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The Criminal Justice Division's *Biennial Report to the Legislature* is required by Government Code §772.006 and covers activities from September 2014 to August 2016 as well as some discussion of future plans.



Governor Greg Abbott
Camille Cain, Executive Director

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1,107,671

Texans were touched by CJD-funded projects



\$273 MILLION
in 2015 and 2016 to
improve justice
outcomes across Texas



Above left: Governor Abbott and First Lady Cecelia Abbott present a Star of Texas Award to Michael Chapman; Right: A Department of Public Safety ceremony.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION

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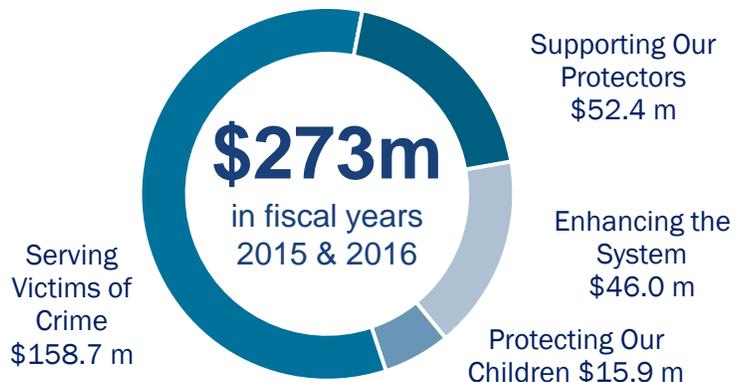
The goal of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division (CJD) is to improve public safety and support victims of crime by filling system gaps and promoting innovative solutions to common challenges. During fiscal years 2015 and 2016, CJD dedicated \$273 million in funding to hundreds of organizations for juvenile justice, delinquency prevention, victims services, law enforcement, prosecution, courts, specialty courts, prevention of child sex trafficking, and other types of projects to benefit Texans.

Our mission is to support and direct resources to those who are committed to making Texas a safer place and those who help victims of crime to recover and feel safe again. In carrying out this mission, we are committed to helping our grantees by actively finding ways for them to accomplish their goals and by making sure that we have our eye on identifying the approaches that work best. CJD is dedicated to moving forward with the following principles:

- **Focusing on people and impact.** We must always remember who we are here to serve and dedicate funding where it can help people in the most meaningful ways.
- **Leading and exploring innovation.** To advance justice, we must dedicate resources to test new ideas.
- **Acting transparently.** We strive to operate in a fair and transparent and accountable way.
- **Operating with simplicity.** We work to streamline our processes and lessen burdens by focusing on what is important.
- **Collecting and using evidence.** We are dedicated to building good measures for our programs, championing evidence-based practices, and building evidence where it is lacking.
- **Valuing our stakeholders and their opinions.** We know that to succeed we must listen to and leverage the expertise and input of our stakeholders.

To carry out our mission, we have four main focuses:

- Protecting our children
- Supporting our protectors
- Serving victims of crime
- Enhancing the system



FUNDING PROGRAMS

State Opportunities

- **Body-Worn Cameras.** Supports municipal police departments and county sheriffs' offices in establishing or enhancing body-worn camera programs to promote officer safety and transparency.
- **Child Sex Trafficking Programs (CST).** Fills services gaps for sexually exploited children by promoting regional and statewide programs that exemplify standards for trauma-informed care.
- **County Essentials.** Supports counties with the high and unexpected costs for the investigation and prosecution of capital murder crimes and other significant events.
- **Criminal Justice Planning Fund No. 421.** Fills system gaps throughout all areas of the criminal justice system and supports innovative concepts and best practices to achieve a safer Texas for all citizens.
- **DNA Test Kit Grant Program.** Provides relief to laboratories to reduce the backlog of sexual assault kits in Texas.
- **Internet Crimes Against Children.** Supports investigation of internet crimes against children through task forces made up of multi-agency law enforcement personnel throughout urban Texas cities.
- **National Incident Based Reporting Program (NIBRS).** Helps law enforcement agencies move to incident-based crime reporting to the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS).
- **Specialty Court Program.** Supports programs that focus on treatment for those with substance abuse or mental health issues or the specific needs of Veterans or sexually exploited persons.
- **Texas Anti-Gang Grant Program (TAG).** Supports targeted, regional approaches to combat gang violence by coordinating prevention, intervention, and suppression activities.

Federal Opportunities

- **Crime Victims Assistance Grant Program (VOCA).** Devotes resources to provide direct services to victims of crime to help them recover and to navigate the justice system.
- **Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG).** Promotes public safety efforts, crime reduction, and system improvements.
- **Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Program (JJDP).** Supports prevention and intervention programs for at-risk youth.
- **Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program (Coverdell).** Reduces backlog and improves quality and timeliness in forensic laboratories.
- **Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Set-Asides.** Helps facilities to comply with national standards for preventing prison rape.
- **Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for Prisoners (RSAT).** Provides substance abuse treatment for incarcerated offenders.
- **Sexual Assault Services Formula Grant Program (SASP).** Supports rape crisis centers that provide core services to victims of sexual assault.
- **STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program (VAWA).** Supports victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking through staff training, prevention and awareness, data collection, legal assistance, and treatment for trauma.

METHOD OF FINANCE

Funding Source	FY2015	FY2016
Federal Formula Grants		
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG)	\$ 12,350,323.00	\$ 13,376,852.00
Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)	\$ 161,830,424.00	\$ 185,614,610.00
Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)	\$ 9,245,711.00	\$ 10,698,475.00
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Fund (JJDP)	\$ 3,067,865.00	\$ 3,348,301.00
Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP)	\$ 644,275.00	\$ 1,161,068.00
Paul Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act	\$ 592,315.00	\$ 632,066.00
Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT)	\$ 908,404.00	\$ 1,048,370.00
Victim Assistance Discretionary Grant Training Program (VOCA Training)	\$ 1,891,445.00	\$ -
Vision 21: Transforming Victim Services	\$ 249,808.00	\$ -
State Appropriations		
Crime Stoppers Assistance Account No. 5012	\$ 842,147.00	\$ 842,147.00
Criminal Justice Planning Account No. 421	\$ 24,722,753.00	\$ 32,764,872.00
County Essential Services Grants	\$ 1,170,333.00	\$ 1,170,333.00
Drug Court Grants	\$ 750,000.00	\$ 750,000.00
Internet Crimes Against Children	\$ 800,000.00	\$ 800,000.00
Body Worn Camera Grant Program	\$ -	\$ 10,000,000.00
National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS)	\$ -	\$ 8,189,174.00
Child Sex Trafficking Team	\$ -	\$ 3,837,650.00

102k

children benefitted from CJD prevention and intervention projects



29,264
Youth with improved social competencies



Bottom Left: Girl Scouts Behind Bars Bridging Ceremony; Right: Students at a Do the Write Thing awards ceremony; Opposite: Girls Empowerment Network.



PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN

Crime has long-term effects on our citizens, our communities, our economy, and the quality of our lives. Research is being done every day that tells us of the risk factors that may lead our children to become tomorrow’s criminals or tomorrow’s victims.

While CJD funds a wide array of projects focused on the needs of our children, we have growing focuses on preventing and fighting the effects of childhood trauma.

Between 75% and 93% of youth entering the juvenile justice system have experienced trauma. And of those kids in detention, the rates of post-traumatic stress disorder (3-50%) are comparable to the rates of soldiers who returned from Iraq (12-20%). And 60% of youth involved in the juvenile justice system have some form of diagnosable mental health disorder.¹

Childhood trauma and its affect on our children and their future adult lives will be a growing focus for CJD. The Child Sex Trafficking Team, established by Governor Abbott in 2015, is keenly focused on not only the trauma that is caused by sexual exploitation but also the earlier trauma that many of the survivors experienced that made them vulnerable to this horrific crime in the first place.

Along with the Governor’s Juvenile Justice Advisory Board, CJD will continue to focus on finding ways to help identify and treat trauma early, before it can lead to even worse outcomes down the road.



3,539
Children given professional counseling

Every child who can be helped brings not only a chance of a life restored but also may bring lower future burden on the justice system and our economy. CJD is committed to breaking the cycle and helping kids to stay on or get on the right course in life. We invest in solutions from early prevention to interventions with young people already involved in the justice system.

14,200
Kids with improved family relationships

School & Community-Based Prevention
\$6,881,394

Diversion & Accountability
\$1,871,366

Job Training
\$650,192

School Safety
\$684,556

Training & Evaluation
\$1,352,154

Therapy & Counseling
\$4,755,624



¹ Ten Things Every Juvenile Court Judge Should Know About Trauma and Delinquency, published by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Reno, Nevada, 2010.

CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING

In his Bicentennial Blueprint, Governor Greg Abbott called for a statewide effort to help victims of child sex trafficking. The 84th Legislature responded by passing HB 10 and HB 1446, which established the Governor’s Child Sex Trafficking Team (CSTT). The Legislature also appropriated \$5.67 million to support CSTT’s work, the majority of which will be used to fund victim services.

The Director of CSTT was appointed on April 1, 2016 and the rest of the statewide team was hired in August of 2016. CSTT’s approach is based on best and promising practices from around the country, and is child-centered, trauma-informed, collaborative, and continuously improving.

CSTT’s mission is to:

- Protect children by building their awareness of and resilience to child exploitation and curbing demand for child sex trafficking.
- Recognize child sex trafficking in all its forms by raising public awareness.
- Recover survivors through concerted system efforts.
- Restore survivors through immediate and long-term services and supports they need to recover.
- Bring justice for survivors by holding traffickers, buyers, and those who profit from trafficking accountable.



CSTT’s approach is child-centered, collaborative, and continuously improving. In 2016, CSTT worked to:

- study the scope of child sex trafficking in Texas;
- identify gaps in victims services and law enforcement response and the best and promising practices from around the country to fill those;
- expand existing therapeutic and trauma-informed services for victims of trafficking; and
- train law enforcement and the child welfare system on identifying and addressing child exploitation.

“The hardest thing is that you are hidden in plain sight. We are not going to walk up and say ‘please help me.’”
-CST survivor



78,996
Estimated number of Texas youth currently being trafficked ¹

\$6,566,529,071
Estimated lifetime cost for current survivors to recover ¹

¹ University of Texas, Slavery Mapping Project.

Texas' size and diversity necessitate concurrent statewide and regional strategies to combat child sex trafficking and to serve its victims.

STATEWIDE APPROACH

Working statewide to protect, recognize, and bring justice to victims

Our strategies to protect, recognize, and bring justice are far-reaching and largely statewide:

- Lead statewide prevention strategies, including educating and building resilience in vulnerable youth and stopping those who would engage in child sex trafficking.
- Research child sex trafficking, collect data, share findings, and use knowledge to inform strategies and foster use of accurate statistics and best and promising practices.
- Increase awareness and reporting of child sex trafficking. Provide effective assessment tools, training and resources to youth-serving agencies to screen and identify trafficked children.
- Improve federal, state, and local policies to combat child sex trafficking.
- Provide support and training for law enforcement, prosecutors, and judges to enhance investigations and prosecutions. Provide customized training to targeted audiences.

REGIONAL APPROACH

Working regionally to develop models to recover and restore survivors

Because each region is so diverse in stakeholders, resources, and unmet needs, CSTT will develop and support regional models of survivor care. Regions will be part of a statewide network of services available to all survivors, regardless of region of origin.

Each model will provide a continuum of care, from immediate recovery to long-term restorative services. Regional models will include:

- public and private stakeholders;
- multi-disciplinary teams and protocols;
- community-based case managers; and
- regional coordinators to ensure ongoing support, collaboration, accountability, and continuous quality improvement.

To meet the diverse and urgent needs of all of Texas' child victims, CSTT will build upon collaborative efforts within taskforces and coalitions by investing in best and promising practices in survivor recovery and restoration.

Regional Models



In fiscal year 2017, CSTT will begin building regional models of survivor care, starting in Houston and North Texas. These are the two largest urban areas with the most trafficking activity and coordinated community responses to child sex trafficking. We will prioritize subsequent regions based on both need and readiness. CSTT will continue to work with anti-trafficking taskforces and coalitions in all regions to fill known gaps and improve responses in preparation for new regional models.

