

CPS in Harris County Annual Report

2006 Statistics • 2007 Program Information

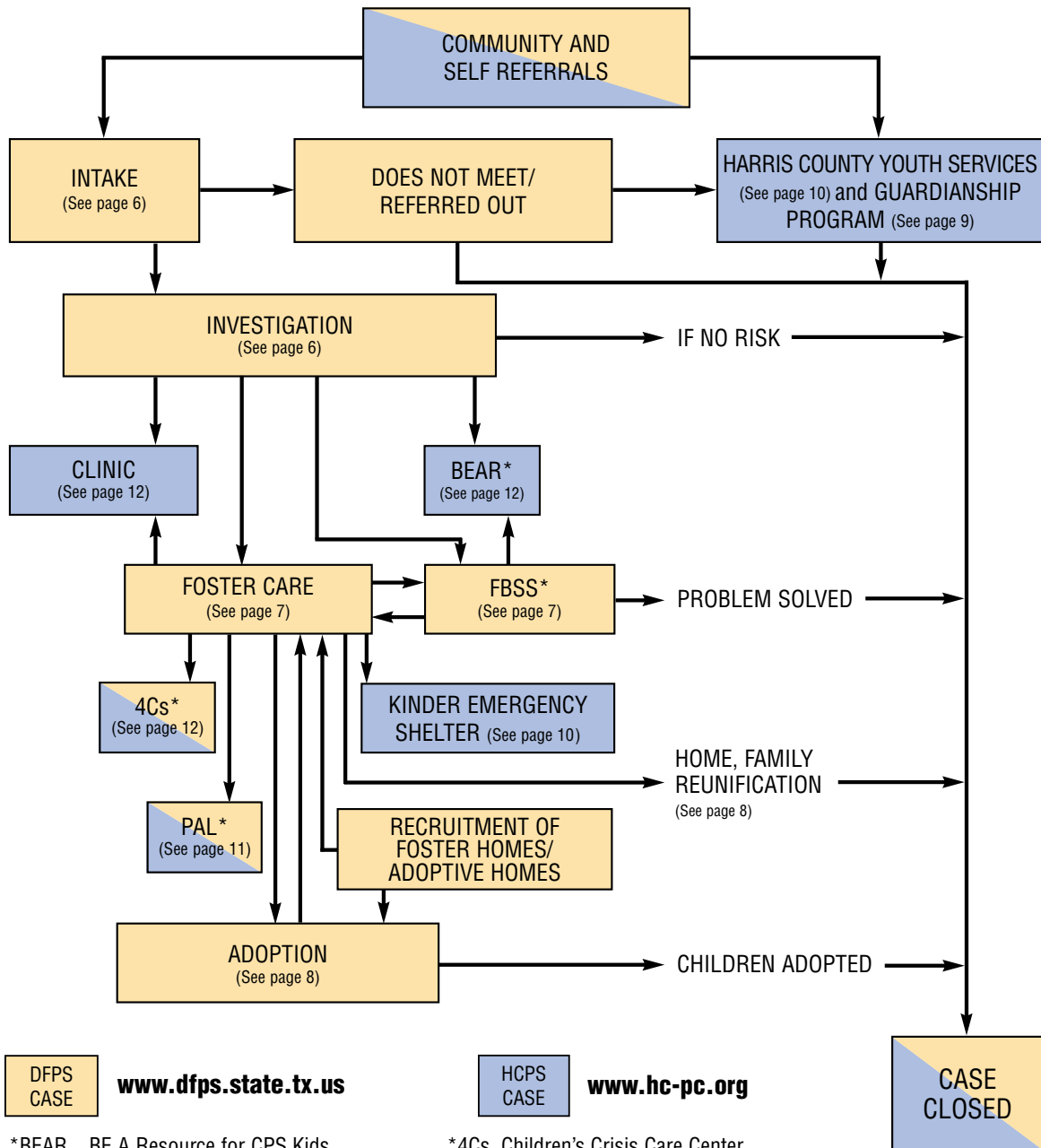
**CPS IN HARRIS COUNTY
CELEBRATING 40 YEARS
1966 - 2006**

CPS IN HARRIS COUNTY

Texas Department of Family and
Protective Services (DFPS)

Harris County Protective Services
for Children and Adults (HCPS)

A CHILD, YOUTH, FAMILY OR ADULT'S PATH THROUGH THE PROGRAMS OF CPS IN HARRIS COUNTY



Throughout the Annual Report are vintage photos from the early days of CPS. Also featured on the pages is a history time line with benchmark dates for CPS.

Front and back covers: A gathering of CPS Annual Reports from the past 40 years.

LETTER TO THE CITIZENS OF HARRIS COUNTY

CPS in Harris County is pleased to present our Annual Report. This report covers 2006 statistics and funding of both Harris County Protective Services for Children and Adults (HCPS) and the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS/CPS).

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- In 2006, DFPS continued to build upon the many improvements that were begun in 2005 after the passing of Senate Bill 6, the protective services reform that brought about major strides in improving services and making children safer through a department wide renewal effort. This initiative included strengthening investigations, supporting quality casework, and improving services and child outcomes. Some of the changes included hiring additional direct delivery staff across the state and hiring subject matter experts to assist caseworkers. These experts included law enforcement liaisons, substance abuse experts, legal liaisons, youth specialists, and child safety specialists who have expertise in risk and safety assessments.
- SB6 directed DFPS to respond to reports of abuse in a shorter period of time. CPS is already required to respond to the highest priority reports within 24 hours. However, the response time for lower priority cases is 10 days. In 2006, CPS implemented pilot programs in the region to prepare for the transition to 72 hrs. As of September 1, 2007, DFPS is required to respond to the lower priority cases within 72 hrs.
- In 2006, DFPS conducted a statewide roll out of Tablet PCs for investigation caseworkers to provide them with remote access to case documentation and client history checks.
- In conjunction with its Disproportionality Initiative, CPS continued to address systemic factors and identify improvements in practices to address the disproportionate number of African American children in the CPS system. One way that CPS is addressing this issue is through training sessions. CPS partnered with Casey Family Programs and the People's Institute for Survival and Beyond to provide training on "Undoing Racism" for management staff. DFPS also started working with community groups, and help organize town hall meetings, and community leadership forums to address disproportionality.

