



TEXAS CRIMINAL
JUSTICE COALITION

Bexar County Juvenile Justice Data Sheet

Under SB 653, the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) has been made responsible for partnering with “local county governments, the courts, and communities to promote public safety,”¹ as well as for “producing positive outcomes for youth, families, and communities.”² To ensure these mandates are met, stakeholders must familiarize themselves with the information pertinent to their community.

The information included within this data sheet reflects the most recent juvenile data for Bexar County.

County Overview³

- **Youth Population (age 10 to 16):** 154,281
- **Youth Referred to TJJD:**⁴ 4,677
- **Youth Referred with Past Traumatic Experience:** 2,540 (54%)
- **Youth Referred with Diagnosed Mental Illness:** 1,283 (27%)
- **Youth Referred but Not Adjudicated:** 3,454
- **Youth Securely Detained Pre-Adjudication:**⁵ 1,742
- **Average Days from Referral to Disposition:** 67
- **Youth Adjudicated to Probation:** 1,345
- **Youth Adjudicated to Secure Placement:**⁶ 158
- **Youth Committed to State Secure Facilities:** 79
- **Youth Certified as Adults:** 12

Investment in Community Programming

Reducing the number of youth adjudicated to residential facilities can only be achieved if stakeholders strongly invest in “a consistent, county-based continuum of effective interventions, supports, and services.”⁷ The programs delineated below are the current services within Bexar County that can be utilized as alternatives to incarceration.

Grant X⁸ and U⁹ Funded Programs:¹⁰

- Intensive Supervision

Total Funding Allocated for Grant U & X programs in Bexar County: \$587,814

Grant C Funded Programs:¹¹

- Enrichment Project
- Home Based Substance Abuse Treatment
- Parent Project
- Weekend Program

Total Funding Allocated for Grant C programs in Bexar County: \$940,999

Additional Programs Run by the County Juvenile Probation Department:

- At Risk Placement
- Community Service Restitution
- Contract Care Aftercare Program
- Crossroads Mental Health Court
- Deferred Prosecution
- Diversion Anger Management
- Drug Court
- Electronic/GPS Monitoring
- Enrichment Mentoring
- Family Enrichment Court
- Family Preservation
- Front End Diversionary Initiative Program
- Gang Unit Courtesy
- Intensive Clinical Services
- Juvenile Justice Education Program
- Krier Aftercare Management
- Parent Instruction and Case Management
- Project Sentry
- Project Spotlight
- Ropes
- Sex Offender Supervision
- Substance Abuse I
- Victim Sensitivity
- Why Try

Contracted Programs Provided by the County Juvenile Probation Department:

- Association for Advancement of Mexican Americans (Substance Abuse)
- Avalon Social Services Program (Counseling & Drug Court)
- Child Guidance Counseling Center
- Family Unity Services In-Home
- Intensive Case Management
- Juvenile Probation Mental Health Unit
- KAPS Girls Mental Health Court
- Positive Choices
- Professional Associates for Counseling & Evaluation
- Project Towards No Drug Abuse
- Salud Y Vida
- Substance Abuse Treatment
- Teen Arts Puentes Project
- Youth Alternative Center

Additional Youth-Based Programs Provided within the Community:

- Barshop Jewish Community Center
- Basic Center – George Gervin Youth Center
- Bexar County 4-H Youth Development Program
- Boy Scouts of America
- Boys and Girls Club
- Boys Town Texas – Common Sense Parenting/National Hotline
- CHCS – PATH (Street Outreach Program)
- CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Health Care Center (Youth Counseling)
- Clarity Child Guidance Center
- Communities in Schools
- Ecumenical Center for Religion and Health
- Family Endeavors
- Girl Scouts of America
- Mission City Family Wellness Center
- Presa Community Service Center
- Project SOAR
- Roy Maas' Youth Alternatives
- SA Youth Youthbuild – Mission Verde Center
- St. Peter-St. Joseph Children's Home
- The Children's Shelter
- Workforce Solutions