Key Prevention Strategies:

- Improve community awareness of child sex trafficking and its indicators
- Educate youth and their caregivers, educators, and service providers on ways to reduce the risk of victimization
- Increase protective factors and build resiliency in highly vulnerable children, such as homeless and foster youth
- Disrupt the current market for child sex trafficking and stop those who exploit children

PREVENTION & INTERVENTION

With the support and guidance of the Governor’s Juvenile Justice Advisory Board, CJD focuses efforts on protecting children from both being victimized and becoming involved in the juvenile justice system. Over the past two years, CJD has dedicated over \$16.2 million to prevention and intervention efforts. CJD and the Board are looking to the next biennium with two main goals in mind:

Focus on Mental Health

Violence can be linked to mental health issues—both as a cause and as an effect. Children who experience violence and trauma are more likely to continue to be victimized or to commit crimes themselves. Providing interventions can help children to avoid criminal acts while supporting recovery. To help, CJD will focus on:

- **Rural Areas.** Host experts in a strategic session to explore solutions to mental health issues in rural settings, especially telemedicine.
- **Childhood Trauma.** Bring together experts on childhood trauma to find training and best practices that can help educators, case workers, and others who work with children to understand the indicators of trauma as well as the most promising early interventions.

Reduce Future Crime

- **Rural Diversion.** Fund one or more pilot projects to test evidence-based approaches in rural settings that seek to divert youth effectively from the juvenile justice system.
- **Life Readiness.** Support young people, especially those at-risk of becoming adult offenders by helping them to understand and apply their own unique aptitudes so that they can consider the careers that are most likely to bring them positive success.

15,856

Fewer youths showing indications of substance abuse

16,204

Youth improved their school attendance



Above left: Girl Scouts Behind Bars, Juniors and Cadettes field trip to Austin; Right: Girls Empowerment Network participants.

Highlights

- **Rainbow Days Prevention Training.** This project trained 424 juvenile justice and other youth service professionals statewide to implement the evidence-based, best practice prevention and early intervention program that teaches life skills to high-risk juveniles to prevent them from entering or returning to the juvenile justice system.
- **The Center for Learning & Development.** This project focuses on a comprehensive wraparound service model to decrease delinquency among our highest risk youth. Families are receiving positive feedback about their child, often for the first time. This project served 406 juveniles.
- **Do the Write Thing.** Focusing on 7th and 8th grade students, the Challenge works with students to respond to three questions: how violence has affected them, what the causes are, and what are their proposed solutions? The project develops problem solving, coping, social, leadership, and academic skills to resist anti-social behavior and emphasizes personal responsibility.
- **Travis County Trauma-Specific Treatment.** This project served 1,464 youth, ages 13 to 18 who have experienced trauma. The “TARGET” curriculum, an evidence-based educational and therapeutic intervention, looks to improve behavioral and emotional functioning and coping skills of youth and their families.
- **The Telemedicine Wellness Intervention Triage & Referral (TWITR) Project.** This project is a collaborative network of community mental health resources, medical professionals, and school staff. It provides credentialed mental health professionals to be liaisons among the independent school district faculty and staff, at-risk youth, and appropriate referral entities via face-to-face interactions and telemedicine links.
- **GenAustin.** This project equips girls with the skills they need to deal with the pressures of adolescence. It builds interaction with positive role models who encourage healthy supportive bonds to reduce negative behaviors. The two GenAustin projects, ClubGEN and Girls Now!, served 11,305 girls in the Austin area during 2015 and 2016.
- **The Texas Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs Passport to Manhood Diversion Project.** This project targets minority youth, ages 9 to 17, in approximately 24 rural counties to divert youth from initial contact or further involvement in the juvenile justice system. The program runs 14 highly-interactive sessions that teach youth about positive values and behaviors, avoidance of violence, respect for others and other’s property, and promote community service. Passport to Manhood helped 1,346 young men in Texas focus on improving decision-making; cooperation and conflict; and community responsibility.
- **The Texas School Safety Center at Texas State University.** This project provides police officers the resources, skills, and knowledge needed to respond to issues on school campuses. School-based training summits disseminated knowledge to 1,808 law enforcement officials about keeping students safe by protecting them from violence and drugs, providing them mental health support and other social services, and keeping them in school and out of the juvenile justice system.

1,522

Youth received psychological evaluations

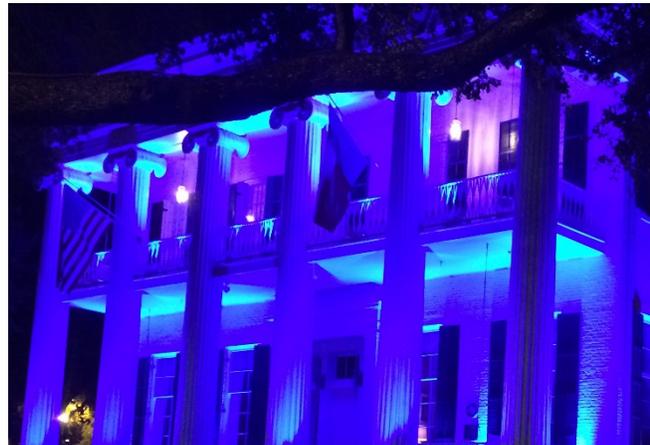
\$52m

in funding to support law enforcement



31,401
Officers passing training courses

9,021
Peace officers benefitting from new equipment



Top: Photo courtesy of the Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas, Bottom left: school poster submitted for the Institute of Criminal Justice Studies Summit; Bottom right: Texas Governor's Mansion lit blue in support of law enforcement.



SUPPORTING OUR PROTECTORS

Texas law enforcement officers are our front line. They work every day, putting themselves in ever increasing harm’s way, to protect us all. They deserve our thanks and our support. In fiscal years 2015 and 2016, CJD invested over \$52.4 million in our law enforcement.

There are over 75,000 licensed law enforcement officers in the State of Texas. Providing these guardians of our safety with the training, equipment, and support they need to be both safe and effective is a high priority for CJD.

CJD invests in our law enforcement officers in a variety of ways. We support basic and advanced training, improvement of forensic science capabilities, and new equipment and technology as well as investigations and enhanced patrol. Our funds allow law enforcement to focus on a wide variety of criminal activity. Whether it is border security, domestic violence, organized and transnational crime, human and drug trafficking, or any local concern, CJD investments allow law enforcement to better meet the growing demands placed on them.

CJD also helps in extraordinary circumstances such as the 2016 Dallas ambush that led to five fallen law enforcement officers, seven wounded officers, and two civilians. CJD is providing \$1 million to the Dallas Police Department and the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Authority, which were affected by the Dallas shooting, to help cover extraneous costs associated with the initial call for assistance, post-shooting investigate support, enhanced patrol, and security at memorial ceremonies.