Although SB6 directed DFPS to outsource all substitute care and case management services, this year the 80th legislative session passed SB 758, the "Reform II" bill which among many things, repealed the requirement of DFPS to outsource all case management and substitute care by 2011.

HCPS HIGHLIGHTS

- In June 2006, CPS in Harris County celebrated 40 years of service to abused and neglected children in Harris County. Today, the jointly financed programs of HCPS and DFPS now have over 1,300 combined staff, working side by side.
- The 40th year was a critical year in the history of the program as SB6, the CPS reform legislation, threatened the partnership between HCPS and DFPS by not making the county eligible to provide the full array of services now being provided. SB 6 bill mandated outsourcing substitute care and case management services to private agencies.
- However, with the help and support of Senator Kyle Janek and Representative Sylvester Turner, SB 813 was passed and signed by Governor Rick Perry on June 16, 2007. SB 813 affirms Harris County's legal authority to provide case management and/or substitute care services for the benefit of children who are in the protective custody of the state. HB 1763 sponsored by Representative Bill Callegari in the House and Senator Janek in the Senate changed the name of Harris County Children's Protective Services to Harris County Protective Services for Children and Adults. This is the result of the addition of the Guardianship Program.
- The Harris County Youth Services Center held it's grand opening on March 14, 2006. The center functions as a "hub" of services for abused children, at-risk youth, and families in need. The new 72,000 square foot facility accepts children 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and is able to provide compassionate care to a wide range of children, whether they come to the center in bassinets or in handcuffs.
- On October 30, 2006, BOMA/IREM Charity Golf Tournament raised over \$95,000 for HCPS. The tournament has raised over \$1,000,000 in total contributions to HCPS over the past 14 years.
- The Council on Accreditation (COA) conducted a site review of HCPS agency programs in June 2006 and approved the accreditation of HCPS through November 2010. Since 1974, COA has recognized HCPS as a provider of services of high quality.

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Executive Director, HCPS

Randy W. Joiner

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CPS Regional Director,
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AND CHILDREN, INC.

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WELFARE
LEAGUE OF
AMERICA

1966

Harris County
Child Welfare
(HCCW)
established

1972

CPS Clinic
established

1973

Statute passed
by legislature
regarding HCCW
Board

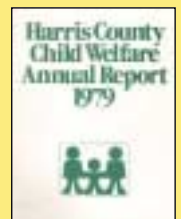
1978

Chimney Rock
Center established



1979

Community Youth
Services program
transferred to
HCCPS

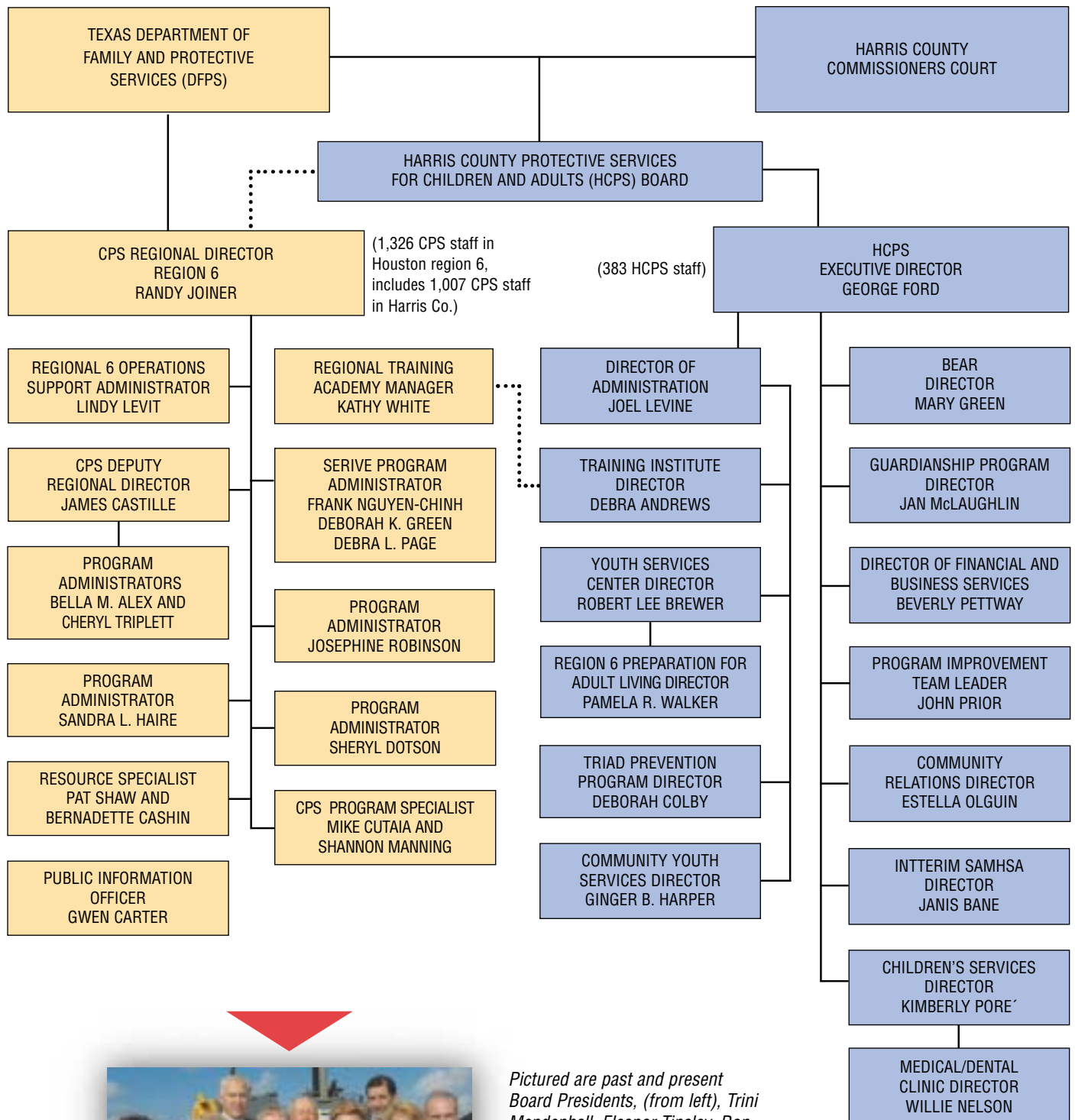


1981

Clarewood Place
program began



CPS IN HARRIS COUNTY ORGANIZATIONAL CHART - 2007



Pictured are past and present Board Presidents, (from left), Trini Mendenhall, Eleanor Tinsley, Ron S. Davis, Sharon Koe Berryman, Ken Spalding, Barbara Hermes, Dr. Ernest Frugé, Janet Stanburg and Clay Crawford while attending the groundbreaking ceremonies of the Harris County Youth Services Center.

