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Bastrop County	The Cen-Tex Regional Services Department has partnered with other community providers to provide parenting skills and education to parents whose children, ages 6-17 years of age are at increased risk of entering the juvenile justice system. The Department partners with school districts by providing drug awareness and education to students at risk of illegal and prescription drugs.	Jason Bender Chief Juvenile Probation Officer 108 South Park, Suite 211 Brenham, Texas 77833 (979) 277-6245
Bexar County	The Bexar County Juvenile Probation Department offers "Project Connect," a school based truancy prevention and early intervention program in partnership with Communities In Schools, Southwest Key and the North East Independent School District. The project targets children and youth who are at increased risk of delinquency, truancy, dropping out of school or referral to the juvenile justice system. The department has also initiated the "Leadership Institute" to provide mentoring, community service, team-building, computer and technology training, outdoor activities, and etiquette to adolescents. This program, administered through the Claude Black Youth Leadership Institute, targets San Antonio or Judson Independent School District adolescents and youth (ages 11-17) who are not currently under department supervision but are at increased risk of delinquency, truancy, school dropout, or referrals to the juvenile justice system.	David Reilly Chief Juvenile Probation Officer 301 E. Mitchell San Antonio, Texas 78210-3845 (210) 335-7500
Burnet County	The Burnet County Juvenile Probation Department uses trained facilitators to deliver Curriculum Based Support Group program, a research-based curriculum which reduces anti-social attitudes and rebellious behavior through small group character-building classes. Participants are fourth and fifth grade at-risk youth in certain elementary schools in Blanco, Burnet, Gillespie, Llano, and San Saba counties.	Mark Bittner Chief Juvenile Probation Officer 220 South Pierce Street Burnet, Texas 78611 (512) 756-5470

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Cameron County	In collaboration with the Boys and Girls Club of San Benito, the San Benito Consolidated Independent School District, the City of San Benito and the Cameron County Juvenile Justice Department has implemented a program that provides safe and structured afterschool activities to high risk youth, ages 6-17, with a special emphasis on siblings of youth already involved in the juvenile justice system. Activities include mentoring, tutoring, educational opportunities and social activities, with a focus on increasing school attendance and academic achievement.	Tommy Ramirez Chief Juvenile Probation Officer P.O. Box 1690 Brownsville, Texas 78586 (956)-399-3075
Crosby County	Crosby County Juvenile Probation Department is offering Prevention/Intervention counseling for at-risk youth ages 6 to 17 through a Licensed Professional Counselor. Youth are identified through the Juvenile Probation department, County Sheriff's department, local city police, school districts or concerned parents. At-risk youth can receive counseling for anger management, behavior concerns, peer relationships, drugs and alcohol abuse, stress management and coping skills, depression, grief, and any other area that may be causing them stress in their daily life. The goal of Crosby County Youth Services is to assist at-risk youth in developing better skills to help them make better choices in order to experience more success at home and in the community.	Sandy Harrell Chief Juvenile Probation Officer 201 W. Aspen, Suite B-100 Crosbyton, Texas 79322 (806) 675-2668
Ector County	Ector County Juvenile Probation Department 's full-time intervention officer acts as an advocate for youth and works with other agencies to identify specific needs that will allow youth to remain in or return to his or her home campus. The target population is Ector ISD students ages 6-17 years of age who have been or are at risk of being suspended off campus to a Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP) and/or expelled. Services include home and school visits to assist in attendance, behavior management, anger management, coping skills, social skills, substance abuse prevention and individual counseling.	Lou Serrano Chief Juvenile Probation Officer 1401 E. Yukon Road Odessa, Texas 79762-9762 (432) 362-6356

