

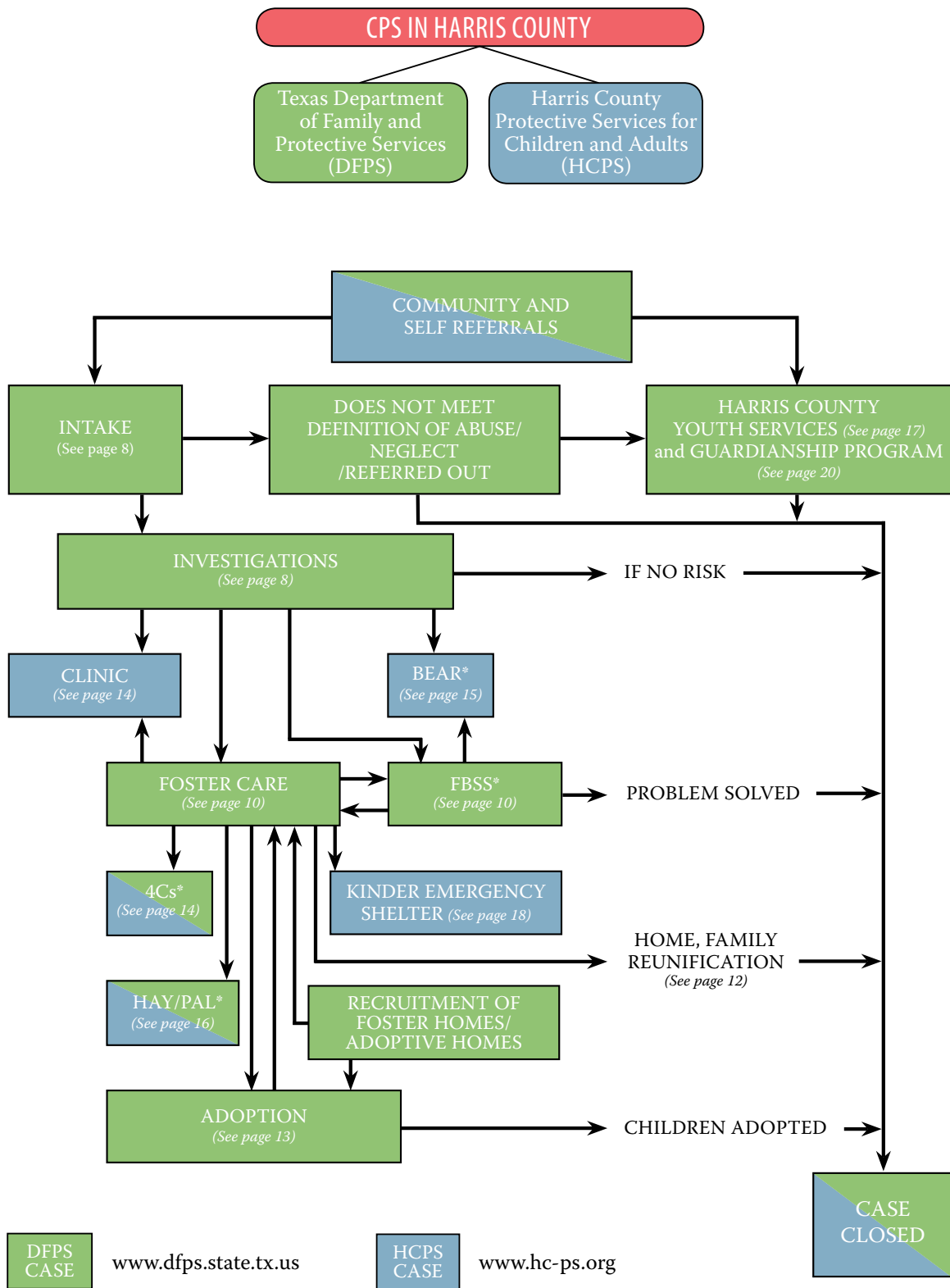
A young girl with dark hair and a white tank top is holding a red heart-shaped object in her right hand. The heart has the text "At the Heart of Families" written on it in white. The background is a blurred green field.

CPS IN HARRIS COUNTY ANNUAL REPORT

2014 STATISTICS
2015 PROGRAM INFORMATION

*"At the Heart
of Families"*

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



*BEAR... - BE A Resource for CPS Kids

*FBSS - Family-Based Safety Services

*4Cs - Children's Crisis Care Center

*HAY - Houston Alumni Youth Center

*PAL - Preparation for Adult Living

CPS in Harris County is pleased to present our 2014-2015 Annual Report. This report provides an overview of our programs and services, and 2014 statistics and funding of both Harris County Protective Services for Children and Adults (HCPS) and the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS).



HCPS Highlights

For almost 50 years, Harris County Protective Services has been at the heart of families. We support the children in the care of the Department of Family and Protective Services, help families through challenges and provide care for the most vulnerable adults in our community. This year, we have made several advances in each of our three direct care divisions to enhance these services.

In the Adult Services Division:

- The Legal Case Management Team transitioned Probate Court documents to a new E-filing system, which also is safely backed up with hard copies.

In our Youth Services Division:

- We initiated the Youth and Family Resource Program, a 24-hour program that connects youth and their families with services.
- We are excited that CYS reestablished positions with Alief ISD and Tomball ISD.

In the Children's Division:

- Our clinic completed its first year of the Integrated Health Care Program, which provides medical, dental and mental health care in one location.
- Our HAY Center expanded its Transition Coach (mentoring) Program, and began a Mental Health Bridge Program to prepare foster youth with serious mental health issues.

In non-direct services:

- An Asset Management Team was formed as part of the Financial and Business Services Division to safeguard, manage and maintain the assets of wards in the Guardianship Program.
- We began leadership training for managers to prepare them for the retirement of our senior staff members.
- In an effort to better inform the community how we can serve their families, particularly their children and youth, we have undertaken our first branding efforts with an updated websites, mission statement, logo and new tagline and social media.

With these enhancements and more to come, we hope to build a stronger reputation of being at the heart of families.

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DFPS Highlights

Last year a lot of work was done by DFPS while undergoing CPS Transformation, a rigorous improvement process, to transform itself into the most effective program possible. I am happy to report that the Transformation initiatives are now transcending into Best Practices. It has been a lot of work across the State and in the Harris County Region in conjunction with our partners, as we move from implementing Transformation to this is "The Way We Do Our Business." We have been putting into practice the recommendations from three reviews conducted last year by the Stephen Group, Casey Family Program, and Sunset Commission. Casey Family Program conducted a study on children in foster care in Harris County and found that children stay in care longer in Harris County than the state average. The challenge was to move children that have been in CPS care more than two years to permanency. As of November 2015, 396 children now have a permanent home. This goal was reached through the collaborative efforts of DFPS, the Harris County Attorneys' Office, Harris County courts, the children's ad litem, the HCPS Board, and other community partners.

