



Maintain full funding for the Community Youth Development (“CYD”) program!

CYD (Strategy C.1.2.) was approved by Conference Committee at \$5,039,300/year, a 35.8% cut compared to \$7,847,599 for FY 2011. 2,305 youth are expected to lose services each month!

We want youth in Texas to reach their maximum potential, but some youth get diverted from that path by engaging in risky behavior. The Community Youth Development (CYD) program operates in some of Texas’ highest-risk ZIP code areas to offer youth opportunities to strengthen their ability to avoid delinquent behavior and achieve positive outcomes. Since 1995, the CYD program has partnered with local communities to help youth build upon their strengths and achieve their goals.

About the Community Youth Development (CYD) Program:

- The CYD program serves youth in **15 Texas ZIP code areas in areas with high juvenile crime:**

Amarillo (79107)	Dallas (75217)	Lubbock (79415)
Austin (78744)	El Paso (79924)	McAllen (78501)
Brownsville (78520)	Fort Worth (76106)	Pasadena (77506)
Corpus Christi (78415)	Galveston (77550)	San Antonio (78207)
Dallas (75216)	Houston (77081)	Waco (76707)
- The program is based on the philosophy that when youth are given opportunities for healthy development – including opportunities to make meaningful contributions to their community – they are less likely to engage in delinquent behavior.
- The PEI Division at DFPS contracts with local entities to serve as **fiscal agents**. Each fiscal agent gathers input from the local community about which prevention services are most needed to build on youths’ strengths and help them make healthy decisions.
- Youth, community providers, and fiscal agents all work together to assess strengths and needs in their community annually. They identify funding priorities for their ZIP code area and look at issues including education, decision making skills, substance abuse prevention, gang violence prevention, juvenile crime prevention, and youth employment.
- Residents, businesses, youth, and other interested parties are encouraged to participate in this process by serving on a **community collaborative committee**.
- Fiscal agents subcontract with **community providers** through a competitive procurement process to offer youth development services for youth in the CYD program such as mentoring, academic support, career development, life skills, conflict resolution, character education, and youth sports.
- Each CYD program must promote youth leadership by facilitating a **Youth Advisory Committee**.

The CYD program is a cost effective way to prevent youth delinquency.

- In FY 2010, 98.3% of youth who participated in CYD were NOT referred to juvenile probation.
- The average monthly cost per youth served through CYD in FY 2010 was only \$75.14.

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CYD "snapshot" from FY 2010:

- 17,799 youth participated in the CYD program in FY 2010.
- 70% of youth served in FY 2010 were Hispanic and 23% were African American.
- 76% of youth served in FY 2010 were between the ages of 10 and 17.



Clockwise from top left: The San Antonio CYD group hosts a graffiti wipeout; A group of CYD youth from Amarillo relax after leading a park clean-up effort; youth pose for a photo and receive awards for their service at the CYD Teen Summit.

Please maintain full funding for the CYD program and other vital programs managed by the PEI Division at DFPS!!!