals. The plan is needs driven, family-centered, culturally competent, unconditional, and community-based. It is based on the unique strengths, values, and preferences of the child, family, and community.

**Objectives/Goals:** (1) Ensure family empowerment through the child/family team; (2) reduce the reliance on the institutionalization of youth with complex needs; (3) reduce recidivism of youth referrals; (4) increase the child and family's ability to address their own needs through their natural support system.

**Program Results:** The wraparound process is new for 1997. There is no data to evaluate at this time.

**Target Population:** Any youth within the juvenile department system that meets required MHMR criteria

**Number Served Per Year:** 124 families

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$260,000

**Cost per Child per Day:** \$2,097 (per family)

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**Southwest Keys Tracking and Austin Outreach  
Travis County  
Austin, Texas**

**Prevention Level:** Secondary **Progressive Sanctions Level Served:** 1-4

**Program Description:** Juveniles are closely monitored by the staff, and community resource referrals are made for the child and family based on their needs.

**Objectives/Goals:** For the delinquent to become accountable to the Court through monitoring of the child.

**Program Results:** Of those juveniles who successfully completed the program, 93% were not readjudicated.

**Target Population:** Juveniles, ages 10-17

**Number Served Per Year:** 245

**Program Cost Per Year:** \$339,450

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It should be noted that the following list is of the programs listed in this Compendium only. The listing is not comprehensive of every prevention program operated by juvenile probation departments in Texas.

### Atascosa

- Life Skills Training
- Parenting Skills

### Austin

- CHOICES
- Community Service Restitution
- Intensive Supervision
- Operation Outreach and Operation Kick-It
- Substance Abuse Program

### Bexar

- Challenge Program
- Community Service Restitution
- Diversion Unit
- Electronic Monitoring
- Felony ISP
- Gang Intensive Supervision (*see Intensive Supervision Program*)
- Life Skills
- Rural Youth Gang Intervention Project
- Sex Offender Intensive Supervision (*see Intensive Supervision Program*)
- Substance Abusers Intensive Supervision (*see Intensive Supervision Program*)
- Victim Assistance Program
- Victim Assistance Job Development Program
- Bexar County Volunteers in Probation

### Cameron

- Border Children Justice Project
- CHOICES Program
- Community Service Restitution
- Intensive Supervision Program
- Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program
- Title IV-E Program

### Comal

- Rural Intervention Program

### Dallas

- Aftercare
- Community Liaison Officer
- Community Service Restitution
- Community Youth Development Project
- Dallas County Youth Village
- Employment Development
- Foster Care
- Foster Care - Independent Living Program
- Dallas County Juvenile Program (JJAEP)
- Legal Advocates for Minors Project (LAMP)

- Letot Center - Early Assessment
- Letot Center - Education Program
- Letot Center - Emergency Shelter
- Letot Center - Non-Residential Services
- Letot Center - Volunteer Program
- Project Wrap
- Spruce Youth and Family Center
- Substance Abuse Unit
- Victim/Offender Mediation

### DeWitt

- Juvenile Court Conference Committee (JCCC)
- Parenting and Life Skills (PAL)

### El Paso

- Aftercare Caseload
- Alcohol Abuse Prevention/Education
- Animals of the Month
- "Back on Track" Mentor Program
- Challenge
- Child Protective Services/Title IV-E Caseload
- Cognitive Development Program
- Domestic Violence Prevention/Education
- Drug and Substance Abuse Counseling
- Drug and Substance Abuse Prevention/Education
- Family Mediation Program
- Family Support Group
- First Offender Program (FOP)
- Foster Grandparent Program
- HIV/AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Disease Prevention Education
- HIV Testing
- Independent Living Skills Program
- Intensive Supervision Program
- Juvenile Court Conference Committee (JCCC)
- Male Responsibility
- Mental Health Caseload
- Mexican National Children's Program (*see Border Children Justice Project*)
- Mexican National Diversion Program
- A New Way of Life
- Newspapers in Education
- NovaNet Computer Based Education System
- Parent to Parent Group
- Project Exito
- Project Libertad
- Project Redirection
- Religious and Spiritual Guidance, Counseling and Education

## Appendix: Listing of Programs by County

- Serious and Habitual Offender Comprehensive Action Program
- Sexual Offender Program
- Substance Abuse Program
- Title IV-E Program

### Fort Bend

- Community Service Restitution
- First Offender (Through the Texas Children's Mental Health Plan)
- First Offender Program
- In Home Boot Camp Program
- Partnership for Youth

### Galveston

- About Face

### Gregg

- Community Service Restitution
- Long-Term Diversionary Program
- Victim/Offender Mediation

### Harris

- Community Service Program
- Dare to Dream
- Dispute Resolution Center - Level II Cases (*see Victim/Offender Mediation*)
- Houston Council on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse - Juvenile Probation
- Law Enforcement Against Delinquency (L.E.A.D. Program)
- Phase III Boot Camp After-Care/ Intensive Supervision
- Voices for Choices

### Hays

- CHOICES
- Community Service Restitution
- Intensive Supervision Program

### Hidalgo

- Juvenile Court Conference Committee Volunteer Program
- Student Transition and Recovery (S.T.A.R.)

