

Legal Responsibility for the Division of Prevention and Early Intervention

Federal: Title XX, Social Security Act
Federal: Title IV-B, Part 2, Social Security Act
State: Texas Family Code, 264.301 also Chapter 265
 – created through SB1574 below
State: Senate Bill 1574, 76th Legislature
State: Human Resources Code, 40.0561

The Division of Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) was created to consolidate prevention and early intervention programs within the jurisdiction of a single state agency. Consolidation of these programs is intended to eliminate fragmentation and duplication of contracted prevention and early intervention services for at-risk children, youth, and families. Funding was appropriated during FY2007 for the Statewide Youth Services Network (SYSN), which will provide community and evidence-based juvenile delinquency prevention programs in each DFPS region; and the Community Based Family Services (CBFS) program, which will serve families who have been investigated by Child Protective Services but where the allegations were unsubstantiated. Both new programs will be implemented during FY2008, through competitive procurement. The Dan Kubiak Buffalo Soldiers Heritage program was funded only through the first half of fiscal year 2006 and there were no expenditures in fiscal year 2007.

- **Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP)** – CBCAP seeks to increase community awareness of existing prevention services, strengthen community and parental involvement in child abuse prevention efforts, and encourage families to engage in services that are already available. In addition, CBCAP funds support short-term respite services in two communities and the Infant Mortality Prevention Education program.
- **Community Youth Development (CYD) Program** - This program assists communities in designing comprehensive approaches to support families and enhance the positive development of youth. Using legislative appropriations, grants are made available for developing juvenile delinquency prevention approaches in communities with high incidences of juvenile crime. Fifteen communities are being served.
- **Family Strengthening** – These services have been evaluated and proven to effectively increase family protective factors (At-Risk Family Strengthening Services) or have utilized best practices and sound

research in program design (Innovative Family Strengthening Services). A variety of services designed to increase family resiliency while preventing child abuse and neglect are available across the state.

- **Services To At-Risk Youth (STAR) Program**
 These services are offered to youths under the age of 18 who are runaway and/or truant, living in family conflict, have allegedly been involved in, or committed delinquent offenses, or have allegedly committed misdemeanor or state felony offenses but have not been adjudicated delinquent by a court. Contracted community agencies offer family crisis intervention, short-term emergency residential care, individual and family counseling, and other support services. In addition, universal child abuse prevention services are provided within the community.
- **Texas Families: Together and Safe** - Grants are allocated for family support services to community based prevention programs. The services are designed to alleviate stress and promote parental competencies and behaviors that will increase the ability of families to successfully nurture their children; enable families to use other resources and opportunities available in the community; and create support networks that enhance child-rearing abilities of parents.
- **Texas Youth and Runaway Hotlines** - Hotline staff and volunteers work closely with social service agencies and juvenile delinquency prevention programs. Their goal is to provide callers with 24-hour crisis intervention and telephone counseling; information and referral for callers in need of food, shelter and/or transportation home; conference calls to parents and shelters; and a confidential message relay service between runaways and parents.
- **Youth Resiliency** - These services have been evaluated and proven to effectively increase youth protective factors (At-Risk Youth Resiliency Services) or have utilized best practices and sound research in program design (Innovative Youth Resiliency Services). A variety of services designed to increase youth resiliency while preventing juvenile delinquency are available across the state.

• **Tertiary and Secondary Child Abuse Prevention**

This program provides services to families who no longer require the support of Child Protective Services. The program is volunteer-driven and seeks to prevent recurrences of child maltreatment by strengthening families.