In 2015 we began working with Chapin Hall for Children, HCPS, and Casey Family Programs on the implementation of Title IVE Waiver program known as 3PM: People Putting Permanency in Motion. The program will focus on children that enter paid foster care for their first time and with a goal of family reunification. Clinicians in the 4C's program (see pg. 14) will work with CPS caseworkers and administer a CANS (Child and Adolescent Needs Strength Survey), a comprehensive assessment tool that will help identify the types of services needed by the families.

As we move into the new year, CPS is excited about better outcomes for children and families. CPS plays a critical role in ensuring safety, well-being, and permanency for tens of thousands of children each year by helping families build safe environments or by finding permanent homes for children. We are holding to our vision in Harris County: "Child Safety and Permanency is our No. 1 Priority".

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Harris County Children's Protective Services Fund

The Harris County Children's Protective Services Fund operates for the benefit of the children and their families who are direct or potential recipients of services from Harris County Protective Services for Children and Adults.

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"Children, ages 3 and younger, are most vulnerable for abuse and neglect"

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



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of Family and
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**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 children, youth, families, and people who are elderly or have disabilities. The DFPS mission is to protect children and people who are elderly or who have disabilities from abuse, neglect and exploitation by involving clients, families and communities. DFPS works to accomplish that mission through four programs: Child Protective Services (CPS), Adult Protective Services (APS), Child Care Licensing (CCL), and Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) 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:**

- Investigate reports of child abuse and neglect,
 - Protect children from abuse and neglect,
- Promote the safety, integrity and stability of families,
- Find permanent homes or other places to live for children who cannot safely remain with their own families.



**Harris County Protective Services for Children and
Adults (HCPS) At the Heart of Families.**
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:

To support, enhance, and advocate for the safety and well-being of children and adults in Harris County.

**HCPS works to accomplish its mission through programs
serving children and adults by providing:**

- Basic needs,
- Screenings and assessments,
- Counseling and therapy, and
- Coordinated community resources.

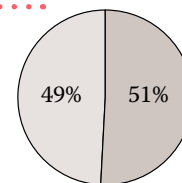
"At the Heart of Families"

Total Children Served Monthly

Approximate number of children receiving services from CPS in Harris County per month in 2014 including those children serviced in DFPS and HCPS programs.

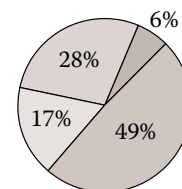
Completed investigations (children)	4,400
Receiving Family-Based Safety Services (children)	6,100
In Protective Custody (children)	4,400
(See Breakdown charts at right)	
Receiving TRIAD Prevention Program Services (youth)	1,500
Receiving CYS Services (youth)	5,700
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TOTAL	
(Approximate number of children served per month by CPS in Harris County)	22,100

Breakdown of (children) in Protective Custody



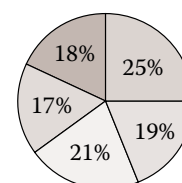
Gender

- 49% Female
- 51% Male



Ethnicity

- 49% African American
- 17% Anglo
- 28% Hispanic
- 6% Other



Age

- 25% Under 2 yrs
- 19% 3 to 5 yrs
- 21% 6 to 9 yrs
- 17% 10 to 13 yrs
- 18% 14 to 17 yrs

Harris County Child Population for Year 2014: 1,201,493

Child Protective Services (CPS) Program of The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS)

CPS Program of DFPS 2014 Activities¹ • FY September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014

Intakes of child abuse and neglect assigned for investigation		27,404 ²
Completed investigations	families	20,657 ²
	alleged victims	32,395
	total children	53,135
Children adopted	in Harris County	791
Children served in Family-Based Safety Services		11,804
Children taken into protective custody		1,877
Total children in protective custody	as of August 31, 2014	4,158
Foster and Foster/Adopt Homes	as of August 31, 2014	96

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

Harris County Protective Services for Children and Adults (HCPS)

HCPS 2014 Activities³ • January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014

BEAR...BE A Resource for CPS Kids ⁴	CPS children served in BEAR Necessities	10,516
	CPS children served in BEARing Gifts	9,400
	CPS children served in Back to School	4,150
	in-kind and cash contributions	1,222,015
Children's Crisis Care Center (4Cs)	children evaluated	878
	families assessed	401
	Family Group Decision-Making conferences	379
	Permanency Planning Team meetings	3,580 ⁵
Community Youth Services (CYS)	youth referrals	5,485
	parents and teens in Survival Skills	540
Student Support Services		62,470
Guardianship Program	adult wards as of Dec. 31, 2014	1,306
Kinder Emergency Shelter	youth sheltered	321
Medical-Dental Clinic	children served	2,689
Preparation for Adult Living (PAL)	youth served in Harris County ⁶	922
TRIAD Prevention Program	at-risk youth served	17,493 ⁷

³ Source: The EVOLV Database System⁴ 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 19 for breakdownAdditional information
can be found at:www.hc-ps.org

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CPS) PROGRAM OF DFPS

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

"The more healthy relationships a child has, the more likely he will be able to recover from trauma and thrive"

- Dr. Bruce Perry



Intake:

State law requires anyone who suspects a child, an adult 65 years or older or who has a disability is being abused, neglected or exploited to report it. Reports can be made through the DFPS Texas Abuse Hotline (1-800-252-5400) or online at www.txabusehotline.org. The hotline operates 24-hours a day, every day of the year.

In FY 2014, CPS in Harris County assigned 27,404 reports of child abuse and neglect for investigation. All reports meeting the statutory definitions of abuse and neglect are assigned a priority based on the level of risk to the alleged victim. The highest priority reports (P1) must be responded to within 24 hours. Priority 2 cases must be responded to within 72 hours. Intake caseworkers at the hotline notify law enforcement of reports involving children.

Investigations:

When an intake report is assigned, CPS workers interview children (when verbal), parents and others with knowledge of the family. These interviews help determine if child abuse or neglect has occurred, if the children are safe, and to assess the risk of further harm to the child. If criminal conduct is involved, law enforcement may investigate to determine if criminal charges will be filed.

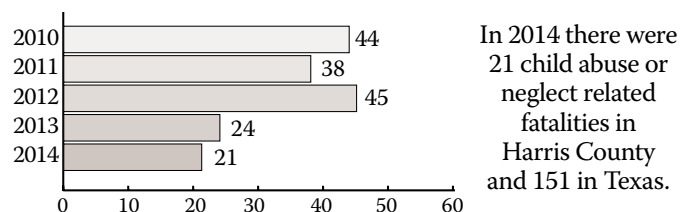
The Child Protective Services Point of Entry, located at the Harris County Youth Services Center, helps to coordinate investigations for victims of physical abuse or neglect 24 hours per day, seven days per week. Victims of sexual abuse are referred to the Children's Assessment Center for investigation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

During FY 2014, CPS confirmed 6,070 children were abused or neglected in Harris County. The rate of confirmed abuse/neglect victims in Harris County was 5.1 per 1,000 children, compared to 9.2 children per 1,000 in Texas.

