



Maintain Full Funding for PEI!!!

PEI Programs (DFPS, Strategy C) are currently budgeted at \$24.1 million/year in HB1 (cut 45%) and \$16.4 million/year in SB1 (cut 40%), compared to a \$45.9 million budget in FY2011

The programs under the Division of Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) at the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) equip local communities to strengthen families, protect children from abuse & neglect, and help at-risk youth reach their potential. These programs include:



- Texas Youth and Runaway Hotline: **31,276 incoming calls** in FY08
- Services to At-Risk Youth (STAR) Program: **29,406 youth and families served** in FY09
- Community Youth Development (CYD) Program: **19,390 youth served** in FY09
- Other Child Abuse /Neglect Prevention Programs: **5,081 children and families served** in FY09
- Other Delinquency Prevention Programs: **8,202 youth served** in FY09

Although PEI programs have been effectively serving children, youth, and families in their local communities, in some cases for over two decades, HB1 and SB1 include extensive cuts across the PEI Division! "Other At-Risk Prevention Programs" is eliminated in the House budget.

- PEI programs served more than 62,000 Texas youth and their families last year.
- Contracts are competitively procured and all contractors are rigorously monitored by DFPS.
- An independent evaluation of child abuse and neglect prevention programs conducted in 2009 concluded that overall, programs funded by PEI are working effectively.

PEI programs are severely under-funded already!!!

- PEI's small budget of \$45.9 million represents only about 12% of DFPS's annual budget for Child Protective Services and less than 3% of the \$5 billion spent per year on indirect costs of child abuse and neglect.
- Many of the PEI programs have not received funding increases in more than ten years, even though the state's population of children and youth has grown more than 13% since 2000. If PEI funding had kept pace with Texas child population growth since its creation in 1999, its current annual budget would be more than \$53.3 million.
- Using fiscal year 2008 data on first-time confirmed cases, analysis revealed that approximately 55,455 of all Texas families who are at risk of child maltreatment cannot be served with current prevention funding amounts.



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PEI funded services are delivered by community-based organizations. The following organizations are among the contractors providing invaluable services to children, youth and families in their local communities day-in and day-out:

ACH Child and Family Services * Anderson-Cherokee Community * Enrichment Services * Andrews Center * Austin Families * AVANCE * BCFS Health and Human Services * Big Brothers Big Sisters of El Paso * Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Texas * Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Texas * Boys and Girls Club of Texas * Boys Town Texas * Buckner Children and Family Services * Catholic Charities Diocese of Fort Worth * Catholic Family Services of Lubbock * CCD Counseling PA * City of Austin, Travis County Health & Human Services * City of Corpus Christi * Collin Intervention to Youth * Colorado County Youth and Family Services * Communities in Schools, Corpus Christi * Communities in Schools of the Heart of Texas * Community Council of Greater Dallas * Community Healthcare * Connections Individual and Family Services * Crossroads * Dallas County Hospital District * Deep East Texas Council of Governments * DePelchin Children's Center * El Paso Center for Children * El Paso Human Services Inc. Empowerment Zone Corporation * Family Care Connection * Family Service Association of San Antonio * Family Service Center of Galveston County * Family Services Center * Greater San Marcos Youth Council * Harris County Protective Services for Children and Adults * Harris County Children's Protective Services (Gulfton) * Harris County Children's Protective Services (Pasadena) * Healthy Families San Angelo * High Sky Children's Ranch * K'Star * Lena Pope Home * Lifeworks * Lubbock Regional MHMR Center * MHMR of Tarrant County * Montgomery County Youth Services * New Horizons Ranch and Center * North Texas Youth Connection * Project Unity * Promise House * Relief Nursery of Central Texas * Rio Grande Valley Empowerment Zone Corporation * Roy Maas' Youth Alternatives * Serving Children and Adolescents in Need * Sherwood and Myrtie Foster Home for Children * STARRY * Tarrant County Public Health Department * Texana Center * Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority * The Children's Advocacy Center of Tom Green County * The Children's Center Inc. * Children's Shelter * The Parenting Center * The Parenting Cottage * Twin City Mission * United Way of San Antonio/Bexar County * United Way of Amarillo & Canyon * YWCA of Metropolitan Dallas



Investing in local communities so that they can invest in youth and families pays off!!!

- The direct and indirect costs of child maltreatment in Texas surpassed \$6.3 billion in 2007.ⁱ
- Research and practice have demonstrated that prevention and early intervention services are effective. They can reduce abuse and neglect of children and are cost-efficient in comparison to treatment services for abused children and their families. Studies have documented return ratios of 3:1 and better for every dollar invested in prevention.ⁱⁱ
- Evidence shows programs that encourage high-risk youth to finish school and stay out of trouble prevent five times as many crimes as stiff penalties imposed on repeat offenders.ⁱⁱⁱ
- Each teen prevented from becoming a career criminal (including future adult offenders) could save between 1.7 and 2.3 million dollars per youth.^{iv}

ⁱ University of Houston, Office of Community Projects. 2008 (As cited in "Findings from the 2008-2009 Evaluation of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Programs and Services," The Interagency Coordinating Council for Building Healthy Families. December 2009.)

ⁱⁱ Haskins, R., Paxson, C. & Brooks-Gunn, Jeanne. Social Science Rising: A Tale of Evidence Shaping Public Policy. (Princeton-Brookings, 2009). and Aso, S, Lieb, R, Mayfield, J, Miller, M & Pennucci, A. *Benefits and Costs of Prevention and Early Intervention Programs for Youth*. (Olympia, Washington: Washington State Institute for Public Policy, 2004.) (As cited in "Findings from the 2008-2009 Evaluation of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Programs and Services," The Interagency Coordinating Council for Building Healthy Families. December 2009.)

ⁱⁱⁱ "Diverting Children from a Life of Crime: Measuring Costs and Benefits," RAND Institute. 1996.

^{iv} "Transforming Juvenile Justice in Texas: A Framework for Action," Blue Ribbon Task Force Report, 2007.