474
Brave
Texans have
received a
Star of
Texas award

Governor Abbott and First Lady Cecilia Abbott present a Star of Texas Award to recipient Charles Duhamel.

Star of Texas Awards. Each September, CJD has the honor of hosting the Star of Texas Awards. During this event, the Governor presents medals to honorees and family members of peace officers, firefighters, and emergency first responders who are killed or suffer serious injury in the line of duty. In 2015 and 2016, 85 Texans received this award and 474 brave Texans have been honored since the awards began in 2003.

\$1M
To support Dallas in the aftermath
of the officer shootings



EQUIPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Our law enforcement officers deserve the very best equipment and tools that we can provide. CJD provided almost \$22 million to provide improved forensics, better protective gear, investigative tools, body-worn cameras, and other support to help law enforcement meet their ever-growing responsibilities.

Law enforcement officers and non-commissioned personnel assigned the responsibility of processing crime scenes perform a critical role in the criminal casework that supports successful prosecutions in criminal cases. CJD directed almost \$2.1 million in funds to comprehensive science-based crime scene investigation training programs that include hands-on field exercises and analysis of physical evidence as well as to projects that improve the quality and timeliness of forensic services and reduce the backlog in the analysis of evidence. Through CJD funding, 619,033 pieces of evidence, such as firearms examinations, latent prints, toxicology, forensic pathology, questionable documents, and trace evidence, could be processed.

CJD also funded a variety of other equipment needs including \$8.2 million towards 8,108 body-worn cameras and over \$3.9 million in other gear and equipment. CJD also invested over \$7.6 million in technology solutions as well as worked in partnership with the Texas Department of Public Safety to provide 87 law enforcement agencies with an additional \$2.5 million to make the technology changes needed to move to incident-based reporting. Part of a continuing program that will provide millions more in the coming year, this effort will improve law enforcement's ability to conduct intelligence-led policing by providing much more robust data on crimes.

619,033

Pieces of evidence processed by crime labs



8,108
Body-Worn
cameras for
law
enforcement
officers



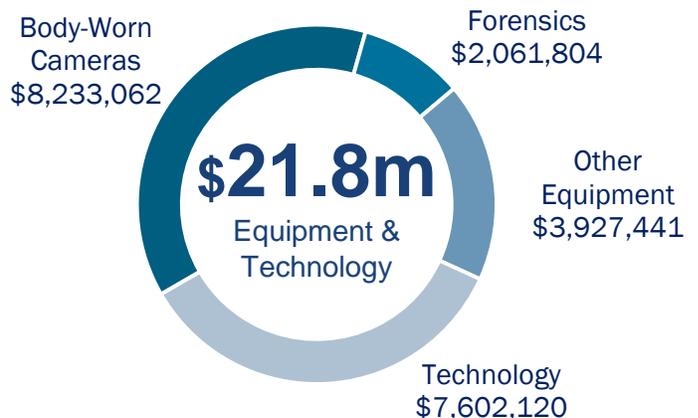
Highlights

- Forensic Science Improvement Project.** The Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences (HCIFS) Drug Chemistry Laboratory (DCL) provides seized-drug analytical services to 50 independent law enforcement agencies within Harris County. HCIFS saw a 25% increase in DCL caseload from 2011 to 2014. CJD funds helped to lower the case backlog by more than 50%; removing 1,959 cases from their drug chemistry backlog and performing technical reviews on over 700 toxicology cases.
- Alien Death Processing and Missing Person Assistance.** The failure of the federal government to protect our borders has many far-reaching implications. Like many border counties, Brooks County Sheriff's Office is tasked with handling calls related to people illegally crossing the border who are in distress or hurt as well as those found dead. Brooks County alone has handled over 300 deceased illegal aliens since 2012. CJD assisted them by providing essential equipment that can traverse the treacherous terrain as well as funding for autopsies and DNA identification.
- Incident-Based Crime Reporting.** Intelligence-led policing is the standard for 21st century law enforcement. Having standardized Uniform Crime Reporting from all law enforcement agencies for statistical analysis is critical. Currently, there are two methods for reporting data. The original model was built in 1927 and tallies 8 primary offenses, or "index crimes". The National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS), collects data on 24 offense types comprised of 52 distinct offenses that includes data related not only to offenses and arrests, but also to location, victim, offender data, etc. CJD, along with the Texas Department of Public Safety, has supported this initiative by providing funding to 87 agencies to upgrade current reporting systems to NIBRS compliant platforms, with more to come in 2017.
- Body-Worn Cameras.** Officer safety and transparency issues continually find themselves in the national spotlight. CJD supported this initiative through \$8.2 million of funding for body-worn cameras and video storage for 211 local law enforcement agencies. Additional funding is being made available in 2017.

\$34,440,529

Reported value of drugs seized by law enforcement projects

- Removing Barriers to Border Security.** Obstacles to effective law enforcement efforts and border security operations along the US-Mexico international border can be both man-made and naturally occurring. Carrizo Cane is an exceptionally fast growing plant, growing about 4 inches per day and reaching over 25 feet in just 12 months. These stands of invasive riparian weeds present considerable obstacles for the protection of the international border by law enforcement by significantly reducing visibility within enforcement areas, which can cause a severe threat to officer safety, increases in illegal border crossings, drug and human trafficking, and other transnational crime. CJD provided funds to begin eradicating carrizo cane-affected areas along the international border.
- Texas Forensic Science Academy.** This project, through the Texas Forensic Science Academy (TFSA), has developed a comprehensive forensic science training certificate program that provides science-based, application-intensive training to effectively document, collect, and process evidence found at crime scenes. TFSA delivers 8 hands-on forensic science classes to 160 crime scene investigators and law enforcement personnel throughout Texas. TFSA also provided TCOLE-approved trainings session to 2,061 law enforcement personnel.



TRAINING & OPERATIONS

Law enforcement works every day to keep us safe and investigate crimes while still staying educated on the latest tactics and methods. During fiscal years 2015 and 2016, CJD provided nearly \$30 million to support law enforcement training and operations. From supporting a wide variety of training opportunities, to expansive multi-agency Anti-Gang Centers in the largest metro areas, to providing an additional patrol officer for a small border community, CJD takes a broad approach in supporting crime fighting by both first responders and investigators.