For more information on Investigations, go to http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child_Protection/About_Child_Protective_Services/investigation.asp

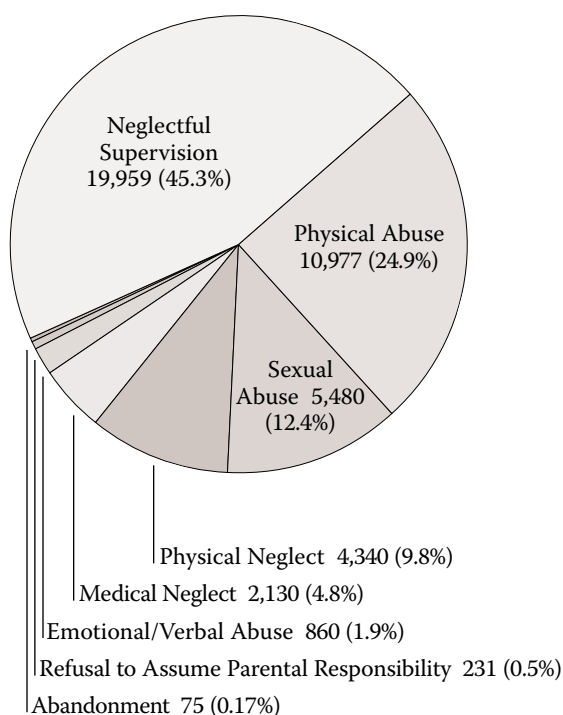
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Child Abuse or Neglect Fatalities in Harris County



Completed CPS Investigations in Harris County

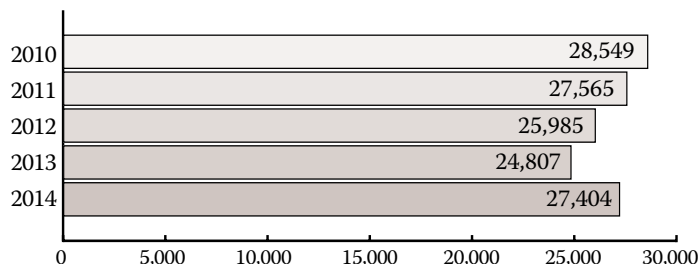
The total exceeds 32,395 alleged victims in completed investigations in 2014 since children may have more than one type of abuse/neglect allegation.



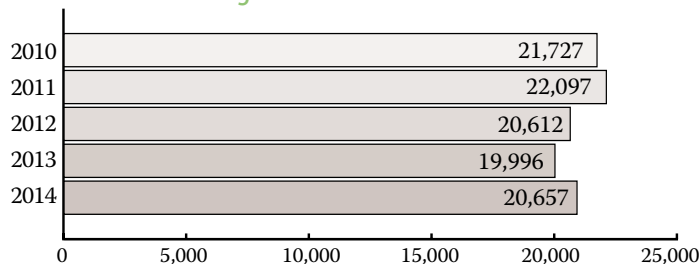
"Neglectful supervision is the most common type of abuse reported"

Breakdown of Types of Abuse/Neglect of Alleged Victims in Completed Investigations

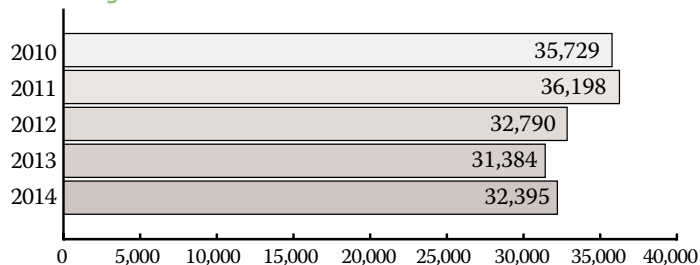
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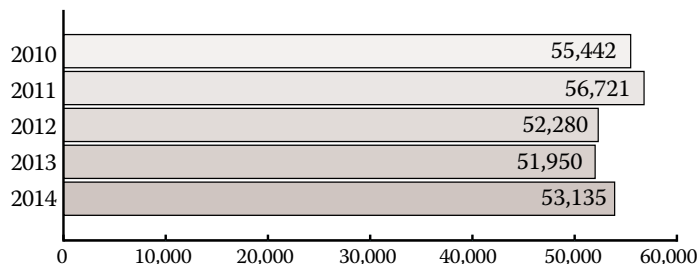
Families Investigated



Alleged Victims



Total Number of Children

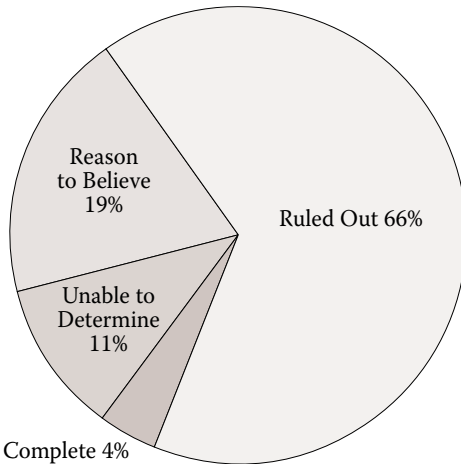


The difference between Intakes and Completed Investigations is the families currently under investigation or investigation merged or administratively closed.

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CPS) PROGRAM OF DFPS

Findings of Allegations in Families in Completed Investigations

During FY 2014, 20,657 family investigations were completed.



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

Family-Based Safety Services (FBSS)

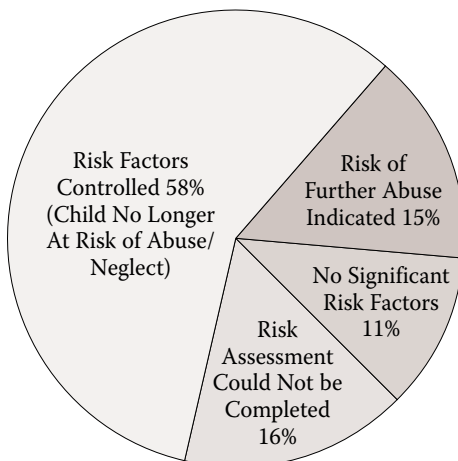
When child safety can be reasonably assured, CPS provides in-home services to help stabilize the family and reduce the risk of future abuse or neglect. FBSS can help avoid the need to remove children from their home by strengthening the family's ability to protect their child and reduce threats to their child's safety. Services provided include family counseling, crisis intervention, mental health services, parenting classes, substance abuse treatment, domestic violence intervention, and day care. Most children served by FBSS continue to live at home while CPS works with their families. In some cases, children may live elsewhere temporarily, usually with relatives or family friends, until it is safe for them to return home.