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Ellis County	Ellis County Juvenile Services collaborates with the Ennis Boys & Girls Club who provides an evidence-based afterschool mentoring program and life skills curriculum for youth between the ages of 6 to 17, with special attention on younger children. Youth are referred to the program by the Truancy Court, Municipal Court, school counselors, social agencies and parents.	Darrin Ray Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Ellis County Juvenile Services 2272 FM 878 Waxahachie, TX 75165 Phone: (972) 825-5400
El Paso County	The El Paso Juvenile Probation Department offers the “Intervention and Prevention Program” to reduce youth-related community risk factors. Probation staff and other partners in the program have received training on evidence-based programs, bullying prevention, and strengthening families. The program targets at-risk youth ages 6-17 who are not involved with the juvenile justice system. Service Coordination, Community wide presentations, Mentoring services, and case management services are provided through collaborations with community partners.	Roger Martinez Chief Juvenile Probation Officer 6400 Delta El Paso, Texas 79905 (915) 849-2500
Fort Bend County	Fort Bend Juvenile Probation Department has implemented “Saved by the Bell” a truancy/delinquency reduction program that was created as a pilot program in 2008, serving six schools within the Fort Bend ISD. In December 2011, the department expanded Saved by the Bell to include a specialized truancy magistrate and enough juvenile probation officers to facilitate all of the Fort Bend ISD. This grant added an additional Saved by the Bell juvenile probation officer to administer the same proactive case management strategies together with meaningful sanctions to the Katy Independent School District within Fort Bend County.	Matthew Dobbs Chief Juvenile Probation Officer 122 Golfview Richmond, Texas 77469 (281) 633-7400
Guadalupe County	Guadalupe County Juvenile Services contracts with Seguin Youth Services to provide a variety of programs through a neighborhood-based youth center located in a low-income, high-risk neighborhood. The target students for this project are elementary and middle school children and youth between the ages of 6-13 who, because of their risk factors, may be at increased risk of juvenile justice involvement.	Ron Quiros Chief Juvenile Probation Officer 2613 N. Guadalupe Street Seguin, Texas 78155 (830) 303-1274

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	Services include transportation to afterschool programming, snacks, tutoring, computer labs, recreational activities, life skills curriculum, vocation projects, camping, and other programs designed to increase parent involvement, protective factors and success rates in school.	
Hale County	The Hale County Juvenile Probation Department works with Communities in Schools (CIS) of the South Plains to employ coordinators for services for Hale, Castro, and Swisher counties. CIS provides supportive guidance and counseling, tutoring, academic enrichment, pre-employment training, mentoring, and other support services to at-risk youth. Participating students are between the ages of 6-17 years. CIS serves youth who are identified by teachers, parents, and the youth themselves.	Eryberto Subealdea Chief Juvenile Probation Officer P.O. Box 410 Plainview, Texas 79072-9072 (806) 291-5259
Randall County	The Randall County Juvenile Probation Department partners with Texas AgriLife Extension Service for the Randall County 4-H project. Participants are youth ages 12-14 identified by the school district as having one or more risk factors for delinquency. Selected youth participate in the 4-H swine project, which requires approximately 300 hours of work training, cleaning out pens, feeding, walking and preparing swine for show. Youth and their families attend periodic training sessions, combining information related to livestock management and character development.	Jane King Chief Juvenile Probation Officer 9300 S. Georgia Amarillo, Texas 79118-9118 (806) 468-5700
Tarrant County	The Tarrant County Juvenile Probation Department, in collaboration with the Fort Worth ISD, offers a family engagement coordinator to provide a combination of case management and clinical services to youth placed in the school's Disciplinary Alternative Education Program. The coordinator provides case management services, including referrals to and follow-up with targeted clinical and auxiliary services for youth and their families most in need.	Randy Turner Chief Juvenile Probation Officer 2701 Kimbo Road Fort Worth, Texas 76111-3007 (817) 838-4600