Training helps our law enforcement officers to have the skills they need to make their jobs safer and their efforts effective. CJD supports a wide variety of training for our law enforcement officers. From the general Regional Law Enforcement Academies to the more specific Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT), the Texas Forensic Science Academy at Texas A&M University, or the Texas School Safety Center at Texas State University, the CJD has directed over \$13.3 million to training our law enforcement officers. The 23 regional academies alone provided 1,302,527 hours of training to our officers.

Supporting operations helps law enforcement agencies to meet changing needs over time. CJD supports many special focuses including gangs and transnational crime control, border security, preventing sexual crimes against children, investigating sexual assault and domestic violence, and investigating other specific types of crimes. These can range from multi-jurisdictional task forces to a single officer focused on a specific goal or type of crime.

1,302,527
Hours of law enforcement
training provided



14,492
Investigations
pursued



Highlights

- Texas Anti-Gang (TAG) Centers.** In 2015 Governor Abbott called for a bold new initiative—creation of the Texas Anti-Gang Centers. These regionally based centers are focused entirely on gang prevention, intervention, and suppression, with \$10 million dedicated in 2016 and 2017 to five such centers. The TAGs will create a network targeting local, statewide, and transnational criminal organizations that is unique in the nation and the world.
- Border Security.** Helping keep law enforcement operations along the 1,254 miles of Texas-Mexico border as secure as possible is a key focus of CJD. Whether it is increasing the number of officers along the border, supporting border prosecution units, or eliminating barriers such as Carrizo Cane, CJD is an active partner in enhancing our state’s border security by providing over \$10 million towards these law enforcement efforts.
- Sexual Predators.** Sex crimes, whether directed against our minors over the internet or through human trafficking schemes, are vile acts. CJD has directed over \$1.7 million for internet crimes against children task forces as well as anti-human trafficking training, operations, and prosecutions.
- Special Crimes Law Enforcement Efforts.** CJD dedicated over \$5.9 million to special law enforcement efforts in the areas of domestic violence, sexual assault, and crimes against children.
- Regional Law Enforcement Academies.** CJD funds 23 regional training academies, which over the past two years trained 1,330 new officers, allowed existing officers to take 30,071 TCOLE-certified training courses for a total of 1,302,527 hours of training.
- ALERRT.** CJD has directed \$3 million to support the training of over 5,000 first responders at the ALERRT Center at Texas State University. This center was created in 2002 to address the need for active shooter response training for first responders. In 2013, the FBI named ALERRT at Texas State the National Standard in Active Shooter Response Training.
- Texas Violent Gang Task Force Initiative.** The existence of statewide criminal street gangs and prison gangs pose a significant threat in Texas. The TVGTF is divided into six regions that facilitate public safety intelligence sharing meetings benefitting 1,741 criminal and juvenile justice personnel representing 545 agencies.



\$10M
Being dedicated
to Texas Anti-
Gang Centers



Above: Drugs and weapons seized by the Houston Texas Anti-Gang Center

785
Investigations
resulting in
arrests for
internet crimes
against children



CRIME STOPPERS

Texas Crime Stoppers organizations are community-based partnerships formed by dedicated citizens, law enforcement and the media. They work together toward a common goal: the reduction of crime and the arrest and conviction of criminals and fugitives statewide. Local Crime Stoppers organizations are designed to serve as a vehicle for citizens to relay criminal information to law enforcement agencies while remaining anonymous. Since inception in 1981, Texas Crime Stoppers has grown from 8 certified organizations to approximately 150 certified community and campus organizations. These programs are run by dedicated volunteers, making it a cost-effective tool for solving crime.

The 67th Texas Legislature created the Texas Crime Stoppers Council on June 8th, 1981 to advise the Governor on Crime Stoppers programs in Texas. In 1989, the 71st Legislature passed Senate Bill 85 and Senate Bill 149. These laws charge the Council with certifying all Texas Crime Stoppers organizations. Certification assures the Governor that organizations are approved to receive and expend court generated fees. They also ensure compliance with the state statutory requirements, foster the development of local crime stoppers organizations as a way to prevent crime, and encourage the formation of new organizations. The Council consists of five members appointed by the Governor to four-year terms.

In addition to their community and campus organizations across the state, the Texas Crime Stoppers team at the Office of the Governor has a partnership with the Texas Department of Public Safety "Most Wanted" program. This program identifies select fugitives and wanted sex offenders across Texas. Since 2014, the number of Texas DPS programs in partnership with Texas Crime Stoppers has grown to include Texas Stash House Rewards Program, Texas Fallen Hero Rewards Program, and unique incidents reward offerings such as the I-35 rock throwing case and the Governor's Mansion arson.



1-800-252-TIPS

150 TEXAS CRIME STOPPERS PROGRAMS

**9,200
SUSPECTS ARRESTED**



**\$103m
IN DRUGS SEIZED**



**\$2.65m
IN TIPS PAID**



**\$3.9m
IN PROPERTY
RECOVERED**

657k
victims supported
by CJD projects



62,097
Victims
provided with
shelter



Top: The clinical team at the Tarrant County Alliance for Children celebrates the work they do for Texas children; Bottom left: Harris County Children's Assessment Center's Stop Sign Project during Child Abuse Prevention Month; Bottom right: Hallway to the playroom at the Midland Rape Crisis Center.

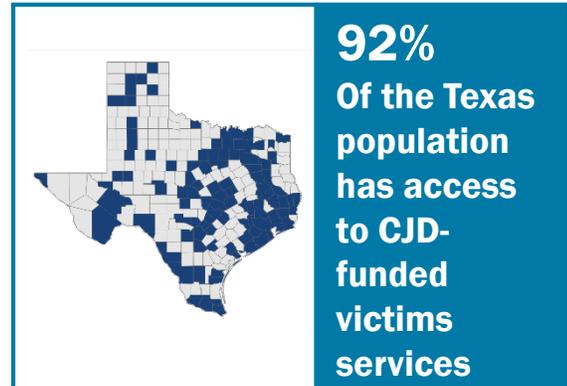


SERVING VICTIMS OF CRIME

CJD seeks to improve the treatment of crime victims by providing victims assistance agencies the resources needed to facilitate victim restoration. CJD promotes coordinated local service systems that involve multiple disciplines and support seamless delivery. We seek to create a state in which service providers and communities recognize the power of prevention, education, and individual empowerment, while simultaneously fostering an environment of intolerance for violent acts of crime.