Fiscal Year 2007 Expenditures and Staffing

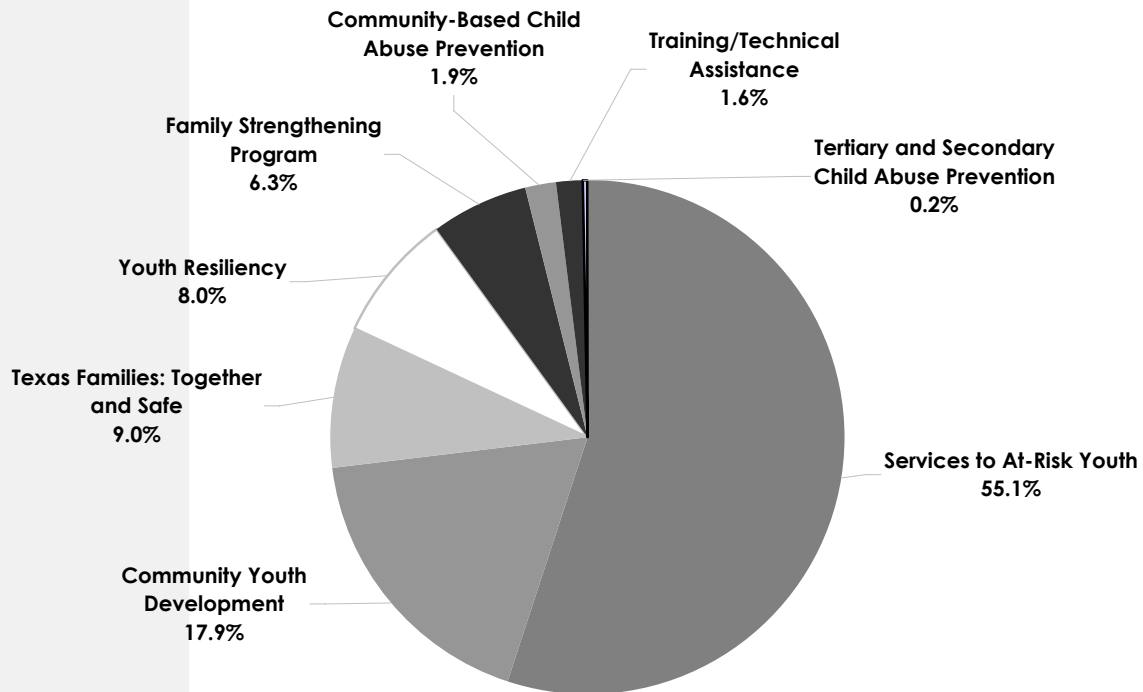
Prevention and Early Intervention

Staff Cost	\$2,695,753
Total Staff	29.7
Contracted Services	\$38,629,740

- Services To At Risk Youth
- Community Youth Development
- Texas Families: Together and Safe
- Family Strengthening
- Youth Resiliency
- Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention
- Tertiary and Secondary Child Abuse Prevention

PEI Program Expenditures as of 11/30/2007

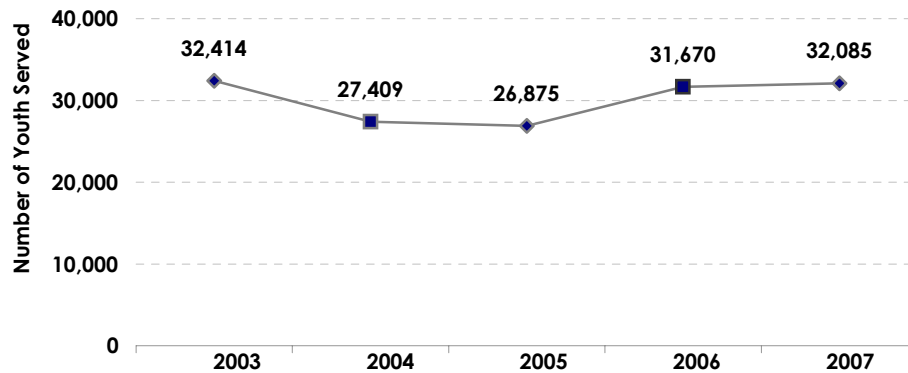
PEI Programs	FY07 Expenditures
Services to At-Risk Youth	\$ 20,044,683.36
Community Youth Development	\$ 6,499,935.67
Texas Families: Together and Safe	\$ 3,272,069.58
Youth Resiliency	\$ 2,903,390.92
Family Strengthening Program	\$ 2,294,744.79
Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention	\$ 697,849.05
Training/Technical Assistance	\$ 591,099.98
Tertiary and Secondary Child Abuse Prevention	\$ 79,649.62
Total	\$ 36,383,422.97



STAR (Services To At-Risk) Youth Who are Registered and Received a Service by Fiscal Year

The Services to At-Risk Youth (STAR) program was developed to assist local communities in serving youth who often fall between the cracks of the service delivery system. Their problems are not severe enough to receive services from traditional systems such as Child Protective Services or Juvenile Probation. The STAR program has established contracts with local agencies throughout the state that make crisis intervention, emergency short-term residential care and counseling available to at-risk youth and their families. The STAR program serves all 254 Texas counties.

Fiscal Year	Number of Youth
2003	32,414
2004	27,409
2005	26,875
2006	31,670
2007	32,085



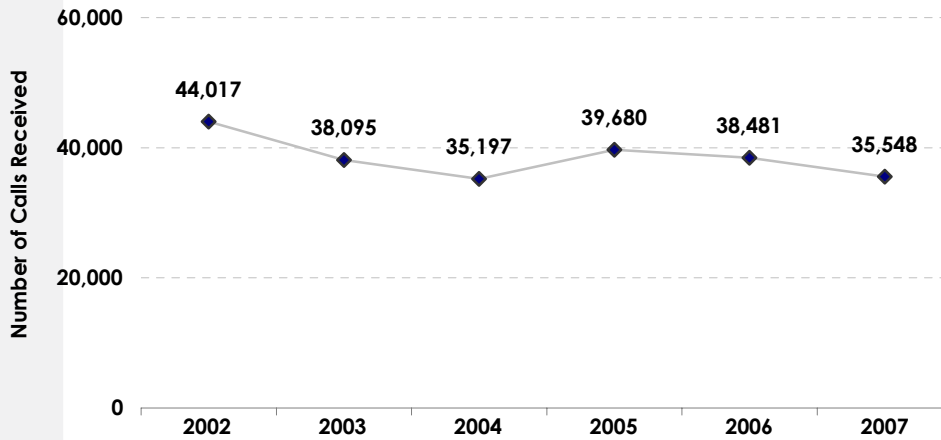
Community Youth Development (CYD) Average Monthly Clients Served Fiscal Year 2007

