

FY11 Crime Control and Prevention District Community Based Programs

Cassata High School

Cassata High School dropout prevention program benefits at-risk youth and provides a last chance at education for many students. Funding will support and improve the existing dropout program which will enable 300 at-risk youths to improve academic performance and behavior. CHS's mission has been the same since its inception in 1975, which is to provide an effective, quality education that enables students of all backgrounds to raise their educational level and complete their secondary education. The at-risk youths will receive personalized attention from caring teachers in small classes. Classes do not exceed 12 students per teacher for fundamentals of math and remedial reading courses and 15 per students per teacher for all other classes. This individualized approach and entrance testing allows CHS to establish a program that meets the needs of each student.

New Day Services for Children and Families

Juveniles in Tarrant County are at a high risk for continued delinquent behavior upon release from the detention center. The goal of New Day Service's "Character Counts!" Program is to show juveniles that they can choose to act positively instead of negatively, casting a vision of what they could become by teaching them that there is strength in character. Through the "Character Counts!" program, juveniles learn about trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. CCPD funding will pay for salary and fringe benefits for one full time position and one part time position, travel and supplies. The target population for this program is 10-16 year olds that have been incarcerated in the Tarrant County Juvenile Detention Center.

Recovery Resource Center

The Recovery Resource Council FOCUS (Finding Opportunities to Create Uninterrupted Success) Program provides a school-based strategy designed to increase the safety of youth and reduce juvenile crime. The program will target at-risk youth, ages 11 to 14 attending Meadowbrook Middle School. Funding for this program will provide for a full time prevention specialist salary and fringe benefits, travel for training and service activities and supply costs.

SafeHaven of Tarrant County

SafeHaven of Tarrant County is a prevention program focused on educating communities on ending and preventing family violence. The program supports crime prevention using a holistic approach to primary prevention by challenging and changing social norms and behaviors around domestic violence. The program approach educates communities on family violence and obtains community input and leadership on how to end family violence. The SafeHaven staff works directly with schools, churches, City government, law enforcement, businesses and civic organizations to create an individualized plan of

response to family violence. The program will serve 1,000 youths and adults within the 76110 community.

The Women's Center of Tarrant County

The Women's Center's Free Counseling for Victimized Children Program will provide counseling for child victims of sexual assault, abuse, and other violent crimes. With counseling, victims can heal from the trauma they have experienced to help them avoid manifestation of long-term cognitive and behavioral problems; including those that can lead to continuing the cycle of violence. Counseling will be provided at the Women's Center Offices, Forest Oak Elementary, Western Hills Elementary School and Willoughby House. Funding will pay partial salary and fringe benefits for a clinical support specialist and a program support specialist. Additionally, funds would provide for supplies and contractual services for security systems, utilities and building maintenance.