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Tom Green County	The Tom Green Juvenile Probation Department has enhanced services provided by the Youth Advocate Mentoring Program. Participants are high risk youth (ages 6-13) who are not involved with the juvenile justice system but who have had incidents at school and have been referred from participating school districts to the program. Participants are provided advocate mentors who work intensively with the youth (up to 15 hours per week) and then taper services to fewer hours as the youth progress in the program. The program is available to seven counties in the West Texas area.	Mark Williams Chief Juvenile Probation Officer 1253 W. 19th Street San Angelo, Texas 76903-3112 (325) 655-2323
Travis County	The Travis County Juvenile Probation Department contracts with Southwest Key to provide the Family Keys Model to at-risk youth and their families. The Family Keys Model has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention as a best practice for providing prevention and early intervention services for youth and families. The model promotes family self-sufficiency and positive parental skills through a family-centered, culturally competent, strengths-based approach. Southwest Key works with the local school districts, local county and municipal courts to identify youth between the ages of 11 and 13 who are truant, running away, experiencing behavioral problems at school, or experiencing conflict with family members to participate in the program. Family Keys services include assessing the needs of the youth and family, developing service plans, providing community based outreach and advocacy, case management and aftercare support.	Estela Medina Chief Juvenile Probation Officer 2515 S. Congress Avenue Austin, Texas 78704-5594 (512) 854-7000
Van Zandt County	The Van Zandt County Juvenile Probation Department uses the "Just Kids Hands on Pets Education" program to address the needs of approximately 100 at-risk youth and families through a canine program designed to teach developmentally appropriate discipline, responsibility, compassion for life, motivational problem-solving, self-esteem and nurturing. Special needs youth may also attend a six-week program provided by licensed counselors. Participants are children and youth ages 6-17 who are at increased risk of involvement with the juvenile justice system.	Robert Colacino Chief Juvenile Probation Officer 323 E. Garland Grand Saline, Texas 75140 (903) 962-6292

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	School programs, group presentations and neighborhood programs will be scheduled at various locations and at the seven (7) ISD's in Van Zandt County with the content of these programs centering on character development, responsible pet ownership, bite prevention, and positive training techniques. Referrals come from local school districts, local law enforcement, Child Advocacy Centers, adult probation, child protective services, and local municipal courts.	
Webb County	The Webb County Juvenile Probation Department will work with the local Justices of the Peace and Southwest Key to provide Family KEYS programming, including needs assessments, service planning, home visits, advocacy, access to other services and discharge planning, using a comprehensive wraparound approach, with an emphasis on youth age 11 to 13, who run away from home, are truant from school, or exhibiting other at-risk behaviors.	Melissa Mojica Chief Juvenile Probation Officer 111 Camino Nuevo Road, Hwy 359 Laredo, Texas 78043 (361) 586-6001
Wharton County	The Wharton County Juvenile Probation Department partners with the "Just Do It Now" organization to help fund the "Yes We Can" program, which provides structured and supervised out-of-school activities centered on drug awareness and intervention, social skills development, mentoring, character development, leadership training and spiritual enrichment. This program targets youth who are between the ages of 6 to 18 and who are at increased risk of involvement with the juvenile justice system. Although they will accept referrals from other community sources, their primary referral source is the local schools.	Billie Bram Chief Juvenile Probation Officer 106 E. Milam Street Wharton, Texas 77488 (979) 532-2465
Willacy County	The Willacy County Juvenile Probation Department contracts with a licensed professional counselor to provide children and their families with prevention and early intervention services utilizing the Strengthening Families Program (SFP). SFP is one of the most powerful programs for family change in the country because it involves not just the parents of the child alone, but the whole family. The SFP curriculum is a 14 session approach addressing deficiencies within the family unit	Raul Garza Chief Juvenile Probation Officer 471 W. Hidalgo Raymondville, Texas 78580 (956)-689-6257

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	that are contributing factors to truancy and delinquency. The target population are parents of at-risk children and adolescents between the ages of 6 years through 17 years of age and who are not currently under the supervision of the juvenile justice system. Families completing the 14 sessions also have access to individual family counseling and are invited to attend reunion groups. Referrals for services are accepted from local law enforcement, schools, juvenile probation department, other social service agencies and healthcare providers.	
Williamson County	The Williamson County Juvenile Probation Department provides prevention education and support groups in participating county schools, using the curriculum "Kids Connection/Youth Connection": an evidence-based curriculum implemented by trained facilitators. Participants are at-risk, children, youth, and adolescents: ages 6 through 17. Through a partnership with The Georgetown Project and local community host facilities, the Department also offers evidence-based parent education curricula in both English and Spanish: "Parenting with the Assets" and "Parenting with Love and Logic". The Georgetown Project also promotes a quarterly "Parenting with the Assets"" media campaign; impacting the community at large (estimated over 5000 households receive information).	Scott Matthew Chief Juvenile Probation Officer 200 Wilco Way Georgetown, Texas 78626 (512) 943-3200
Zapata County	The Zapata County Juvenile Probation Department partners with King's Way Counseling to provide youth who are between the ages of 10 and 16 years old a safe and supervised venue during after-school hours. Tutoring, mentoring, and skills building combine to decrease a youth's risk of being involved in the juvenile justice system and improve his or her academic performance. Referrals come from teachers, social service agencies, clergy, and other community partners.	Sandy Pippin-Gomez Chief Juvenile Probation Officer 200 E. 7th Avenue, Suite 347 Zapata, Texas 78076-1125 (956) 765-9142