County	City	Zip Code of Site	Average Unduplicated Youth Served per Month
Potter	Amarillo	79107	194
Travis	Austin	78744	72
Cameron	Brownsville	78520	402
Nueces	Corpus Christi	78415	411
Dallas	Dallas	75216	140
Dallas	Dallas	75217	207
El Paso	El Paso	79924	253
Tarrant	Fort Worth	76106	166
Galveston	Galveston	77550	172
Harris	Houston	77081	153
Lubbock	Lubbock	79415	350
Hidalgo	McAllen	78501	121
Harris	Pasadena	77506	334
Bexar	San Antonio	78207	143
McLennan	Waco	76707	235
Average			3,353

Note All averages rounded to the nearest whole number.

Runaway Hotline Incoming Calls by Fiscal Year

Fiscal Year	Number of Calls
2002	44,017
2003	38,095
2004	35,197
2005	39,680
2006	38,481
2007	35,548



Characteristics of Hotline Callers Fiscal Year 2007

Gender	Total	Percentage
Female	26,306	74.0%
Male	9,242	26.0%
Total	35,548	

Age Group	Total	Percentage
Adult	24,884	70%
Youth	10,664	30%
Total	35,548	

**Number of Families (Primary Caregivers) Served in the
Child Abuse/Neglect Prevention Programs
Fiscal Year 2007
Total Families Served: 4,147**

Unduplicated Families Served		
Program	Total	%
Texas Families: Together and Safe (TFTS)	2,741	66.1%
Family Strengthening Program (FSP)	1,347	32.5%
Tertiary and Secondary Child Abuse Prevention (TPP)	59	1.4%
Total	4,147	100.0%

Primary Caregivers					
Ethnicity	TFTS	FSP	TPP	Total	%
African American	453	303	15	771	18.9%
Anglo	661	157	22	840	20.6%
Asian	11	4	0	15	0.4%
Hispanic	1,525	847	21	2,393	58.6%
Native American	26	6	1	33	0.8%
Other	26	7	0	33	0.8%
Total	2,702	1,324	59	4,085	100.0%

Primary Caregivers					
Gender	TFTS	FSP	TPP	Total	%
Female	2,395	1,218	57	3,670	89.8%
Male	307	106	2	415	10.2%
Total	2,702	1,324	59	4,085	100.0%

Primary Caregivers					
Age Group	TFTS	FSP	TPP	Total	%
Under 18	94	219	1	314	7.7%
18-25	894	499	20	1,413	34.6%
26-35	1,023	366	27	1,416	34.7%
36-45	517	180	7	704	17.2%
Over 45	174	60	4	238	5.8%
Total	2,702	1,324	59	4,085	100.0%

Note: In 62 of the 4,147 families served, the primary caregiver did not receive a service during the reporting period.

Number of Youth Served in the Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Programs

Fiscal Year 2007

Total Youth Served: 47,742

Unduplicated Youth Served		
Program	Total	%
Services to At Risk Youth (STAR)	32,085	67.2%
Community Youth Development (CYD)	12,319	25.8%
Youth Resiliency Program (YRP)	3,338	7.0%
Total	47,742	100.0%

Race/Ethnicity	STAR	CYD	YRP	Total	%
African American	5,432	2,529	980	8,941	18.7%
Anglo	11,002	428	481	11,911	24.9%
Asian	122	49	8	179	0.4%
Hispanic	14,972	9,160	1,778	25,910	54.3%
Native American	93	51	27	171	0.4%
Other	464	102	64	630	1.3%
Total	32,085	12,319	3,338	47,742	100.0%

Gender	STAR	CYD	YRP	Total	%
Female	14,114	6,319	2,061	22,494	47.1%
Male	17,971	5,997	1,277	25,245	52.9%
Unknown	0	3	0	3	0.0%
Total	32,085	12,319	3,338	47,742	100.0%

Age Group	STAR	CYD	YRP	Total	%
Under 6	2,125	67	26	2,218	4.6%
6-9	4,551	1,789	327	6,667	14.0%
10-17	25,350	10,286	2,886	38,522	80.7%
Over 17	59	177	99	335	0.7%
Total	32,085	12,319	3,338	47,742	100.0%