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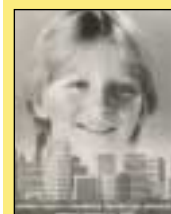


'81 Clarewood Place



1983

Name was changed to Harris County Children's Protective Services (HCCPS)



1985

Training Institute established

Preparation for Adult Living (PAL) program established

OVERVIEW

While Child Protective Services (CPS) in Texas is a state-managed program through the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS), there has been a tradition of county-level involvement since 1966 in Harris County.

In a unique governmental collaboration, protective services for children and adults in Harris County are seamlessly provided by the state of Texas, acting through DFPS, and Harris County through Harris County Protective Services for Children and Adults (HCPS).

CPS IN HARRIS COUNTY

Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS)

Harris County Protective Services for Children and Adults (HCPS)



**THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT
OF FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE
SERVICES (DFPS)**
WWW.DFPS.STATE.TX.US

The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services serves the state's youth, families, elderly and people with disabilities. The DFPS mission is to protect children, the elderly and people with disabilities from abuse, neglect and exploitation by working with clients, families and communities. DFPS works to accomplish that mission through four programs: Child Protective Services, Adult Protective Services, Child Care Licensing, and Prevention and Early Intervention programs. DFPS is an agency of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

The responsibilities of the Child Protective Services (CPS) program of DFPS are to:

- Conduct civil investigations of reported child abuse and neglect,
- Protect children from abuse and neglect,
- Promote the safety, integrity and stability of families,
- Provide permanent placements for children who cannot safely remain with their own families.



**HARRIS COUNTY PROTECTIVE
SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND
ADULTS (HCPS)**
WWW.HC-PS.ORG

The Vision of Harris County Protective Services for Children and Adults (HCPS) is to better the lives of children and adults in Harris County.

HCPS' mission is to:

- Provide direct services to children not served by DFPS,
- Provide support services designed to enhance the efficiency of the DFPS program,
- Provide guardianship services to adults,
- Advocate for Harris County's children and adults.

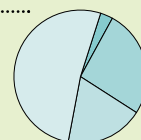
HCPS, a county department advocating for Harris County children and adults, works to accomplish its mission through three programs: Guardianship Services; Youth Services, i.e. Kinder Emergency Shelter, Community Youth Services, Preparation for Adult Living and the TRIAD Prevention Program; and Children's Services, i.e. BEAR...BE A Resource for CPS Kids, Children's Crisis Care Center, Medical and Dental Clinic and the Training Institute.

TOTAL CHILDREN SERVED MONTHLY

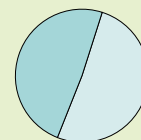
Approximate number of children receiving services from CPS in Harris County per month in 2005, including those children serviced in DFPS and HCPS programs.

Completed investigations (children).....	4,300
Receiving Family-Based Safety Services (children).....	5,600
In Protective Custody (children).....	4,700
(See Breakdown charts at right)	
Receiving TRIAD Prevention Program Services (youth).....	3,800
Receiving CYS Services (youth).....	3,800

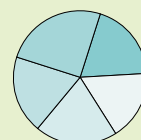
Total (Approximate number of children served per month by CPS in Harris County) 22,200



■ 52% African American
■ 19% Anglo
■ 26% Hispanic
■ 3% Other



■ 49% Female
■ 51% Male



■ 25% Under 2 yrs
■ 19% 3 to 5 yrs
■ 20% 6 to 9 yrs
■ 17% 10 to 13 yrs
■ 19% 14 to 17 yrs

STATISTICS FOR CPS IN HARRIS COUNTY FOR 2006

HARRIS COUNTY CHILD POPULATION FOR YEAR 2006: 1,041,190¹

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CPS) PROGRAM OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES (DFPS)

CPS PROGRAM OF DFPS 2006 ACTIVITIES¹

FY SEPTEMBER 1, 2005, THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2006

Intakes of child abuse and neglect assigned for investigation		25,915 ²
Completed investigations	families	21,439 ²
	alleged victims	35,033
	total children	47,438
Children adopted	in Region 6 ³	734
Children served in Family-Based Safety Services		11,604
Children taken into protective custody		2,456
Total children in protective custody	as of August 31, 2006	5,180
Foster and Foster/Adopt Homes	as of August 31, 2006	267

1 Source: DFPS Forecasting and Program Statistics.

2 The difference between Intakes and Completed investigations is the families currently under investigation or investigations merged or administratively closed.