CJD supports statewide victim services programs to reduce the impact of crime on victims' lives and the community at large. CJD grant programs provided a range of advocacy services for victim/survivors of crime. Some of the services include:

- Crisis Intervention—Short-term therapy interventions soon after victimization. This includes crisis counseling, safety planning, and assistance with basic needs.
- Therapy—Long- and short-term mental health treatment for adults and children. Services include individualized treatment plans, professional counseling, long-range safety planning, and support groups.
- Shelter Services – Short-term solutions to ensure victim/survivor safety, foster emotional and physical stabilization, and prevent homelessness.
- Criminal Justice Advocacy – These types of advocacy services assist victim/survivors with filing victim compensation applications, referral to social services, support making an impact statement or requesting restitution, and providing additional support such as translation and interpretation services.



\$159M
In funding to help victims of crime

Victims Served

Family violence victims	309,401
Child sexual abuse victims	95,644
Assault victims	79,311
Child physical abuse victims	75,809
Sexual assault victims	48,856
DUI victims	24,014
Stalking victims	11,177
Adults molested as children	9,554
Survivors of homicide victims	8,701
Bullying victims	4,541
Elder abuse victims	2,722
Terroristic threat victims	2,457
Human trafficking victims	1,243
Kidnap victims	756
Arson victims	307

The chart above includes a small amount of double counting as those served may have been victims of multiple crimes.

DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Over the past three decades, violence against women has become recognized as one of the principal public policy issues in the United States. This particular form of violence can be perpetrated by those closest to the victim/survivor or by a total stranger and encompasses a continuum of crimes and related behaviors that include sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. It is very common for victims/survivors to experience more than one type of victimization or to be victimized by multiple perpetrators over their lifetimes. Such violence rarely consists of a solitary incident, it generally comprises behavior clusters that are repetitive and ongoing. The adverse effects of this violence cascade well beyond the victim/survivor to include their children, other family members, the workplace, and the community in which the victim resides.

In 2015 and 2016, CJD awarded \$115 million in funding to help adult victims of all types of violence. We award grants to victim services organizations that (a) advocate for victims; (b) promote effective treatment and interventions to facilitate the reduction of domestic violence and sexual assault incidences; (c) provide safety services; and (d) promote and facilitate interagency and interdepartmental cooperation.

Beginning in fiscal year 2015, CJD received a significant increase in funding from the federal Victims of Crime Act. This opportunity allows CJD to further fund and assist direct victim service organizations across the state to make basic level of services available to all Texans while meeting the needs of victims who may be underserved and to enhance and improve our care for victims/survivors throughout the state. This increase in funding offers CJD new opportunities to partner with our stakeholders and explore new ways to create a seamless network of response to help rebuild the lives of our state's victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other violent crimes.



309,401
Victims of family
violence served



Left: Counseling and therapy for a victim at SafePlace in Austin. Right: A 2015 Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) vigil honoring victims of drunk and drugged driving.

Highlights

- **Center Against Sexual & Family Violence (CASFV).** As a result of the increase in VOCA funds over the last two years, CASFV is now a dual service agency that meets a regional gap in services for victims/survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. By co-locating partner agencies, they now provide comprehensive, continuity of care services in a one-stop center. Victims/survivors can receive numerous services in one location.
 - **Hunt County Rape Crisis Center.** This project works collaboratively to form a multidisciplinary team, providing crisis and extended services to victims of sexual assault. Crisis services include a mobile advocate and SANE program for acute sexual assaults, forensic interviews, law enforcement accompaniment, and assistance with filing Crime Victims Compensation forms. Extended services include investigation coordination, courtroom accompaniment, follow-up, and case management. The center also provides a 24-hour hotline.
 - **Women’s Protective Services (WPS) of Lubbock.** This project fills a regional gap in services for crisis intervention, emergency shelter, and support services to adult victims/survivors and their children. They served a total 2,054 victims, answered 5,348 hotline calls, secured 388 protective orders; and 3,576 hours of therapy.
 - **Texas Council on Family Violence.** This project has established a leadership group of Texas judiciary members who carry domestic violence dockets and created a summit for those with domestic violence court specialization. TCFV has assisted multiple communities in establishing coordinated community response models to domestic violence, including funding four communities to strengthen collaboration between domestic violence agencies and CPS.
 - **Texas Association Against Sexual Assault.** The Sexual Assault Services Capacity Building Project tailors training and technical assistance to meet the needs of non-profit organizations to support and adequately prepare their administrators to lead robust, stable, effective, and accountable agencies so that crime victims can receive quality services in their local communities.
- 295,613**
Survivors receiving crisis counseling
- 
- **New Braunfels Police Department (NBPD).** This project provided comprehensive support services for violence against women crimes by having a dedicated position to help clients with protective orders, emergency interventions, information referrals, and crime victim compensation assistance. CJD’s investment has relieved the caseload burden to each of the Criminal Investigation Division (CID) Officer and has increased communication, collaboration and coordination among service providers, crime investigation, and prosecution teams on domestic violence cases.
 - **Midland Rape Crisis Center.** This project has been able to increase client access with a 46% increase in counseling hours and 150% increase in calls handled by their sexual assault hotline. During 2015 and 2016 the project served 679 victims.

Above: A poster for the Thrive Peer Support Group at Midland Rape Crisis Center.

CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN

Crimes committed against children are among the most heinous imaginable. Whether by physical, sexual, or neglectful means there are thousands of children that become victims of crime each year. The Texas Children's Advocacy Center reports that approximately 185 Texas children will be victims of abuse each day; in 2014 there were 65,000 confirmed cases of child abuse; 1 in 4 girls is sexually abused before her 18th birthday; and 1 in 6 boys is sexually abused before his 18th birthday.

In 2015 and 2016, CJD invested \$44.2 million in projects that focus specifically on helping children who become victims of crime, whether at the hands of strangers or their own families. We support projects to help advocate for individual children in the child welfare system and projects to provide safe, supportive environments for children victims of abuse and violence, including sexual violence, to be assessed, get help, and tell their stories so that those who hurt them can be brought to justice. We have projects that focus on preventing and helping children who are victims of online sexual exploitation and sex trafficking. And we provide safe shelters for children who need special care or a safe place to stay with their non-offending parent.