Family-Based Safety Services in 2014

In 2014 FBSS provided services to 11,804 children

In 2014 an average of 6,100 children received in-home services each month

Outcome of Risk Assessment of Child Abuse/Neglect in Families in Completed Investigations



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. While in CPS custody, children may be placed temporarily with relatives, a foster family, an emergency shelter, or another foster care facility. These caregivers provide children with a safe, nurturing environment. Foster families receive reimbursements for the costs associated with caring for children. CPS and the foster parents arrange all educational, medical, dental, and therapeutic services needed by the child. Some children have emotional or other needs that can be difficult to address in a foster home. These children may live in specialized group homes, residential treatment centers, or other facilities that best meet their needs. While children are in foster care and parental rights are intact, CPS provides services to parents until the family is reunited or another permanent living arrangement for the children is approved by the courts.

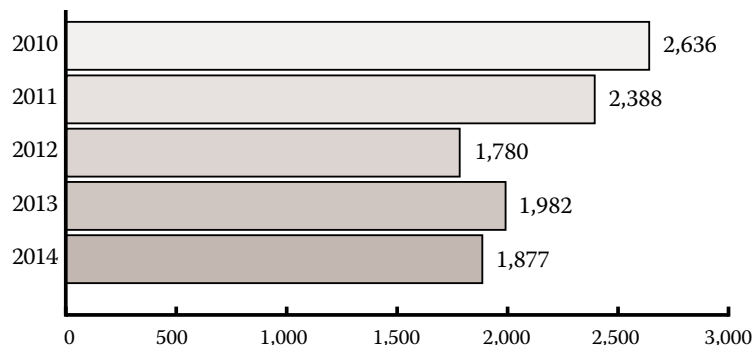
For more information on
FOSTER CARE

www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child_Protection/Foster_Care

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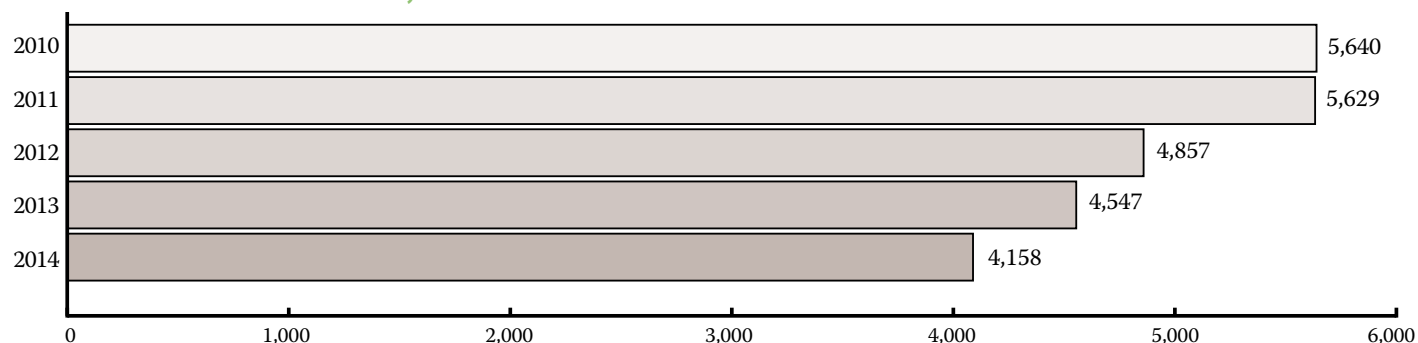
Children in Custody 2010 – 2014

Children Taken Into Protective Custody During Fiscal Year



"In the last few years fewer children have been removed from their homes. In 2014, only 5.8% of alleged victims were taken into custody"

Children in Protective Custody at End of Fiscal Year



Source: DFPS Forecasting and Program Statistics



CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CPS) PROGRAM OF DFPS

Circles of Support (COS) are youth-focused, youth-driven meetings to develop a plan for older youth to transition from foster care to adulthood and to connect youth with caring adults who will support them.

For more information on
CIRCLES OF SUPPORT
see "Services for Foster Youth Transitioning out of Care"
[www.dfps.state.tx.us/txyouth/resources
/Texas/circle_of_Support.asp](http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/txyouth/resources/Texas/circle_of_Support.asp)

Family Reunification

In Harris County 2,281 children in CPS custody were placed in a permanent living arrangement in 2014. With court approval, 23.2% of the children were returned to their own families, 31% were placed with relatives, and 35.2% were placed in adoptive homes.

The average length of time children were in state custody in Harris County until placed in a permanent living arrangement during FY 2014 was 26.5 months

Kinship

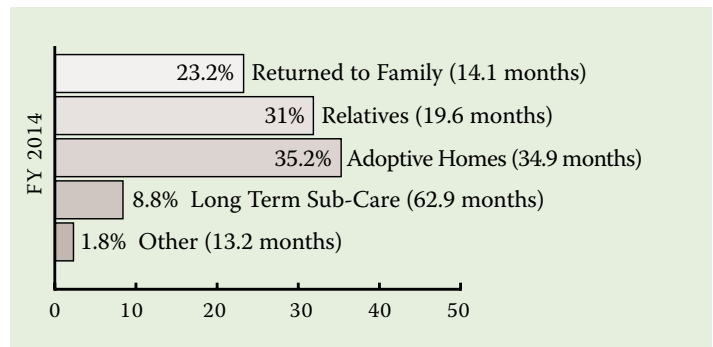
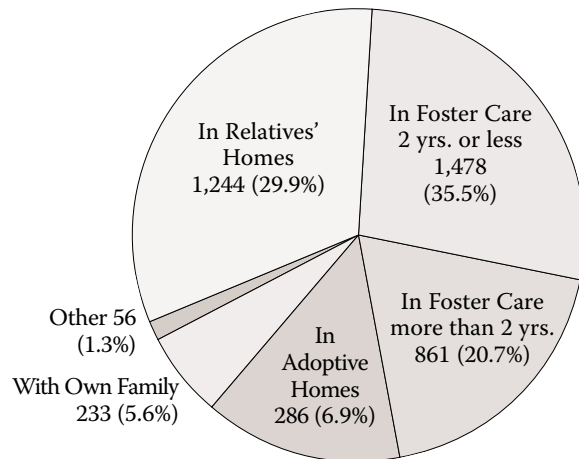
Kinship care means children, who are no longer able to live with their own parents, live with relatives or other people who have a significant relationship with the child or the child's family. These caregivers provide children the benefit of more stability when they cannot live with their birth parents. Kinship caregivers receive a one-time payment and reimbursement to help buy items needed to care for the children. They can also receive support services such as training, family counseling, and daycare. Kinship placements move children out of foster care and into the care of relatives, helping children stay connected to their families and their communities. Kinship caregivers may also provide permanent homes by adopting or accepting legal responsibility for children. In 2014, CPS in Harris County placed 3,179 children in kinship homes.