### Hill

- ISP

### Jefferson

- Intensive Supervision Program (ISP)
- Jefferson County Youth Academy
- Sex Offender Program

### Johnson

- Mill Street Project

- Anger Management Program
- Alcohol and Drug Program
- Atlas Program
- Book Report/Reading Program
- Community Service Restitution Program
- Foster Care
- Gang Intervention/Prevention Services
- Intensive Supervision Program
- Job Search Program
- Kick-It Program
- Money Management
- Multi-Family Support/Education Group
- New/Current Events
- Parenting Classes for Teens
- Peeks Manual/Activity Books Program
- A Real Man's/Real Woman's Group
- Runaway Program
- Services to At Risk Youth (STAR)
- South Plains Food Bank Farm Project
- Specialized Treatment and Rehabilitation (STAR)
- Trauma Survivor's Group
- Victim Mediation
- Victim/Survivor Empathy Group
- Vogue College Project
- Wilderness Challenge Camp
- Youth Art Program

### Nueces

- Aggression Control Program
- ALFA Program
- Bridge Program
- Family Impact Program
- G.U.I.D.E. Program
- Hopeline
- Intensive Supervision Placement Office
- Intensive Supervision Probation - Female Caseload (*see Intensive Supervision Probation*)
- Intensive Supervision Probation - Serious Offender (*see Intensive Supervision Probation*)
- Intensive Supervision Probation - Sexual Offender (*see Intensive Supervision Probation*)
- J.U.S.T.I.C.E. Boot Camp
- L.I.F.E. Skills Program
- Make Amends Program
- Master Gardener Program
- Night in Jail Program
- Officer of the Day
- Selective Offense Supervision Unit
- Sexual Perpetrators Counseling Group
- Tuff Luv Parents Support Group
- Truancy Reduction Impact Program (T.R.I.P.)

**Polk**

- Early Intervention - Campus Based
- S.T.A.R.

**Randall**

- CHOICES
- Electronic Monitoring
- Families First
- Family Adventure Weekend
- Foster Home Program (*see Foster Care*)
- Intensive Supervised Probation
- ROPES
- Substance Abuse Program
- Youth and Family Diversion

**Red River**

- Community Service Restitution
- Diversion Impact
- Positive Steps
- STAR
- Youth Intervention

**Rusk**

- Building on New Directions (B.O.N.D.)
- Choices and Consequences
- CSR Program
- East Texas Council Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (ETCADA)
- Intensive Supervision Program
- Monthly Workshop
- P.A.T.H.S. Juvenile Justice Alternative School

**San Patricio**

- Assisting Youth to Understand Drugs and Alcohol
- CHOICES Drug and Crime Prevention Program
- Neighborhood Conference Committee Program

**Smith**

- Challenge Ropes Adventure Course
- CHOICES Prevention Program
- Intensive Supervision Program
- Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program
- Operation Outreach
- Photo ID Card
- Serious and/or Habitual Offender Program
- S.T.A.R. Day Boot Camp
- Tyler Against Graffiti
- VIP Volunteer Program

**Tarrant**

- Community-Based Detention
- Community Service Restitution
- Electronic Monitoring - Home Detention
- Family Preservation
- Financial Restitution

- Ground Zero
- Intensive Supervision Probation
- Juvenile Services/MHMR/CPS - Joint Project
- Pathways
- Short-Term Early Prevention (S.T.E.P.)
- Tarrant County Advocate Program (TCAP)

**Tom Green**

- AYUDAR Project
- Carver Learning Center Probation (CLCP)
- ESP (Education Supervision Program)
- Mentor Program
- PCCP (Probation Community Control Program)
- PIE (Probation Interacting with Education)

**Travis**

- Alateen
- Anger Management Classes
- Austin Travis County Advocacy Program (AT-CAP)
- CHOICES Program
- Community Mentoring Program
- Community Service Restitution
- Electronic Monitoring Program
- Family Preservation Program
- Insight/Awareness Group
- Intensive Supervision Probation Program
- Juvenile Offender Substance Abuse Treatment Services Network (JOSATS)
- Law Related Education
- Leadership Academy
- Multi-Family Groups
- Neighborhood Conference Committee
- Offense Specific Sex Offender Treatment
- Parent-Child Mediation
- Peer Victim/Offender Mediation
- Personal Responsibility Program
- Southwest Keys Tracking and Austin Outreach
- Victim-Offender Mediation

**Van Zandt**

- Active Parenting/Education Network
- First Offender Program
- Homeworks
- New Games
- Operation Outreach
- Operation Payback
- Passport to Recovery

**Victoria**

- CHOICES
- Community Service Restitution
- Cultural Awareness Mentor Program
- Juvenile Probation Alternative Center (JPAC)
- Operation Outreach
- Parenting Class

- School Based Probation Officer
- Teen Court
- Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Post Adjudication Alternative Placement Program

**Walker**

- CHOICES: Don't Choose Crime, Don't Choose to Use
- County Wide Curfew Check
- First Referral
- Lifeskills
- Operation Outreach
- Probationer of the Month
- S.T.A.R. (Specialized Treatment and Rehabilitation)

**Ward**

- Community Service Restitution
- First Referral Program
- Intensive Supervision
- Victim-Offender Reconciliation Program (VORP) (*see Victim/Offender Mediation*)