3 Houston Region 6 includes Harris County and 12 surrounding counties.

Additional information can be found at www.dfps.state.tx.us/statistics



HARRIS COUNTY PROTECTIVE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS (HCPS)

HCPS 2006 ACTIVITIES

JANUARY 1, 2006, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2006

BEAR...BE A Resource for CPS Kids ⁴	CPS children served in BEAR Necessities	14,000
	CPS children served in BEARING Gifts	7,000
	CPS children served in Back to School in-kind and cash contributions	5,000
		\$970,643
Children's Crisis Care Center (4Cs)	children evaluated	1,826
	families assessed	480
	Family Group Decision-Making conferences	306
	Permanency Planning Team meetings	4,233 ⁵
Community Youth Services (CYS)	youth referrals	14,187
	parents and teens in Survival Skills	951
Student Support Services		32,400
Guardianship Program	adult wards as of Dec. 31, 2006	1,406
Kinder Emergency Shelter	youth sheltered	313
Medical-Dental Clinic	children served	4,453
Preparation for Adult Living (PAL)	youth served in Region 6 ⁶	1,468
TRIAD Prevention Program	at-risk youth served	45,400 ⁷

4 Some children are served by multiple programs.

5 Special professional teams to ensure that children do not linger in foster care.

6 PAL served youth during DFPS fiscal year.

7 Refer to page 11 for breakdown

Additional information can be found at www.hc-ps.org

1985



1987

Tejas Residential Treatment program began at Chimney Rock Center



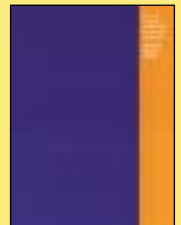
1989

Spindletop Exceptional Care facility renovated by the HCCPS Fund



1990

The Children's Assessment Center program established



CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CPS) PROGRAM OF DFPS

For more information on services go to www.dfps.state.tx.us/child_protection

INTAKE:

State law requires anyone who believes a child is being abused or neglected report the situation to the DFPS abuse hotline. DFPS administers a toll-free, 24-hour statewide hotline (1-800-252-5400) located in Austin, Texas for reporting suspected abuse and neglect of children, the elderly, or people with disabilities at 1-800-252-5400. People can also report online through a secured website at <https://www.txabusehotline.org>. All reports meeting the statutory definitions of abuse and neglect are assigned a priority based on the level of risk to the alleged victim. Law enforcement agencies are also notified of reports regarding children.

In FY 2006, CPS in Harris County assigned 25,915 intakes of child abuse and neglect for investigation.

INVESTIGATIONS:

In 2006, CPS continued to transform its operations and policies in response to Senate Bill 6, the sweeping protective services reform bill passed by the Texas Legislature and signed into law by Governor Rick Perry in 2005. These initiatives included:

- strengthening investigations,
- supporting quality casework,
- improving services and child outcomes,
- building community partnerships, and
- preventing maltreatment.

CPS created a new division to ensure forensic investigation techniques are incorporated into casework and to improve relationships with law enforcement. In 2006, CPS hired regional subject matter experts to assist caseworkers. Subject matter experts include child safety specialists who have expertise in risk and safety assessment; law enforcement liaison staff; nurses; substance abuse experts; youth specialists; legal liaison staff; and investigation screeners who provide additional review when CPS reports are received.

When an intake report is assigned, CPS workers interview children, parents and others with knowledge of the family. These interviews help determine if child abuse or neglect has occurred and assess the risk of further harm to the child. If criminal conduct is involved, law enforcement may investigate at the same time to determine if criminal charges will be filed. Even if evidence of abuse or neglect is not found, caseworkers may refer families to services in the community, such as individual or family therapy, parenting classes, or programs offering financial assistance for utilities, rent, and child care.

The Child Protective Services Point of Entry, located at the Harris County Youth Services Center, helps to coordinate investigations for victims of physical abuse or neglect 24 hours per day, seven days per week. Victims of sexual abuse are referred to The Children's Assessment Center for investigation by CPS staff, law enforcement, medical professionals, specialized interviewers and therapists.

During FY 2006, CPS in Harris County completed 21,439 investigations. 6,883 children were confirmed to have been abused or neglected in Harris County. The rate of confirmed abuse/neglect victims in Harris County was 6.6 per 1,000 children. In Texas, 10.8 children per 1,000 were confirmed as child abuse/neglect victims.

COMPLETED CPS INVESTIGATIONS IN HARRIS COUNTY

FY 2002

intakes	20,120
families	16,429
alleged victims	24,093
total number of children	36,262

FY 2003

intakes	20,342
families	17,007
alleged victims	26,855
total number of children	38,188

FY 2004

intakes	22,706
families	18,509
alleged victims	29,288
total number of children	40,399

FY 2005

intakes	25,856
families	20,976
alleged victims	33,675
total number of children	46,326

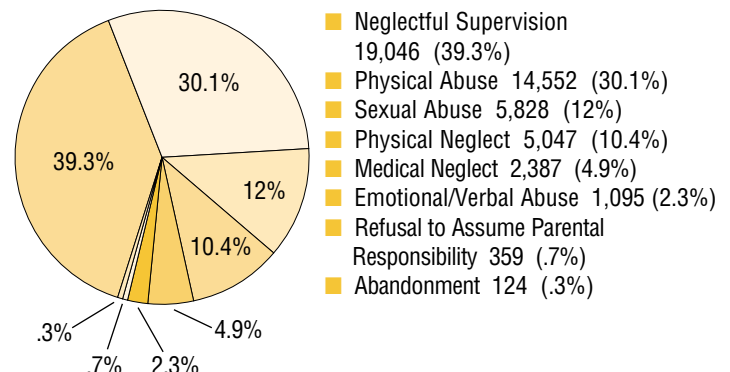
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BREAKDOWN OF TYPES OF ABUSE/NEGLECT OF ALLEGED VICTIMS IN COMPLETED INVESTIGATIONS

The total exceeds 35,033 alleged victims in completed investigations in 2006 since children may have more than one type of abuse/neglect allegation.

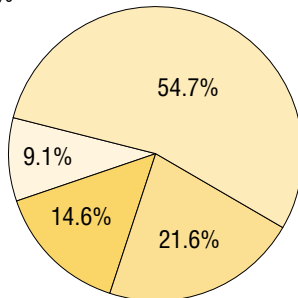


CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CPS) PROGRAM OF DFPS

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FINDINGS OF ALLEGATIONS IN FAMILIES IN COMPLETED INVESTIGATIONS

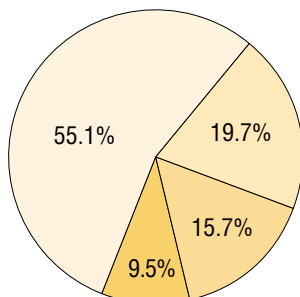
- Ruled Out 54.7%
- Reason to Believe (Confirmed) 21.6%
- Unable to Determine 14.6%
- Unable to Complete 9.1%



CPS investigations help determine if child abuse or neglect has occurred and assess the risk of further harm to the child.

