

TRIAD VISION:

To provide a continuum of quality services to the families and youth of Harris County so that they may reach their maximum potential

TRIAD Prevention Program is a consortium of three county agencies (Protective Services for Children and Adults, Juvenile Probation and Mental Health/Mental Retardation Authority) working together to coordinate their resources to serve youth at-risk. TRIAD provides countywide prevention and early intervention services to divert youth and families from involvement with the CPS, mental health and/or juvenile justice systems.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- TRIAD Prevention Program 713.295.2600
- Harris County Protective Services for Children and Adults Administrative Office 713.394.4000
- Harris County Juvenile Probation Department 713.222.4100
- Mental Health/Mental Retardation Authority 713.970.7000
24-Hour Help Line 713.970.7070
- Texas Abuse Hotline 1.800.252.5400
- Houston Police Department Juvenile Division 713.731.5353
- Harris County Sheriff's Department 713.755.5000
Runaway Division 713.755.7427
- Harris County District Attorney's Office 713.755.5874
- Community Youth Services 713.295.2500
- Texas Runaway Hotline 1.800.580.HELP
- National Runaway Switchboard 1.800.621.4000
- Crisis Intervention (Teen Line) 713.529.TEEN

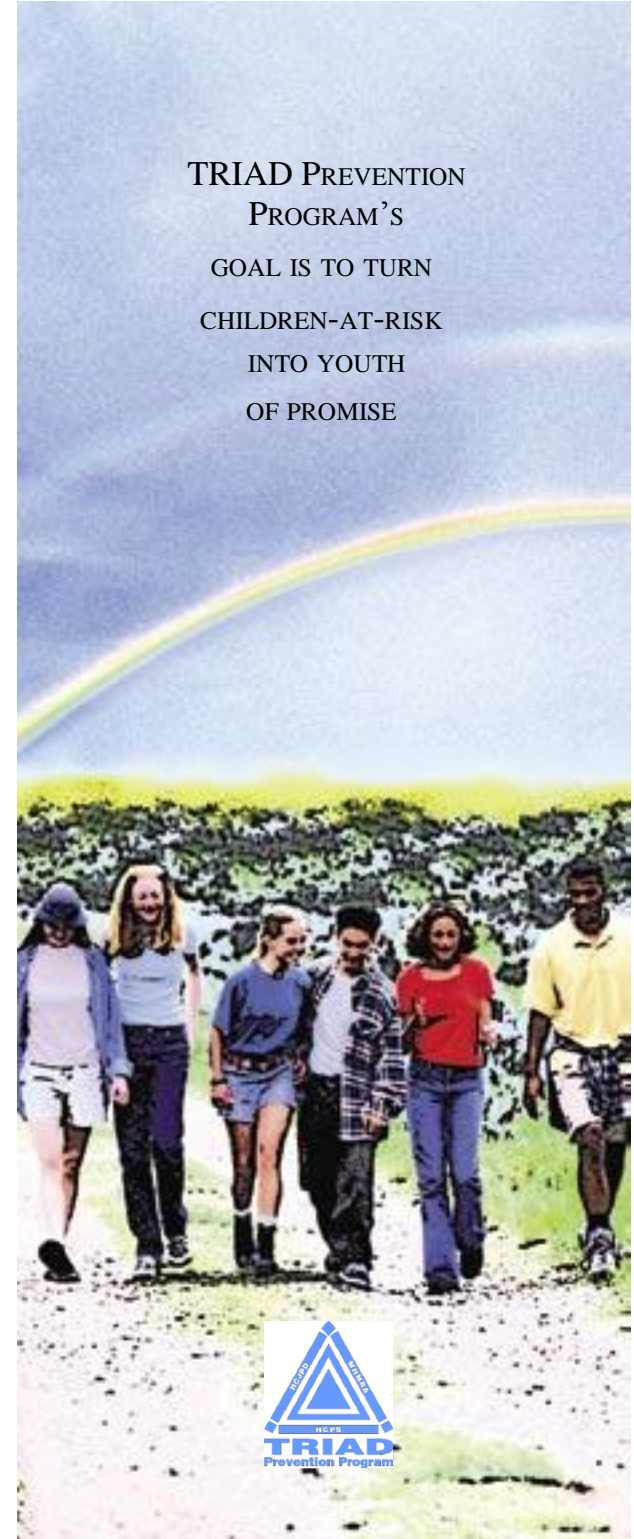


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TRIAD PREVENTION PROGRAM'S

GOAL IS TO TURN CHILDREN-AT-RISK INTO YOUTH OF PROMISE



DIVERSION SERVICES

COMMUNITY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (CYD)