For More Information on
KINSHIP
[http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/
Child_Protection/Kinship_Care/](http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child_Protection/Kinship_Care/)

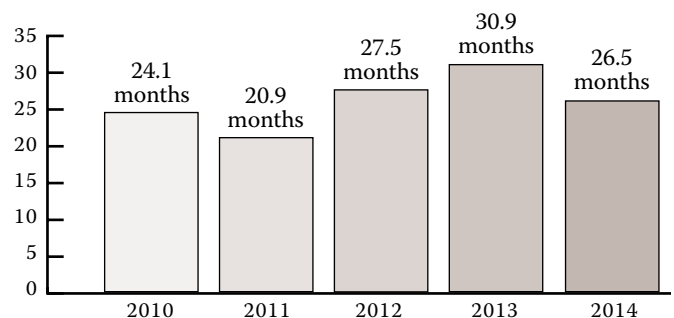
*"Kinship placements help children
stay connected to family and
their communities"*

Location of Children in DFPS Protective Custody in Harris County

At the end of FY 2014, 4,158 children were in the state's Managing Conservatorship (custody) in Harris County.



Comparison of Total Average Length of Time Children in Custody 2010 - 2014



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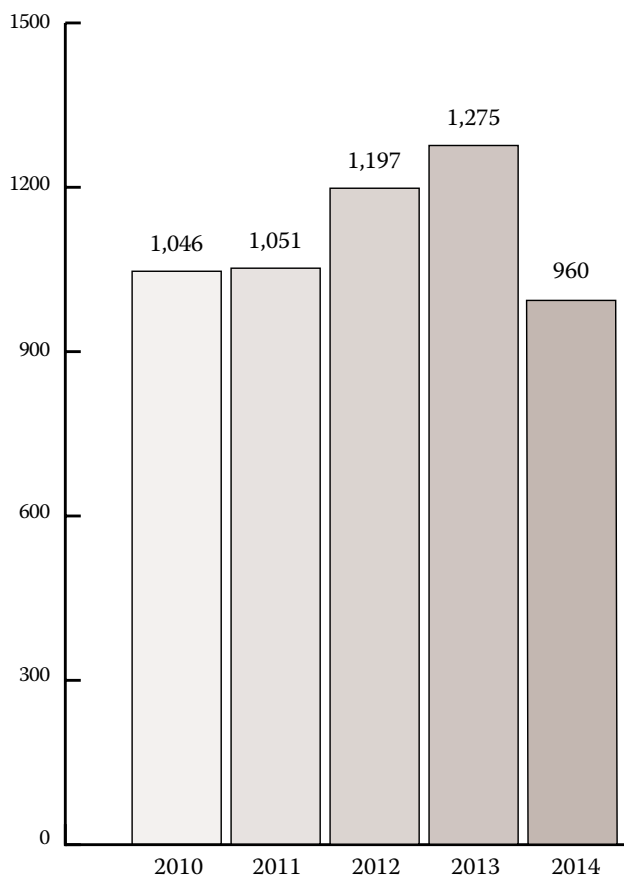
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Adoption

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. In 2014, DFPS completed 960 adoptions in Houston Region 6 (791 in Harris County). DFPS contracts with licensed, private child-placing agencies to increase the number of parents available to adopt children in foster care. CPS also contracts with private agencies to provide post-adoption services to children and their adoptive families, such as counseling, crisis intervention, parent training and support groups and respite care.

Texas Adoption Resource Exchange (TARE) website [adoptchildren.org] is an important tool for recruiting foster and adoptive parents. TARE provides information, photos, videos, and profiles of all Texas children waiting to be adopted.

Adoptions Completed in Houston Region 6

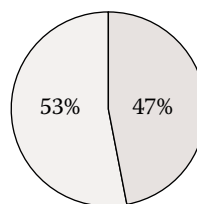


"More than 6,800 CPS children in Texas are waiting to be adopted"

Waiting (as of September 30, 2015)

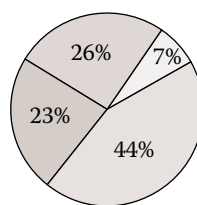
www.adoptchildren.org • 1-800-233-3405

1,259 Children in the Houston Region are Waiting to be Adopted (999 in Harris County)



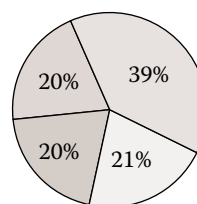
Gender

- Female: 590 (47%)
 - Male: 669 (53%)
- TOTAL: 1,259 (100%)



Ethnicity

- African American: 556 (44%)
 - Anglo: 294 (23%)
 - Hispanic: 325 (26%)
 - Other: 84 (7%)
- TOTAL: 1,259 (100%)



Age

- Birth to 5 yrs: 492 (39%)
 - 6-9 yrs: 269 (21%)
 - 10-13: 248 (20%)
 - 14-17: 250 (20%)
- TOTAL: 1,259 (100%)

SIBLINGS: 490 - 39% are part of a sibling group



Youth Transitioning Out of Care

In some cases, CPS cannot find someone to take permanent custody of a child. These youth generally stay in care until age 18, when they age out or emancipate. Youth may stay in foster care until age 21 while they pursue an education or a job. CPS works to connect these youth with caring adults who have a permanent commitment to the youth and can provide support. CPS provides various services to help these youth learn to live successfully on their own.

(For more information on services for youth transitioning out of care, see page 16 under PAL (Preparation for Adult Living) and HAY Center)

CHILDREN'S SERVICES DIVISION

*"All children deserve to
grow up in a safe,
loving and stable home"*



The Children's Crisis Care Center (4Cs)

The 4Cs is a community collaboration focused on meeting the unique needs of each physically abused and neglected child entering CPS custody. The program services, available only to children in care, is structured into three teams: Children, Family and Permanency Planning

The 4Cs is also a partner with the Infant Toddler Court team to provide Parent-Child Interaction Assessments and consultation for families in the CPS system with children 0-3 years of age.

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

The Children's Crisis Care Center in 2014

Children's Assessments	878
Family Assessments	401
Permanency Conferences	3,580
Family Conferences	379



HCPS Clinic

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

During 2014, HCPS Clinic provided services to 2,689 children. The clinic provides an integrated health approach, housing medical, dental, and mental health care in one location; the first of its kind in the nation. When requested by the caseworkers, the clinic also performs drug screens on adult clients connected with the children we serve.