OUTCOME OF RISK ASSESSMENT OF CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT IN FAMILIES IN COMPLETED INVESTIGATIONS

- Risk factors controlled 55.1%
Child no longer at risk of abuse/neglect
- No significant risk factors were identified 19.7%
- Risk of further abuse indicated 15.7%
- Risk assessment could not be completed 9.5%



FAMILY-BASED SAFETY SERVICES (FBSS)

When child safety can be reasonably assured, CPS provides in-home services to help stabilize the family and reduce the risk of future abuse or neglect. Services provided include family counseling, crisis intervention, parenting classes, substance abuse treatment and childcare. Most children served by FBSS continue to live at home while CPS works with their families. In other cases, children may live elsewhere temporarily, usually with relatives or family friends, until the home becomes safe enough for the children to return.

In FY 2006, 11,604 children in Harris County received family-based safety services, including purchased services, in their own homes.

FOSTER CARE

When it is not safe for children to live with their own families, CPS petitions the court to remove the children from their home. They may be placed temporarily with relatives, a verified foster family or an emergency shelter. Foster families provide a safe, nurturing environment for most children in CPS care. Foster families receive reimbursements for the cost of caring for children. Some children have special emotional needs or other disabilities that can be difficult to address in a foster home. These children may be placed in specialized group homes, residential treatment centers, or other facilities.

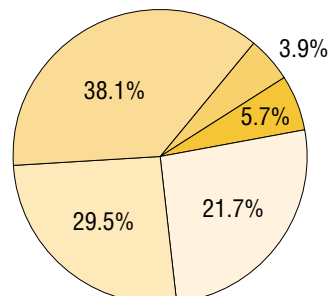
For more information on foster care go to:
www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child_Protection/Foster_Care

When children are removed from their homes and placed in the state's custody, a special team of CPS staff and other professionals work together to develop a written plan to address the factors that caused the abuse/neglect. They also review the progress made in the case plan on a regular basis. The goal is to ensure that children live in stable, nurturing environments and do not remain in foster care. In the Houston Region 6, either through Family Group Decision-Making or a Permanency Planning Team, this coordination is by the Children's Crisis Care Center (page 12).

LOCATION OF CHILDREN IN DFPS PROTECTIVE CUSTODY IN HARRIS COUNTY

At the end of FY 2006, 5,180 children were in the state's Managing Conservatorship (custody) in Harris County.

- In Foster Care 2 yrs. or less 1,971 (38.1%)
- In Relatives' Homes 1,526 (29.5%)
- In Foster Care more than 2 yrs. 1,125 (21.7%)
- With Own Family 295 (5.7%)
- In Adoptive Homes 204 (3.9%)

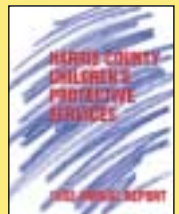


1991



1992

New state agency established



1995

HCCPS became a department of Harris County

Children's Crisis Care Center Program funded with private donations



1997

BEAR... BE A Resource for CPS Kids established

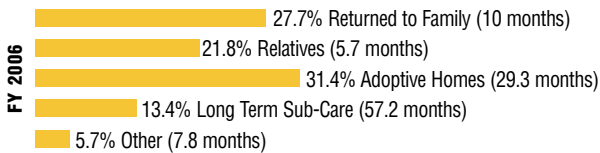
CPS was computerized statewide

TRIAD Prevention Program begun

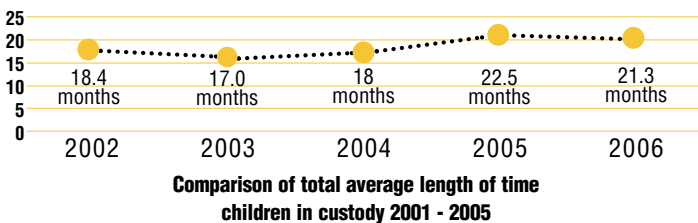
CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CPS) PROGRAM OF DFPS

FAMILY REUNIFICATION

During FY 2006, 1,726 children in CPS custody in Harris County were placed in a permanent living arrangement.



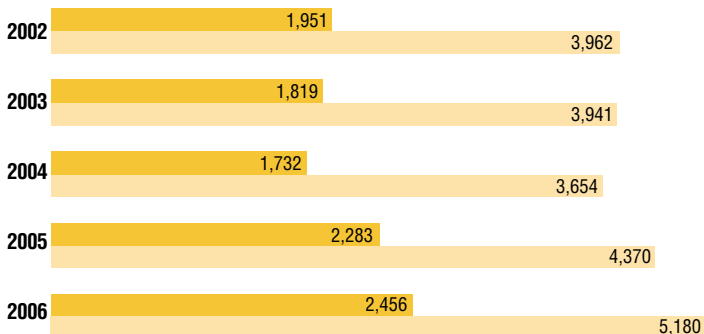
The average length of time children were in state custody in Harris County until placed in a permanent living arrangement during FY 2006 was 21.3 months



In 2006, DFPS continued to address systemic factors and identify improvements in practices to address disproportionality, which is the over representation of a race or cultural group in a program or system. In the Texas CPS system, disproportionality means a higher percentage of African-American children are removed from their homes, a lower percentage are successfully reunited with their families, and a higher percentage age out of foster care. Texas was one of 13 states with teams selected by Annie E. Casey Foundation to work on reducing disproportionality. CPS hired specific staff to address this issue and to reduce disproportionality through training and partnerships with community organizations. In Houston, a community advisory group has been meeting with CPS staff at the Sunnyside Multi-Service Center to engage the community in developing solutions to disproportionality.

Children taken into protective custody during fiscal year

Children in protective custody at end of fiscal year



Source: DFPS Forecasting and Program Statistics



ADOPTION

When it is not possible for a child to return home, the court may terminate the parents' rights and legally make the child available for adoption. DFPS completed 734 adoptions in the Houston Region 6 (Harris County and the 12 surrounding counties) in 2006. DFPS contracts with licensed private child-placing agencies to increase the number of adoptive homes available to adopt foster children.