In the future, as we move forward with the Governor's Child Sex Trafficking Team's charge, we will be working to provide a stronger network of care for survivors through regional models. We expect that the lessons learned from this work will allow us to both leverage the knowledge we gain to help many other children who experience trauma as well as to leverage the projects CJD already funds to expand our ability to respond to child sex trafficking victims.

\$44.2M

In funding specifically to help child victims



25%
Of girls are
sexually
abused before
they turn 18



Left: The Dallas Children's Advocacy Center therapy dog; Right: A volunteer engagement with a child at the Harris County Children's Assessment Center Back to School Party; Opposite: Children enter the Dallas Children's Advocacy Center.

Highlights

- Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA).** The number of children in Texas removed from their homes for abuse and neglect continues to increase, hampering the ability of an overburdened child protection system to respond to their needs. Texas CASA serves as the statewide oversight for 71 local non-profit CASA programs in Texas. Over the past two years, CASA volunteers served as the voice of 31,377 children who desperately needed a powerful and independent supporter to help them reclaim their childhoods from abuse and grow up in safe, permanent, and loving homes.
- Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas.** The investigation of child abuse can be difficult for all involved. Families must contend with both the civil and criminal justice systems, which can be complex, confusing and often re-traumatizing. Civil and criminal investigators face challenges as they try to collect information and evidence while working under different mandates, different timelines, and often with little knowledge or experience of the dynamics of child abuse. Texas Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) bring together and coordinate multidisciplinary teams that include every DFPS region in the state, over 900 law enforcement jurisdictions, more than 200 district and county attorneys' offices, and countless medical and mental health professionals. Over the past two years, these CACs have helped 70,000 kids in Texas.
- National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC).** Online child sexual exploitation and child sex trafficking are heinous crimes. The Texas chapter of NCMEC seeks to provide law enforcement, child welfare personnel, and other stakeholders with training and technical assistance to help them better address the evolving issues of online child sexual exploitation and child sex trafficking and better serve the victims. Over the past two years, NCMEC has held four Spotlights on Exploitation trainings and three Technology-Related Crimes Against Children trainings throughout Texas. They trained 196 child welfare professionals and 182 law enforcement professionals.



185,720
Child victims
served

432

**Agencies involved
in Internet Crimes
Against Children
Task Forces**

- Austin Children's Shelter.** Austin Children's Shelter provided a continuum of wraparound services for 147 children. The program includes emergency shelter services that provide child abuse victims with safety and security in a stabilizing and supportive environment. They use trauma-informed approaches to attend to the specific emotional and physical needs of each child so they can build resiliency and begin to heal from the extensive trauma caused by victimization.
- Freedom Place.** Domestic minor sex trafficking is the commercial sexual exploitation of children within U.S. borders. Freedom Place provides the appropriate balance of serenity and security from the threats that face this group of victims. The program provides psychological assessments, psychiatric services, and medical services, in an intensely therapeutic environment so that they can feel safe, process their trauma in a constructive manner, and achieve a level of stability that will support their future independence and success.



\$46m

**in support of prosecution,
courts, and post-adjudication**



21,199
**Protective orders issued
as a result of CJD-funded
grant projects**



Left: Judge Elizabeth Frizzell hugs a Dallas County STAR Court Graduate; Right: Judge Kristin Wade, a graduate, and team at Dallas County Misdemeanor Mental Health Court graduation.

ENHANCING THE SYSTEM

To be safer in our communities we must focus on a spectrum of solutions throughout the criminal justice system. It does not stop at prevention, or even arrest. We must support projects that effectively prosecute crimes, offer legitimate alternatives to common court practices, and reduce recidivism so that our communities are safer for the longer haul. Such CJD-funded projects include specialty courts, special prosecution, and post-adjudication projects, including treatment and reentry.

Over the past two years, CJD has provided over \$23.3 million in funding to almost 100 specialty courts throughout the state and works closely with the Specialty Court Advisory Council and the Office of Court Administration.

CJD supports court and prosecution projects focused on specific areas of concern. Additionally, we support unique needs such as the Prosecution of Prison Crimes project, which handles cases against inmates, and the Attorney General’s Human Trafficking Prevention Task Force, which provides training and assistance to local agencies in the identification, investigation, and prosecution of human trafficking cases statewide. We also provide much-needed funding to counties to help them offset the unexpected financial burdens that come with a capital murder case.



16,982
Convictions or deferred adjudications

CJD also supports post-adjudication needs. We direct funds towards reentry and substance abuse treatment and provide for technology upgrades such as security cameras for both the adult and juvenile correctional systems.

120
Criminal prosecutors funded



SPECIALTY COURTS

For many Texans, substance abuse and mental health issues are barriers to successful and productive lives. When these problems lead to criminal behavior the toll is high—for victims, for the offender’s family, and for the criminal justice system. Every offender sent to prison or state jails takes significant resources within the system and those offenders often return to the system again and again. Specialty Courts support a way out of this cycle by providing high-risk offenders stern intervention, intensive supervision, focused treatment, and rehabilitation. Through these court programs, offenders work to address the underlying issues that can lead to a cycle of crime. Specialty Court programs range from traditional drug courts, DWI courts, Veterans courts, family courts, mental health courts, and commercially sexually exploited persons (CSEP) courts.

Texas is a leader in the creation of adult drug court treatment programs and operates the largest number of drug courts in the country. All types of specialty courts registered in Texas have grown exponentially over the last decade from 55 in 2005 to over 190 registered courts today. CJD awarded \$23.3 million in state and federal funding to 96 specialty court programs over the past two years.

CJD, working in partnership with the Specialty Court Advisory Council (SCAC) and the Office of Court Administration successfully recommended that the Texas Judicial Council (TJC) approve the adoption of the Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards (Vol. I & II). CJD and the SCAC developed a plan to guide all registered drug courts in Texas into compliance with Adult Drug Court Best Practices through four goals: fund strategically, focus on success, build capacity, and foster accountability and proper conduct.

Various initiatives and program improvements have already occurred to meet these goals such as implementing new performance measures, creating a best practice self-evaluation tool, and identifying the major gaps and needs of specialty court programs statewide. CJD will continue to work with the SCAC to identify best practices for other types of specialty courts and to increase access to training and technical assistance for all such courts in Texas.