TRIAD serves as the Fiscal Agent for the Community Youth Development Program, which is funded by The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. The program goal is to decrease juvenile crime in the communities served. The Programs are open to youth aged 10-17 who live or attend school in zip codes 77081 (Gulfton) or 77506 (Pasadena). Services to youth and families in the community are provided to address the conditions that lead to juvenile crime, e.g. after-school and summer programs, mentoring, self esteem and leadership courses, sports, life skills classes and support groups. **To access services call: Gulfton CYD 713.660.8008 or Pasadena CYD 713.274.6071**

INTAKE PROGRAM

Child Protective Services and Juvenile Probation staff work side by side twenty four hours a day, seven days a week at the Youth Services Center to provide crisis intervention, screening and assessment, short-term counseling, information/referral and follow up services for youth identified due to Class C misdemeanors, status offenses, runaway or being otherwise at-risk. Youth and families access the program through law enforcement or on a walk-in basis.

In addition to working with the non custody referrals, the Probation Intake staff supervises youth on the Deferred Adjudication program monitoring their progress for a positive transition into the community.

The Probation Intake staff also provides the Girls Inspiring for Future and Timeless Success (G.I.F.T.S) program, Michael Alexander School of Sewing (MASS) and Voices, Intense, Bold, Effective (VIBE) drama groups for females referred to TRIAD, and Boys to Men group for young men. The overall goal of the programs are to address the many issues of young people and provide them with resources and mentorship that will enable them to live productive and successful futures. Intake Diversion staff also provide around the clock information and referral services by phone for the Baby Moses Law. **Access the Baby Abandonment Hotline at 1.877.904.SAVE.**

For Intake services call 713.295.2600.

JP COURT SERVICES

JP COURT LIAISON PROGRAM

The JP Court Liaison Program exists in Justice of the Peace (JP) Courts throughout Harris County. Court Liaisons work with youth and families who appear before the JP Court for various Class C misdemeanor offenses such as truancy, disorderly conduct and disruption of school classes. Court Liaisons perform a variety of duties, which include crisis intervention and sentence recommendations during dockets. To coordinate services and better serve clients, Court Liaisons also work in collaboration with community and faith-based organizations, local school districts as well as other branches of the judicial system.

JP COURT CASE MANAGEMENT

The Justice of the Peace (JP) Court Wraparound Program is designed to assist youth/families who are deemed in need of intensive follow-up services. It is an intensive family-centered, youth-guided and strength-based approach that is designed to provide comprehensive care to youth involved with the JP Court. Court Case Managers work closely with referred youth and their family to build a team, develop an individualized plan and work together toward a common family goal. Court Case Managers utilize the Wraparound process to facilitate family team meetings.

TRUANCY LEARNING CAMP

Truancy Learning Camp (TLC) is a truancy prevention and early intervention program specifically designed to address the issues that may contribute to excessive absences in school. Youth and their parent/guardian who appear before a Justice of the Peace Court for truancy offences can be referred to the Truancy Learning Camp. Each camp consists of two eight-hour sessions that occur on consecutive Saturdays. The TLC curriculum covers training in: Life Skills, Anger management, Substance Abuse Prevention, Parenting Skills, Communication Skills and Truancy Laws. The Truancy Learning Camp is funded by the Harris County Community Services Department.



MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

STAR (SERVICES TO AT RISK YOUTH)

Crisis intervention services, emergency shelter placement, curriculum-based groups and family therapy services are provided at YSC, schools, in the community or in-home and focus on families presenting with issues of runaway, truancy or family conflict. All services are free. Crisis intervention services are available 24/7 at YSC on a walk-in basis. Therapeutic intervention services are short-term and solution-focused. STAR Program also works in conjunction with area child abuse prevention agencies to provide universal prevention services in the Harris County community. Harris County STAR is a collaborative program with the DePelchin Children's Center. The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services provides funding for the program. **For services call 713.664.3459. The STAR referral line is answered 24 hours a day.**

TRIAD MENTAL HEALTH

MHMRA counselors provide free in-home, family based counseling and therapy to youth and families identified with serious mental health issues. The TRIAD Mental Health program utilizes a family centered approach based on the needs of the family. The goal of the program is to maintain children and youth who are at-risk for out of home placement in a family setting by providing a broad range of individual and family services. **For services call 713.295.2600 and ask for TRIAD Mental Health referral.**

PARENTING WITH LOVE AND LIMITS

Parenting With Love and Limits (PLL) is a parenting education program that integrates principles of a structural family therapy approach into a comprehensive 6-week program. The program is designed to provide parents with specific tools and techniques (e.g., contracting, troubleshooting, anti-button pushing tactics, using creative consequences) to reestablish the parents' ability to determine rules and restore nurturance to the parent-child relationship. The Parenting with Love and Limits teaches parenting skills in a group setting. It also provides individual "coaching" to show each family how to use the skills in day-to-day interactions.