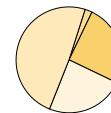
WAITING

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1,133 Children in the Houston Region are waiting to be adopted.



53% Male
47% Female



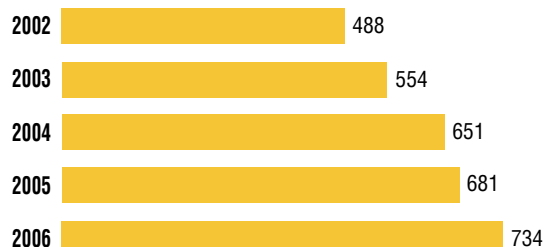
49% African American
24% Anglo
25% Hispanic
2% Other or Mixed Race



41% birth to 5 yrs. of age
32% 6 to 10 yrs. of age
22% 11 to 14 yrs. of age
5% 15 to 17 yrs. of age

ADOPTIONS COMPLETED IN HOUSTON REGION 6

33.5% increase in five years



GUARDIANSHIP SERVICES



The Harris County Guardianship Program (HCGP) provides guardianship services to incapacitated adults. At the end of December 31, 2006, there were 1,406 court-appointed

wards in the Guardianship Program. Specially trained case managers provide appropriate management of wards' property, finances, and daily needs such as food, clothing, shelter and medical care.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE HARRIS COUNTY GUARDIANSHIP PROGRAM

Community volunteers play a significant role in the lives of HCGP wards. There are 3 types of volunteer opportunities that support HCGP:

GIFTS OF RESOURCES (tax-deductible donations)

Holiday Gifts: Donations from the community help make the holidays special for our wards when someone sponsors them during the annual Holiday Gift Drive.

Resource Room: Donations to the Resource Room are collected year round to meet clients' emergency needs. Items most needed include gift cards, house slippers, house robes, pajamas, blankets and plus-size casual clothing for men or women. Complete list available at <http://www.hc-ps.org/guardianship.htm>

GUARDIANSHIP ANGELS PROGRAM

A few hours of a volunteer's time can have a big impact on a ward's quality of life. Guardianship Angels volunteers are social visitors and supportive friends to HCGP wards in need of a friendly face. Visitation is flexible, scheduled at the discretion of both the volunteer and the ward. Activities often include playing games, like checkers or dominoes, or reading, but the most treasured activity for most wards is simply a lively conversation.

GIFTS OF TALENT

The Guardianship Program utilizes volunteers who have a talent or skill that can benefit a ward, such as playing a musical instrument, painting, singing, or even organizational skills.

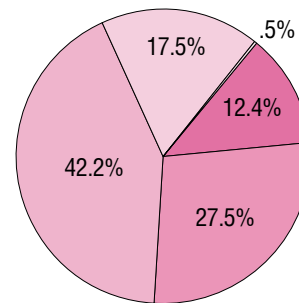
For more information about the Guardianship Program and opportunities to get involved contact **713-363-2300**.

NUMBER OF WARDS SERVED AT THE END OF 2006: 1,406

■ 53% Male ■ 47% Female

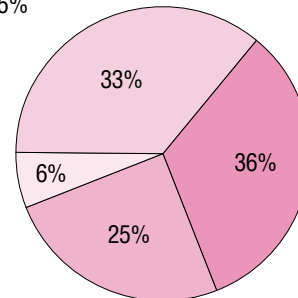
WARDS BY AGES

- .5% - 18 to 21 yrs
- 17.5% - 22 to 39 yrs
- 42.2% - 40 to 59 yrs
- 27.5% - 60 to 79 yrs
- 12.4% - 80 yrs and over



INCAPACITIES

- Developmental Disability 25%
- Mental Deterioration 33%
- Mental Illness 36%
- Physical Incapacity 6%



1997



1998

Harris County Youth and Family Services Division created



1999

PRS establishes community based office locations



2000

Permanency Planning Teams for children and their families transferred to HCCPS



YOUTH SERVICES

The Harris County Youth Services Center (YSC) celebrated its grand opening in March 2006. The YSC, located at 6300 Chimney Rock, is a "hub" of support services for children and youth needing help. The new facility allows the various agencies housed at the YSC to better coordinate the many services they offer.

Located in the building are staff from HCPS (Kinder Emergency Shelter, CYS, TRIAD Prevention Program, Medical/Dental Clinic and BEAR), the DFPS' Child Protective Services Point of Entry, Harris County Juvenile Probation Department, DePelchin Children's Center and some staff of the Preparation for Adult Living Program.

COMMUNITY YOUTH SERVICES



CYS, a crisis intervention and case management program, with 96 staff members, offers free, voluntary assistance to at-risk children and youth and their families. For more information go to www.hc-ps.org

Eighty of the CYS staff members have a unique shared funding partnership with 17 school districts as well as the Pasadena Police Department, the Educational Services Division of the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department, Communities In Schools-Houston and the Community Education Partners Charter School. The goal of this program is to prevent at-risk youth from becoming victims of child abuse, running away, dropping out of school or from entering into delinquent behavior.

Additionally, CYS provides support services to runaway/homeless youth through the Safety Net program; and conflict resolution/mediation to youth and their parents through the Parent/Teen Survival program. During 2006, 951 parents and teens completed the course.

CYS has partnered with the Houston Department of Health and Human Services at Kashmere High School and MHMRA at Houston ISD West Region and Spring ISD. This unique coordination of multiple agencies will secure services to children and their families to keep them in school.

CYS staff served 14,187 new youth referrals.

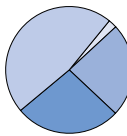
CYS staff provided an additional 32,400 Student Support Services to students at school or in the community not related to open cases. Students may participate in multiple outreach event services.

KINDER EMERGENCY SHELTER

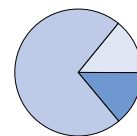


During 2006, 313 youth, ages 12-17 that required emergency short-term residential care, were placed in the 24 bed Nancy and Rich Kinder Emergency Shelter by caseworkers from DFPS, CYS, Systems of Hope and the TRIAD Prevention Program.

THE DIVERSITY OF THE YOUTH SHELTERED INCLUDED 54% FEMALE AND 46% MALE.



