Fort Bend County Juvenile Probation Special Programs

Specializing in prevention, education and many additional needs for youth and family.

FORT BEND PARTNERSHIP FOR YOUTH, INC.

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This non-profit operates as an auxiliary organization for the probation department by financially supporting a variety of programs and projects, including many in the Special Programs Unit.

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THE MENTORING PROGRAM

Provides the juvenile an opportunity to spend quality time with a screened and trained positive adult role model. Each week, the mentor will offer one-to-one support, encouragement, a listening ear, problem solving skills and redirection to avoid further interaction with the juvenile justice system. Depending on the youth's status within the department, the visitation occurs in the detention center, school or in the community.

TRANSITIONS WORK/STUDY PROGRAM

Transitions work/study program provides juvenile probation youth, ages 14-18 years of age, with the tools that they will need to be educationally ready and literate in all areas of job readiness. In addition, juveniles are informed and encouraged about higher education opportunities, which includes on-site campus meetings and tours. This combination enables the juveniles to begin stepping forward toward a successful personal future. Educational readiness places a priority on one-to-one tutoring for those requiring remedial assistance in reading and math.

CANINE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The focus of this program is to help find permanent homes for dogs from Animal Services, while teaching valuable skills to youth on probation. Juveniles spend time with the dogs learning to train and care for them. They teach them basic obedience as well as a few tricks. At the end of the training period the youth assist in promoting the dogs for adoption to permanent homes. This program is made possible by a partnership between the Fort Bend County Juvenile Probation Department, Fort Bend County Animal Services, Fort Bend Partnership for Youth, Inc. and the Houston Humane Society.

TATTOO REMOVAL PROGRAM

This program is a partnership between the Fort Bend County Juvenile Probation Department, Access Health, Dr. Tolbert S. Wilkerson and the Houston Endowment Foundation. The Texas Gulf Coast Tattoo Obliteration by Infrared Light (TOBIL) is an inexpensive tattoo removal method for juveniles and other appropriate candidates in the Texas Gulf Coast region. The sliding scale fee is based on a client's income.

PARENTING CLASSES

This nationally acclaimed parent training program provides activity based curriculum in a ten chapter format, as well as a modified version under certain circumstances. It is designed to work with strong-willed and out-of-control destructive adolescent behavior. Parents receive intense classes to learn to change negative generational parenting. The curriculum teaches concrete identification, prevention and intervention strategies for the most destructive of adolescent behaviors (poor school attendance, performance, alcohol, drugs, gangs, runaways, etc.).

BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE

This educational prevention program created in 1999 by a collaboration of Fort Bend Partnership for Youth, Inc., Fort Bend County Juvenile Probation Department and The George Foundation. *The Student's Guide to Texas Juvenile Law* is an informative 17-page booklet for 5th to 8th graders and consists of the juvenile law and how it can affect youth. The Juvenile Outreach Office of the Fort Bend Sheriff's Office now presents *Before It's Too Late* material to 4th to 8th graders, as well as, *Now That You're 10* information for 4th graders.

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