

## JUVENILE DETENTION AND PROBATION

### MISSION

The Juvenile Probation Department is committed to the protection of the public while offering a myriad of rehabilitation services and programs to juvenile offenders and their parents/ guardians. Services and programs are balanced out by meaningful sanctions for any probation violations that demonstrate how serious the Department is about correcting delinquent behavior. A specialized “Probation Enforcement Unit” comprising 3 officers work in sync with other officers to bolster the enforcement of probation rules via the Court’s Orders. Types of programs and services range from therapeutic interventions, mentoring, parenting classes, substance abuse counseling, canine/ equine therapy, truancy abatement, and more intensive services/ programs such as an 80 Bed Detention Center, Juvenile Alternative Education Program and Juvenile Leadership Academy. It is our intent to bring about the most powerful and positive impact on the youth and family to divert the delinquent youth from continued negative behaviors and/or commitment to a long-term residential program. As an agent of change we have adopted the “Whatever it Takes” attitude in the rehabilitation process of all juvenile offenders and support this statement by having a large emphasis on creative and specialized programs. Most recently the Department expanded the current “Saved by the Bell Truancy Abatement Program” to address chronic truancy as a means to reduce delinquent conduct. The Juvenile Board comprising the County Judge and ten District and County Court at Law Judges serves as the Department’s governing board and ultimately oversees the operations of The Juvenile Probation Department.

### GOALS

#### GOAL 1

- Objective 1** Continue in the support of the many existing programs that address delinquent behavior to insure that said programs are functioning at the highest possible level of success. Ongoing and unbiased tracking of all programs gives the Department an up to the minute check on our progressive trajectory via all services.
- Objective 2** Continue working to balance out reactive services with proactive services. An example of reactive services is when a youth is arrested and the referral is sent to the juvenile probation department for disposition including the creation and implementation of a rehabilitation plan via the court order. An example of proactive services are those measures the department takes to keep youth out of the formal juvenile justice system via “Crisis Intervention” services offered to the community, “Alert Program” ( ½ day military style training offered to all parents), and truancy abatement, via the “Saved by the Bell Program”. Most recently we are working on another diversion program via a jail tour program using jail trustees. This is a work currently in progress and pending Juvenile Board approval.

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**Objective 3** Work towards the creation of a better alternative in the utilization of local mental health resources and the state psychiatric hospital system to create a system that offers “meaningful” psychiatric services without a lengthy waiting time for outpatient services and more in depth and comprehensive in patient psychiatric services and psychiatric aftercare services for the many mentally ill juvenile offenders that the department sees on a regular basis. Our county is not unlike other county juvenile probation departments in the paucity of mental health services for juvenile offenders. As most would attest the juvenile justice system in Texas has become the default mental health program for said offenders. To accomplish this vision will require collaboration with other county juvenile departments within our region and beyond to use our residual state funds collectively towards the creation of a better system for our clients.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES	2010 ACTUAL	2011 ACTUAL	2012 PROJECTED
No measures submitted.			

## JUVENILE PROBATION OPERATING

FUND: 100 General

ACCOUNTING UNIT: 100575105 Juvenile Probation Operating

<b>EXPENSE BUDGET</b>			
<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>2010 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2011 ADOPTED</b>	<b>2012 ADOPTED</b>
Salaries and Personnel Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating & Training Costs	\$ 8,401,172	\$ 8,831,717	\$ 8,114,002
Information Technology Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,401,172</b>	<b>\$ 8,831,717</b>	<b>\$ 8,114,002</b>



2010 was the first year that Juvenile was be budgeted in the four categories; however, in the general fund, it is budgeted as one lump sum. In prior years, the Commissioners Court adopts the lump sum for the Juvenile Probation and Detention departments which the Juvenile Board determines how the funds will be used.

## JUVENILE TRUANCY COURT

FUND: 100 General

ACCOUNTING UNIT: 100575107 Juvenile Truancy Court

### EXPENSE BUDGET

CATEGORY	2010 ACTUAL	2011 ADOPTED	2012 ADOPTED
Salaries & Personnel Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 325,231
Operating & Training Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000
Information Technology Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 335,231</b>

### 2012 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS

Job Title	Job Code	Grade	Count
Clerk III	J07008	G07	1
Assoc Judge – Special Magistrate Court	J15PM	G15	1
<b>Total Authorized Positions</b>			<b>2</b>

### 2012 NEW POSITIONS

Job Title	Job Code	Grade	Count
Clerk III	J07008	G07	1
<b>Total New Positions</b>			<b>1</b>

### ORGANIZATION CHART