For more information on HCPS CLINIC
Please call HCPS Clinic at **713-295-2570**
or go to www.hc-ps.org

HCPS Clinic Services Provided in 2014

Medical Appointments	2,010
Dental Appointments	679
Drug Testing	3,112

CHILDREN'S SERVICES DIVISION



BEAR

BEAR...BE A Resource for CPS Kids offers hope and help 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. BEAR is fortunate to have support from the State and County, as well as numerous generous individuals, corporations, churches and foundations.

BEAR provides new clothing and other basic necessities at emergency supply rooms co-located in 8 DFPS CPS offices. In addition, BEAR provides gifts to CPS kids during the holidays, back to school supplies and uniforms, and a special graduation celebration for foster youth aging out of care.

BEAR is grateful to the hundreds of volunteers who ensure that we are able to serve as many children as possible.

For ways to get involved visit
www.bearesourcehouston.org or
www.facebook.com/BEARResourceforCPSKids

In 2014, BEAR received \$ 1,222.015.00 in cash and in-kind donations.

BEAR Necessities	10,516 children served	18 year-round volunteers
BEARing Gifts	9,400 children served	548 volunteers
BEAR Back-to-School	4,150 children served	69 volunteers
BEAR Graduation Celebration	100 children served	34 volunteers

Many children with open CPS cases are served by some or all programs each year.

"All children need life long connections with family and other adults"



TRANSITIONAL SERVICES (PAL AND HAY)



The Houston Alumni and Youth Center (HAY Center)

The HAY Center provides transitional services for current and former foster care youth ages 16 through 25 with an emphasis on education and employment. Through a contract with the Texas Workforce Commission, the HAY Center is designed as a one stop resource center for these youth, including those who might not qualify for PAL services. Services include housing programs, employment opportunities, parenting classes, educational services and a host of other programs to assist with their transition to adulthood.

The HAY Center launched the Transition Coaching program. Adult volunteers are trained to be coaches to foster youth who are approaching their departure from care. The volunteer coaches help older teens navigate their unique course to adulthood. They ensure the teens are on the right track to graduate, apply for colleges, find employment, and organize post-care benefits and resources.

For more information on THE HAY CENTER

Please call **713-250-7000** or go to

www.haycenter.org

HAY Center Services provided to 1,078 youth in FY 2014

Case Management Services (age 21-25)	241
Special Events (duplicate count)	519
TWC Vocational Services	241
Mentor Coaching	48



Preparation for Adult Living (PAL)

The Region 6 Preparation for Adult Living (PAL) Program helps youth in foster care make the transition to adulthood more successfully by ensuring that foster youth aging out of care receive the tools, resources, supports, and connections they need to become self-sufficient adults. PAL services include independent living assessment, financial help for a limited time, and training in such areas as money management, job skills, educational planning and interpersonal skills.

In 2014, 922 foster youth in Harris County and 1,310 in Region 6 received services through the PAL Program. Support services and benefits are provided to eligible youth ages 16 to 21.

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For more information on

PAL SERVICES

and services to youth and young adults go to

www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child_Protection/Youth_and_Young_Adults/default.asp

PAL Services to Foster Youth in FY 2014 - 990 Youth

PAL Services (in care and after care)	990
Financial support	167
Support for youth in-care	341
Completed Life Skills training classes	317
Summer Jobs Program	47
College Tours	37



Region 6 Training Institute (TI)

The Training Institute provides organizational staff development and training for HCPS and DFPS employees, including new employee orientation programs, new board member orientation, Core Competency Courses, interactive web-based training classes and management/leadership courses. As an authorized provider of Continuing Educational Unit (CEU) credits, we are able to provide these for all professionals requiring certificates or licenses.

Region 6 Training Institute 2014 Statistics

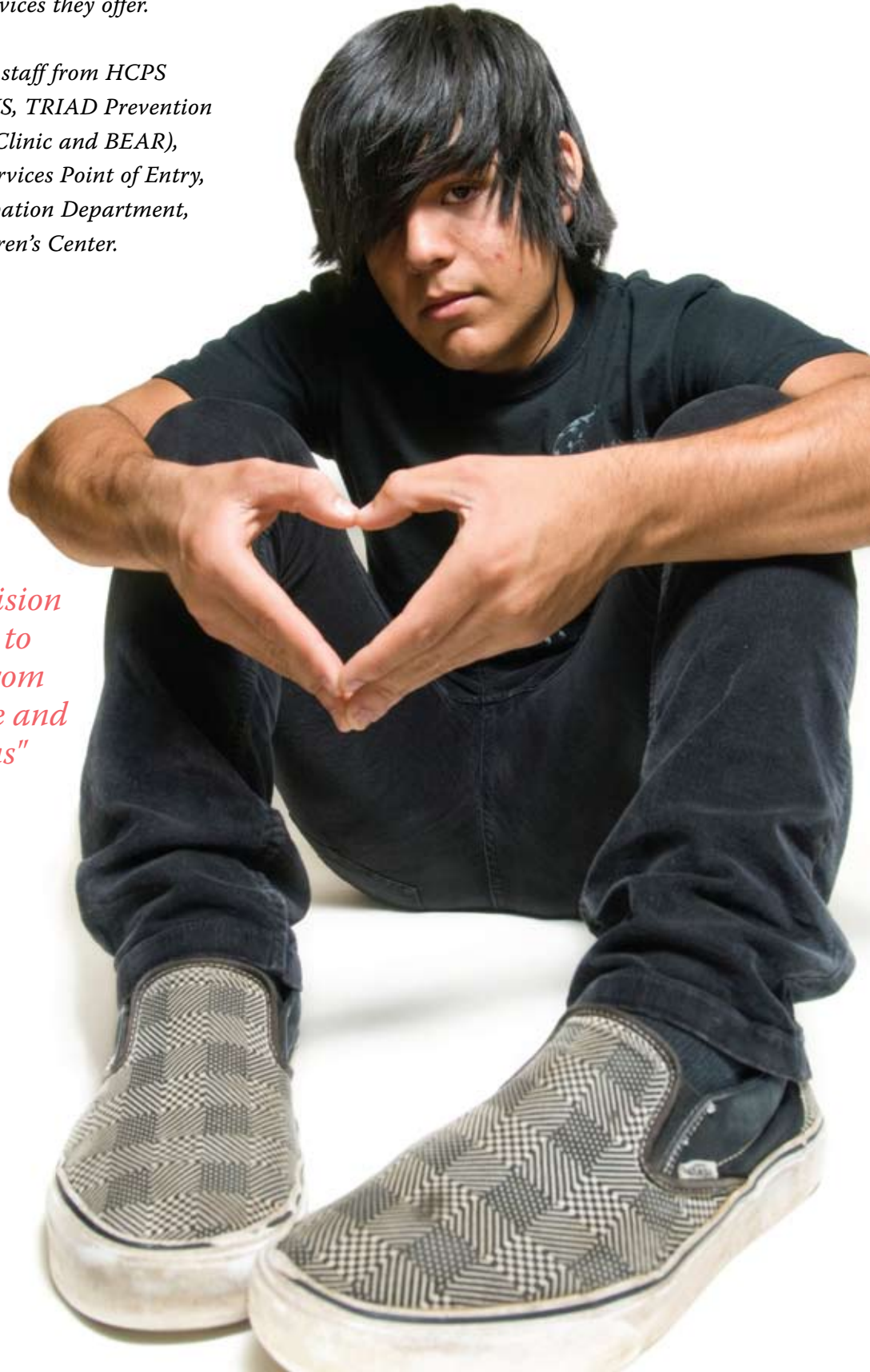
2,887	Professionals participated in course offerings sponsored by HCPS
348	DFPS-CPS caseworkers participated in the BSD program
193	Administrative support professionals participated in the Dianne Bynum Administrative Support Services Conference