**TJJD-Funded Prevention and Early Intervention Programs**  
**Grant T. School Attendance Improvement Projects**  
**2014**

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Comal County	The Comal County Juvenile Probation Department will hire a Prevention Services Coordinator who will identify children ages 6-11 with school attendance problems and who are unsupported by youth-serving agencies, churches, non-profit organizations, civic groups or neighborhood programs. This coordinator will evaluate student needs, match the child to the most helpful and relevant programs, and bring appropriate referrals to collaborating organizations.	Kris Johnson Chief Juvenile Probation Officer 171 E. Mill Street New Braunfels, Texas 78130  (830) 221-1290
El Paso County	Through a partnership with Communities in School and the El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department, this project will provide intensive home based services (home visits, case management, service coordination, skills building, and facilitation of educational modules) to eligible youth and families meeting program criteria. The target population will be middle school youth ages 12-15 attending Riverside Middle School and their caregivers/parents. Youth must not be currently under the jurisdiction of the juvenile probation department, have any pending formal referrals, nor be under active juvenile justice supervision. Eligible youth must have demonstrated a history of low attendance and meet at least 2 individual and/or familial risk factors cited in the OJJDP's database on Truancy Reduction Programs.	Roger Martinez Chief Juvenile Probation Officer 6400 Delta El Paso, Texas 79905  (915) 849-2500
Karnes/Wilson Counties	The KWCJPD Attendance Improvement Program (AIP) has hired two School Attendance Specialists who will provide intensive attendance improvement and truancy reduction services to 200 students and their families from Floresville Independent School District, Karnes City Independent School District, and Kenedy Independent School District. The AIP will provide in-school and in-home services that involves the family; making immediate contact with both the student and the family when a student referred to the AIP has an unexcused absence. The School	Neva Schmidt Chief Juvenile Probation Officer 115 N. Market Karnes City, Texas 78118-2929  (830) 780-2228

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	<p>Attendance Specialists will develop an Individual Attendance Plan for each participant and will work to identify the root cause of truancy for each student and to work with each family to eliminate the causes of their child's truancy. In cases where additional support is needed, AIP will work with the Karnes County Community Coalition, the DSHS grant operated by Juvenile Probation, Family Preservation Program, Connections, and Camino Real (MHMR) Services, which includes mental health specialists, substance abuse prevention services, and counseling services. The AIP is based on successful evidence-based models of attendance improvement and truancy reduction involving sustainable practices and activities that have improved absenteeism performance and reduced the number of Juvenile Justice System referrals by increasing the number of days in school.</p>	
Tarrant County	<p>This project is a collaborative effort between Tarrant County Juvenile Services, Arlington ISD, and several community-based organizations that have a history of providing effective evidence-based models of intervention for youth and families. Through the use of case management, assessment, mediation, and referral to the most appropriate intervention available, the project will target youth who are found to be chronically absent from the 1st to 8th grade. With an understanding of the wide variables that can impact chronic absence and truancy, interventions will range from buying an alarm clock for the family or providing support for transportation, to case management and having contract providers to provide services to both the child and family, including trauma-informed mental health intervention as indicated.</p>	<p>Randy Turner            Chief Juvenile Probation Officer            2701 Kimbo Road            Fort Worth, Texas 76111-3007             (817) 838-4600</p>