- 44% African American
- 30% Anglo
- 21% Hispanic
- 5% Other Races



REFERRAL SOURCE:

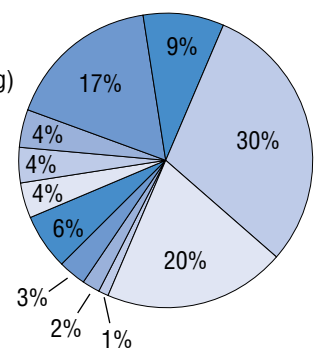
- 86% DFPS
- 9% TRIAD
- 5% CYS



REASONS FOR NEW REFERRALS TO CYS

During 2006, staff served 14,187 new youth referrals

- Financial Problems 2,765 (20%)
- School Related 4,248 (30%) (truancy, classroom behavior, skipping)
- Family Problems/Violence 1,369 (9%)
- Adolescent Development Issues 2,422 (17%)
- Grief Counseling 610 (4%)
- Health Problems 523 (4%)
- Child Abuse/Neglect 514 (4%)
- Mental Health Problems 867 (6%) (emotional disturbance, suicide)
- Drugs 491 (3%)
- Gang, Crime Victim, Police 228 (2%)
- Running Away 150 (1%)



YOUTH SERVICES

TRIAD



During 2006, 45,400 at-risk youth were served.

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 at-risk youth. 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.

The Baby Abandonment Prevention Hotline staffed by TRIAD Intake Diversion, received 59 calls during 2006. The *Universal Child Abuse Prevention project, provided prevention information to over 149,000 children and families during 2006.

For more information on TRIAD Prevention Programs, go to www.hc-ps.org

TRIAD PREVENTION PROGRAM AT- RISK YOUTH SERVED IN YEAR 2006

JP Court Program	39,836
Truancy Learning Camp	364
Services To At-Risk Youth (STAR)*	357
Intake/Diversion	2,696
Mental Health Services	55
Community Youth Development (CYD)*	2092
TOTAL	45,400

*STAR, CYD and the Universal Prevention are programs that are funded by Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.



PAL



Houston Region 6 PAL program, with sixteen HCPS and eight DFPS staff members, helps make the transition to

adulthood successful for youth in foster care. PAL services include independent living assessment; time-limited financial help; and training in such areas as money management, job skills, educational planning and interpersonal skills.

In 2006, 1,468 youths, ages 14 through 20, participated in the PAL program in the CPS Region 6. Through funds of the federal Chafee Foster Care Independence Act, PAL provided aftercare room-and-board assistance and case management services for young adults ages 18 through 21 who have exited foster care.

Since opening in July, 2005, the new Houston Alumni and Youth Center (HAY) has served 327 young adults at 2103 N. Main in Houston. The HAY Center provides a one-stop transition center for foster youth and former foster youth still in need of employment, education or support. Since the opening there has been increased youth participation, housing opportunities, and job availability for PAL youth. PAL serves as the lead agency for the project with Texas Workforce Commission and funding from the U.S. Department of Labor.

In 1988, Angelic Garcia, then age 7, (center) posed for this photo that was in that year's CPS Annual Report. Angelic is now a DFPS/CPS caseworker

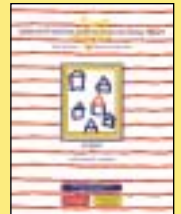
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2001

Child Protection Point of Entry was established to coordinate investigations for victims of physical abuse or neglect

The amount of money children can save while in foster care was increased



2002

Harris County Commissioners Court approved funding for the design and construction of the Harris County Youth Services Center, to replace CRC and to be completed in 2004.

Transfer of PAL Program to HCPS



2003

Groundbreaking held for the new Youth Services Center

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

THE CHILDREN'S CRISIS CARE CENTER



The Children's Crisis Care Center (4Cs) is a community collaboration focused on meeting the unique needs of each physically abused and neglected child entering CPS custody. This service is only available to children referred by DFPS.

The Children's Crisis Care Center, with 35 staff and 22 contracted professionals, is structured into three program teams: Children's, Family and Permanency Planning.

During 2005:

Children evaluated	1,826
Families assessed	480
Permanency Planning Team meetings	4,233
(For each custody child in Region 6)	
Family Group Decision-Making conferences	306

For complete information on 4Cs and its programs go to:
www.hc-ps.org

HCPS CLINIC



HCPS Clinic which is located at the Youth Services Center is available to all child clients of DFPS and HCPS and operates with the University of Texas Medical School.

During 2006, 4,453 children were provided services at the HCPS Clinic. Services included helping caseworkers identify suspected child abuse/neglect, providing medical and dental services to children in foster care and the Kinder Emergency Shelter, as well as various medical presentations and trainings.

The Clinic also performed drug screens on adult clients at the caseworkers' request. During 2006, ten drug tests each were administered to 2,859 adult clients, for a total of 28,590 drug tests.

BEAR



BEAR, which stands for BE A Resource for CPS Kids, offers help and hope for abused and neglected children and the caseworkers who protect them. BEAR is a 501(c)(3) public/private partnership that provides goods and services to children under the care of CPS in Harris County.

During 2006 BEAR Necessities, an emergency supply room, served 14,000 children and BEARing Gifts, which provides holiday gifts to CPS kids, served over 7,000 children. BEAR Back to School provided school uniforms and supplies to 5,000 children. Some children are served by all programs.

BEAR's "Change is Good" event in October, 2006 received proceeds that were used to provide school uniforms, backpacks and

school supplies to CPS children. More than \$80,000 in proceeds was generated by this event and children donated over \$5,000 in change.

For more information about BEAR and opportunities to get involved, go to: www.bearesourcehouston.org

REGION 6 TRAINING INSTITUTE



The Houston Region 6 Training Institute is a specialized training program for all HCPS and Region 6 DFPS personnel. During 2006 the Training Institute, consisting of six HCPS employees and ten DFPS employees, provided 151 workshops with 3916 staff participants. A total of 358 new CPS caseworkers and 3 interns were trained in 2006.