County-Level Juvenile Facilities¹²

Table 1: Bexar County Juvenile Detention Center

Cost per day per youth ¹³	<i>Cost varies based on county requesting youth placement</i>
Average daily population	147 youth
Average length of stay	25 days
Annual number of youth in seclusions ¹⁴	2,514
Annual number of physical restraints used on youth	425
Annual number of injuries	10

Table 2: Cyndi Taylor Krier Juvenile Correctional Treatment Center¹⁵

Cost per day per youth	<i>Cost varies based on county requesting youth placement</i>
Average daily population	87 youth
Average length of stay	265 days
Annual number of youth in seclusions	1,200
Annual number of physical restraints used on youth	187
Annual number of injuries	4

Contact Information

If you have any questions regarding the data provided in this data sheet, please contact Jennifer Carreon at (512) 441-8123, ext. 103, or by email at jcarreon@TexasCJC.org.

References

¹ Codified at Texas Human Resources Code, Section 201.002(1).

² Codified at Texas Human Resources Code, Section 201.002(2).

³ Data provided to the Texas Criminal Justice Coalition (TCJC) by TJJD, April 2012.

⁴ A youth is formally referred to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department if face-to-face contact is made with a designated juvenile office for having engaged in delinquent activity within the Department's jurisdiction.

⁵ A pre-adjudication detention center is a secure residential facility (public or private) used for temporary placement of youth who have been accused of committing an offense.

⁶ A post-adjudication placement involves a secure residential facility (public or private) where youth are placed after disposition of their case.

⁷ Codified at Texas Human Resources Code, Section 201.003(1).

⁸ The Intensive Community-Based Program (Grant X) is used by local juvenile probation departments for "enhanced or additional community based programs and services for jailable misdemeanor and felony offenders." In 2011, 8,392 youth were served under Grant X funds; 81% of those youth received treatment via programming. Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, *Annual Report to the Governor and Legislative Budget Board*, December 2011.

⁹ The Intensive Community-Based Pilot Program (Grant U) is used by local juvenile probation departments with populations over 335,000 to serve youth with chronic and serious offenses via community-based programming. In 2011, 839 youth across eight counties (Bexar, Cameron, Dallas, Denton, El Paso, Harris, Tarrant, and Travis) were served by Grant U funding. Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, *Annual Report to the Governor and Legislative Budget Board*, December 2011.

¹⁰ As of September 2011, these grants were consolidated under Grant A along with Grants F, H, Z, L, O, R, V, and Y.

¹¹ The Community Corrections Diversion Program (Grant C) is used by local juvenile probation departments to divert youth from a state secure facility commitment to community supervision. In 2011, 3,650 youth received Grant C-funded programming, placement, services, or specialized supervision; approximately 77% of those youth successfully completed supervision. Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, *Annual Report to the Governor and Legislative Budget Board*, December 2011.

¹² Data provided to TCJC by TJJD, April 2012.

¹³ Information provided to TCJC by Bexar County Juvenile Probation Department Deputy Chief Mike Martinez, July 2, 2012. This cost reflects the per-youth expense that another county would pay to place their youth within this facility. <http://www.tjjd.texas.gov/publications/other/searchfacilityregistry.aspx>.

¹⁴ Inappropriate use of solitary confinement (also known as disciplinary seclusions) and physical restraints (also known as use of force) in juvenile secure facilities create major barriers to successful rehabilitation. These concerns are especially serious for traumatized youth and youth with mental health issues. *See, e.g.*, L.M. Finke "The Use of Seclusion is Not an Evidence-Based Practice" (2001), and G.R. Hodas "Responding to Childhood Trauma: The Promise and Practice of Trauma Informed Care" (2006).

¹⁵ The Cyndi Taylor Krier Juvenile Correctional Treatment Center is Bexar County's post-adjudication facility.