YOUTH SERVICES DIVISION

Harris County Youth Services Center (YSC) is a “hub” of support services for children and youth needing help. The facility, located at 6300 Chimney Rock, allows the various agencies housed at the YSC to better coordinate the many services they offer.

Located in the building is 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, and DePelchin Children's Center.

"The Youth Services Division helps families in crisis to prevent at-risk youth from entering the child welfare and juvenile justice systems"



YOUTH SERVICES DIVISION



Community Youth Services (CYS)

CYS, a crisis intervention and case management program, offers free, voluntary assistance to at-risk youth and their families.

CYS staff members have a unique shared funding partnership with 13 school districts, as well as the Pasadena Police Department, the Educational Services Division of the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department, 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 entering into delinquent behavior.

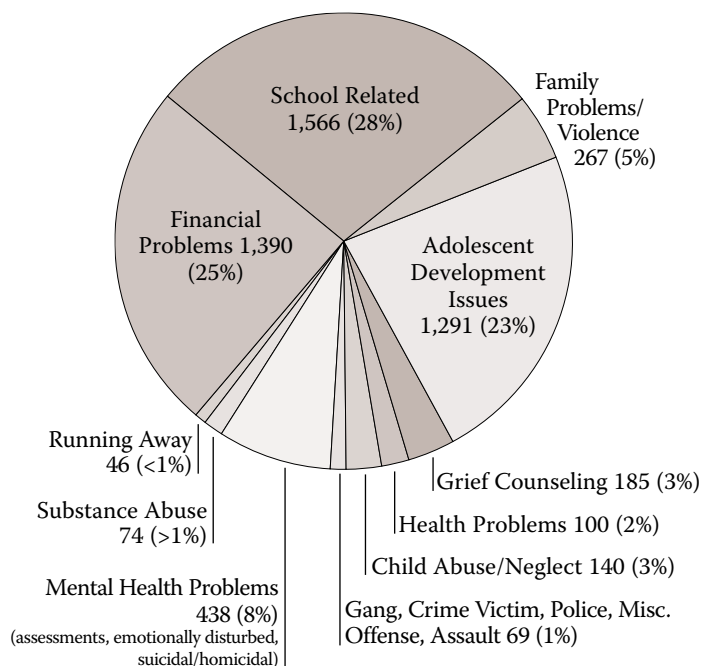
Additionally, CYS provides support services to runaway/homeless youth through the Safety Net program.

During 2014, CYS staff served 5,566 new referrals. CYS staff provided an additional 62,470 Student Support Services to students at school and in the community not related to open cases. Students may participate in multiple outreach event services.

For more information on
COMMUNITY YOUTH SERVICES (CYS)
www.hc-ps.org

Reasons for New Referrals to CYS

During 2014 CYS staff served 5,566 new youth referrals.



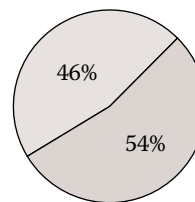
Kinder Emergency Shelter (KES)

The Nancy and Rich Kinder Emergency Shelter is an emergency residential facility that provides short-term services to youth, ages 12-17, who are in need of shelter and care due to abuse, neglect, or severe family conflict. Youth stay at the shelter until they

can be safely returned home or to an alternative long-term placement. During the stay at the shelter, caseworkers help youth resolve their immediate crisis and counsel the families so that the youth may return home. During 2014, 321 youth were placed in the 24 bed shelter.

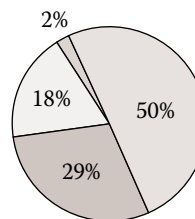
The Diversity of the Youth Sheltered Included:

Number of Youth Served (unduplicated) 321



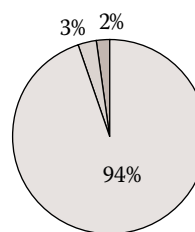
Gender

- 54% Female
- 46% Male



Ethnicity

- 50% African American
- 29% Anglo
- 18% Hispanic
- 2% Bi-racial
- <1% American Indian
- <1% Unknown



Referral Resource

- 94% DFPS
- 3% Harris Co. Juvenile Probation
- 2% TRIAD
- <1% CYS
- <1% YMCA

"At the Heart of Families"

YOUTH SERVICES DIVISION



TRIAD Prevention Program

In 2014, TRIAD served 17,493 at-risk youth.

TRIAD is a consortium of three county agencies (HCPS, 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.

TRIAD Intake Diversion staff operate the Baby Abandonment Hotline 24-hours a day, every day of the year.

For more information on
TRIAD PREVENTION PROGRAMS
www.hc-ps.org

TRIAD Prevention Program At- Risk Youth Served in Year 2014

JP Court - Program	12,157
JP Court WRAP Program	45
Truancy Learning Camp*	172
Parenting with Love and Limits	257
Parent/Teen Survival Program	183
Intake/Diversion	1,085
Mental Health Services	98
Community Youth Development (CYD)*	1,970
Hotline Calls	1,709
TOTAL	17,493

* CYD is funded by Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. Truancy Learning Camp is funded by Harris County Community Services Department.

"Youth have better outcomes, such as staying in school, if connected with committed and caring adults "



ADULT SERVICES DIVISION



The Harris County Guardianship Program (HCGP)

The Guardianship Program (HCGP) provides services to adults who are determined to be incapacitated by one of Harris County's four Probate Courts. Specially trained case managers ensure that the wards maintain the highest degree of independence, dignity and respect, while protecting them from abuse, neglect, and exploitation. They also manage the wards'

property, finances, and daily needs such as food, clothing, shelter, and medical care. Guardianship services continue until the wards improve to a point where the court finds them fully capable of handling their own affairs, the court appoints successor guardians, such as family or friends, or until the ward passes away. On December 31, 2014, there were 1,306 court-appointed wards in the Guardianship Program.

