# Fort Bend County Juvenile Probation

## **BRIDGE PROGRAM**

The Bridge Program is a collaborative effort by the court and the probation department to effectively utilize the resources and services of the department, to increase the involvement and investment of the parents and to increase the level of success of the child while in residential placement and when they return home. The program consists of responsibilities of the probation department and the parent throughout the and aftercare placement process.



### PHASES OF THE BRIDGE PROGRAM (B.P.)

#### While the juvenile is residing in placement:

- parents are required to attend and participate in The Parent Project
- remain active and supportive in their child's lives including family visits to the facility, furloughs, and transitional planning.
- maintain frequent communication with the Placement Probation Officer, Aftercare Probation Officer, and the Aftercare Therapist that will be assigned prior to leaving placement to coordinate the after care team and activities

## After successfully completing placement, the <u>parents and juveniles</u> are required to:

- attend weekly meetings with the Aftercare Probation Officer
- attend weekly group counseling sessions together
- weekly drug screening
- attend court as required
- attend any and all services required by the court, the Aftercare Therapist and the Aftercare Probation Officer

#### Other Components of the Bridge Program include:

- a one-to-one mentor
- individual academic tutor
- job search coach

Purpose/Mission: Using the resources available, increase the possibility of success for juveniles who have completed residential placement through increased involvement/ investment by their parent(s) and by enforcing compliance with the court orders.



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