In September 2006, HCPS Training Institute launched the Region 6 Training Consortium, a collaboration of individuals, private agencies, non-profit organizations, for profit business groups, and government entities who provide training and workshops that enhance an individual's personal, professional, and organizational performance. Since its inception 11 community partner agencies have become members of the consortium and 97 workshops have been delivered to more than 1000 participants. Many of the workshops are videotaped and a video archive has been created for all materials.

For career opportunities with CPS in Harris County go to:
www.hc-ps.org

SYSTEMS OF HOPE



Harris County Systems of Hope is a new program designed to help children with serious mental health issues and their families. Harris County Systems of Hope is a local and federally grant-funded program utilizing service delivery based on system of care strategies and the wraparound process. The Systems of Hope program has five Care Teams: HCPS, Harris County Juvenile Probation, DePelchin's Children's Center, Key Middle School and Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority of Harris County. The teams are located throughout the community and provide care coordination and support for children and their families. The emphasis is to promote change within the community to provide family driven, youth guided, and culturally and linguistically competent services within the least restrictive environment and through the coordination of services among the child-serving agencies. Systems of Hope supports a network of traditional and non-traditional services that are organized to meet the challenges of children and youth with serious mental health needs and their families. The Systems of Hope began serving children in October, 2006, with 21 children receiving services by the end of year.

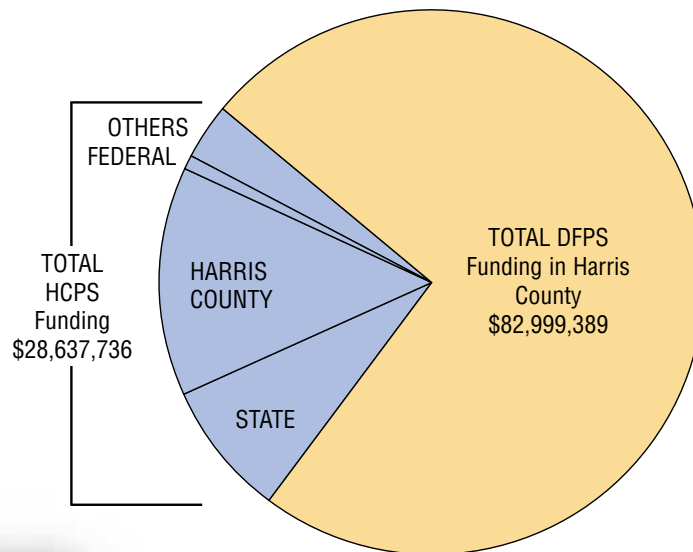
For more information on Systems of Hope contact **713-795-HOPE**

CPS IN HARRIS COUNTY 2006 FUNDING

	DFPS*	HCPS**					COMBINED FUNDING IN HARRIS COUNTY
	DFPS FUNDS IN HARRIS CO.	STATE	HARRIS COUNTY	FEDERAL	OTHERS	TOTAL HCPS	
Staff Salaries, Benefits and Travel	\$26,973,334	\$4,043,519	\$11,817,807	450,519	\$2,456,998	\$18,768,843	\$45,742,177
Children's Foster and Institutional Care	50,330,112	538,751	761,094	0	0	1,299,845	51,629,957
Children's Services Contract	4,524,402	2,638,189	374,601	607,340	748,357	4,368,487	8,892,889
Children's Medical Services	0	120,500	222,297	0	0	342,797	342,797
General and Administrative	1,171,541	1,568,945	1,944,662	2,957	341,200	3,857,764	5,029,305
TOTAL	\$82,999,389	\$8,909,904	\$15,120,461	\$1,060,816	\$3,546,555	\$28,637,736	\$111,637,125

* DFPS fiscal year:
September 1, 2005 - August 31, 2006
DFPS Funding sources: state and federal
government

** HCPS fiscal year:
March 1, 2006 - February 28, 2007
HCPS funding sources: state, county,
federal government and other sources
such as grants and foundations.



2003

The agency name
was changed to
Harris County
Protective
Services for
Children and
Adults (HCPS)

The Harris County
Guardianship
Program was
transferred to
HCPS.



2005

The Houston
Alumni and Youth
Center (HAY
Center) opened

The Substance
Abuse and
Mental Health
Services
Administration
(SAMHSA)
awards \$9.5
million to Harris
County

2006

The Youth
Services Center
has grand
opening



2006



AGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

Texas Abuse Hotline	(children & adults)	1-800-252-5400
Baby Abandonment Hotline		1-877-904-SAVE
BEAR...BE A Resource for CPS Kids		713-940-3073
Child Protective Services (DFPS) Point of Entry		713-295-2650
Children's Crisis Care Center (4 C's)		713-394-4402
Clinic	(medical and dental)	713-295-2570
Community Youth Services		713-295-2530
Foster and Adoption Inquiry Line		1-800-233-3405
Gulfton Youth Development Program		713-314-3154
Guardianship Program		713-363-2300
PO Box 20605, Houston, TX 77225		
Harris County Protective Services for Children and Adults		713-394-4000
Harris County Youth Services Center		713-295-2500
6300 Chimney Rock , Houston, TX 77081		
Houston Alumni & Youth (HAY) Center		713-600-2800
Kinder Emergency Shelter		713-295-2700
Preparation for Adult Living		713-295-2741
Pasadena Youth Development Program		713-473-8393
Services to At-Risk Youth (STAR)		713-664-3459
Texas Department of Family and Protective Services		512-438-4800
Texas Runaway Hotline		1-888-580-4357(HELP)
TRIAD Prevention Program		713-295-2600
Systems of Hope		713-795-HOPE

AGENCY WEB SITES

Harris County Protective Services for Children and Adults	www.hc-ps.org
Texas Department of Family and Protective Services	www.dfps.state.tx.us
To Report abuse on a secure web site	www.txabusehotline.org
Child Abuse Prevention.....	www.itsuptoyou.org
BEAR...BE A Resource for CPS Kids	www.bearesourcehouston.org
Texas Adoption Resource Exchange	www.adoptchildren.org
To Volunteer	www.volunteerdfps.org



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2525 Murworth Drive • Houston, Texas 77054

713-394-4000

To report abuse and neglect: 1-800-252-5400

www.hc-ps.org