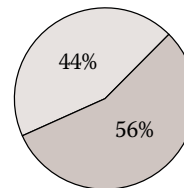
Representative Payee Program

The Representative Payee Program is a case management program designed to assist eligible low-income Harris County adults who are elderly, physically, or mentally disabled, with financial management so they can remain living independently in the community. A case manager is responsible for paying the client's monthly rent and bills and verifies that the basic needs of the client are met.

Community volunteers, such as the Guardianship Angels, also play a significant role in the lives of the Guardianship wards and representative payee clients by either giving of their time, talents or resources.

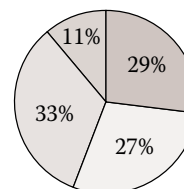
For more information on
THE HARRIS COUNTY GUARDIANSHIP PROGRAM
and opportunities to get involved please call **713-363-2300**

Number of wards and cases
as of December 31, 2014: 1,306



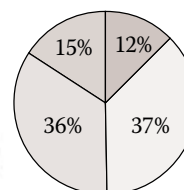
Gender

- Female 581 (44%)
- Male 725 (56%)



Incapacities

- Developmental Disability 355 (27%)
- Mental Deterioration 375 (29%)
- Mental Illness 437 (33%)
- Physical Incapacity 139 (11%)



Age

- 18 to 21 yrs 5 (<1%)
- 22 to 39 yrs 163 (12%)
- 40 to 59 yrs 478 (37%)
- 60 to 79 yrs 466 (36%)
- 80 yrs and over 194 (15%)

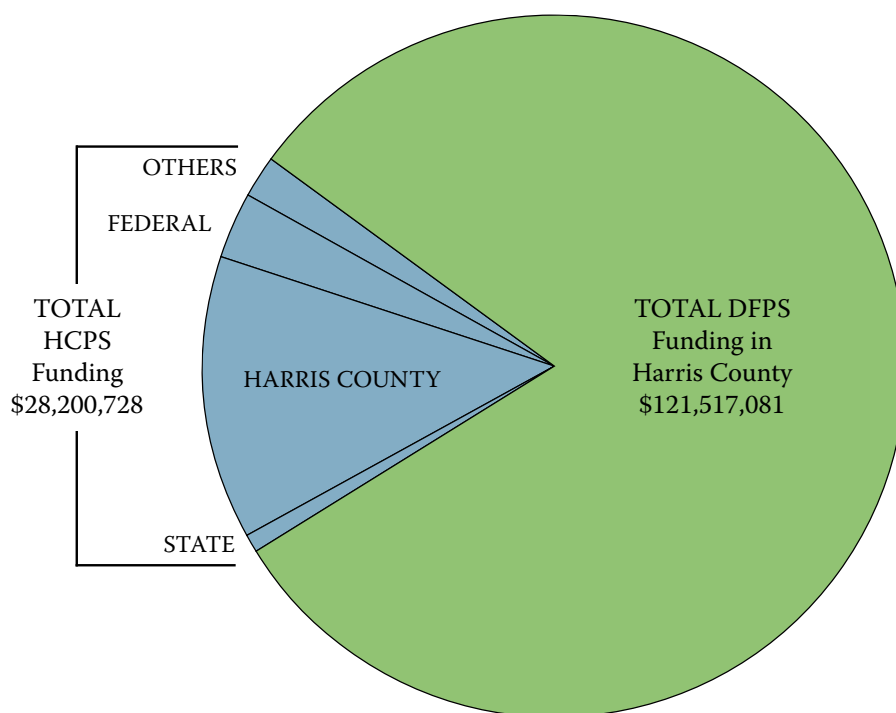


CPS IN HARRIS COUNTY 2014 FUNDING

	DFPS *	HCPS **					Combined Funding in Harris County
	DFPS Funds in Harris Co.	State	Harris County	Federal	Others	Total HCPS	
Staff Salaries, Benefits and Travel	\$51,737,738	\$473,084	\$16,317,732	\$2,799,796	\$2,068,430	\$21,659,042	\$73,396,780
Children's Foster and Institutional Care	61,894,387	0	117,125	268,325	0	385,450	62,279,837
Children's Services Contract	6,110,389	151,820	100,800	1,121,735	0	1,374,354	7,484,743
Children's Medical Services	0	98,700	244,620	0	0	343,320	343,320
General and Administrative	1,774,567	665,099	2,914,514	194,394	664,554	4,438,561	6,213,128
TOTAL	\$121,517,081	\$1,388,703	\$19,694,791	\$4,384,250	\$2,732,984	\$28,200,728	\$149,717,809

* DFPS fiscal year: September 1, 2013 - August 31, 2014
DFPS funding sources: state and federal government.

** HCPS fiscal year: March 1, 2014 - February 28, 2015
HCPS funding sources: state, county, federal government and other sources such as grants and foundations.



AGENCY PHONE NUMBERS AND WEB SITES

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)		713-394-4409
Clinic	(medical and dental)	713-295-2570
Community Youth Services		713-295-2530
Foster and Adoption Inquiry Line		1-800-233-3405
Guardianship Program		713-363-2300
PO Box 20605, Houston, TX 77225		
Gulfton Community Youth Development (CYD)		832-526-3596
Pasadena Community Youth Development (CYD).....		713-274-6071
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 and PAL.Program		713-250-7000
1906 Cochran St., Houston, Texas 77009		
Kinder Emergency Shelter		713-295-2700
6300 Chimney Rock, Houston, Texas 77081		
Texas Department of Family and Protective Services		512-438-4800
Texas Runaway Hotline		1-888-580-HELP (4357)
Texas Youth Hotline (help for youth under 21 yrs of age)		1-800-98-YOUTH (1-800-989-6884)
TRIAD Prevention Program		713-295-2600

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
Texas Abuse Hotline.....	www.txabusehotline.org
BEAR...BE A Resource for CPS Kids	www.bearesourcehouston.org
HAY (Houston Alumni & Youth) Center	www.haycenter.org
Help for Parents (Resource and Information)	www.helpandhope.org
Harris County Youth and Family Services Division	http://www.harriscountytexas.gov/YFS/
Homeless Youth Network of	
Houston/Harris County	www.homelessyouthnetwork.org
Texas Adoption Resource Exchange (TARE).....	www.adoptchildren.org
Texas Network of Youth Services.....	http://tnoys.org/
Texas Youth Hotline.....	www.texasyouth.org
DROWNING PREVENTION.....	www.watchkidsaroundwater.org
SAFE SLEEP.....	www.babyroomtobreathe.org

SOCIAL MEDIA

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HCPS Facebook.....	https://www.facebook.com/hcps1966
HCPS Twitter.....	https://twitter.com/hcps1966



CPS in Harris County

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713-394-4000

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

www.txabusehotline.org