4,394
Specialty
court
graduates



Left: Graduation at Lubbock County DWI Court; Right, Women from the Dallas STAC Court at the Big Texas Rally for Recovery; Opposite: Judge Denise Bradley and a graduate of the Harris County STAR drug court.

Highlights

- Adult Drug Courts.** The drug courts currently operating in Texas are required to follow some essential characteristics, including the integration of alcohol and other drug treatment services in the processing of cases in the judicial system and the use of a nonadversarial approach. The \$12.5 million in CJD funding has supported 51 adult drug courts to provide rehabilitative services, monitoring of abstinence through weekly testing and development of partnerships with public agencies and community organizations.
- Veterans Courts.** The Veterans Court programs currently operating in Texas aim to rehabilitate Veterans and active duty service members who suffer from mental illness, brain injury, or substance use. The \$3.2 million in funding provided by CJD helped 14 such courts to improve access to medical, mental health, and substance abuse treatment; assist with unemployment and homelessness; and improve mental health and community reintegration.
- Commercially Sexually Exploited Persons Court Programs (CSEP).** These courts acknowledge and treat the underlying problems faced by those exploited for commercial sex. The eight CSEP courts CJD funds with \$2m, follow a multi-phase structure of: assessment, engagement, treatment, reintegration, transition, relapse prevention, and aftercare.
- Family Drug Courts.** These courts focus on parents whose children are removed from the home because of substance abuse-related abuse and neglect. CJD funds nine family drug courts with \$1.6 million to address and oversee the recovery needs of substance abusing parents with the goal of family preservation and reunification.
- Mental Health Courts.** CJD funds three mental health courts with \$425k in funding, which are designed for mentally ill defendants or probationers. Participants are monitored by both mental health providers and court personnel, with judges having direct interaction with the participants using an array of graduated sanctions and incentives to help reduce the likelihood of probation revocation.



96
Specialty courts funded—over half of all such programs in Texas

318 Specialty Court graduates reunited with their families

- Juvenile Drug Courts.** The 12 juvenile courts that CJD funds using \$1.9 million are designed to address the substance abuse and delinquency issues of youth. The program is designed on a multi-disciplinary team. Effective monitoring and swift communication among team members allows the judge to address compliance & noncompliance issues immediately.
- State Drug Court Training.** Proper training is critical to a specialty court that is rigorous and faithful to best practices. To support this training, CJD funds the State Drug Court Training Reimbursement Program to increase specific interdisciplinary drug court training by allowing 250 team members who would not otherwise be able to attend the annual Texas Association of Drug Court Programs training to do so.



TARGETED COURTS & PROSECUTION

CJD focuses on helping judges and prosecutors to manage their case loads by supporting projects that target specific types of crime. We also support areas hard hit by the unexpected and enormous costs of capital murder trials and other large events.

Prosecutors play the difficult critical role of protecting the victims while holding perpetrators accountable for their actions. No other area is as difficult as domestic violence where the victimization may continue for years. We focus over \$11.3 million on court and prosecution projects focused specifically on domestic violence and sexual assault issues.

We also focus on helping overburdened parts of the system. We fund border-specific efforts to combat the heavy burden placed on these areas by transnational criminals and the crimes they commit. We also fund the Prison Prosecution Unit that takes the burden off of counties in prosecuting crimes committed within prisons. And, our County Essential Services Program provides financial assistance to counties for essential public services including law enforcement services, jail services, court services, or reimbursement of extraordinary costs incurred for the investigation or prosecution of a capital murder or other major events. CJD also supports efforts to train, educate, and assist prosecutors and law enforcement in prosecuting violent offenders, child predators and human traffickers.

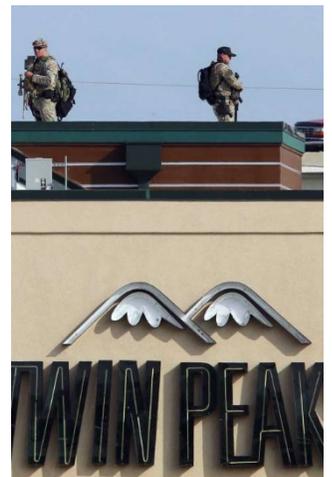
\$2.9M

For prosecution of crimes committed in Texas prisons



\$11.3M

For prosecution, court services, and advocacy related to domestic violence and sexual assault



Above: Aftermath of the May 17, 2015 Twin Peaks biker shootout.

Highlights

- Extraordinary Costs of Prosecution.** Quickly coming to the aid of local jurisdictions during times of unexpected need is important. Using both state and federal funds, CJD has provided 17 organizations with almost \$1.7 million to assist in capital murder prosecutions and other crisis situations across the state. For example, CJD provided \$268,000 to McLennan County after the May 17, 2015 Twin Peaks biker shootout. During this incident 239 individuals were detained and 177 were held for questioning and eventually booked for Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity.
- Human Trafficking Unit Program Bexar County.** This project funds a prosecutor who works in conjunction with an additional prosecutor, investigator and victim advocate from the Bexar County District Attorney’s Office as the Human Trafficking Unit. This unit reviews and prosecutes cases presented to them. Together with various law enforcement agencies in the area this unit has formed a collaborative effort against human trafficking, which prosecuted 169 cases in 2015 and 2016.
- Violence Against Women.** CJD funded \$11,271,154 in projects focused on prosecution and court services related to domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. These projects provide specialized prosecutors and personnel to support protective orders, special investigators, court advocates to help victims negotiate the court system, and community outreach. These projects focus on placing victim safety first, offender accountability next, and community change as the ultimate goal.
- Keeping Domestic Violence in Focus.** Based on a pilot program in El Paso, along with the Texas Council on Family Violence, CJD is expanding the use of video cameras to capture victim statements on the scene at domestic violence situations. The University of Texas School of Social Work is documenting the process and evaluating success. Our goal is that these videos will increase convictions and lower system costs.



\$1.8M
To support extraordinary costs of capital murder & major events



Top: Evidence photo from the May 17, 2015 Twin Peaks biker shootout; Bottom: Members of the Texas Special Prison Prosecution Unit

- Prosecution of Prison Crimes.** This project supports the investigation and prosecution of felony offenses committed by incarcerated offenders and employees of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ). CJD dedicated over \$2.9 million to this effort in 2015 and 2016.
- Advanced Expert Witness and Advanced Training Building Capacity for Expert Witnesses.** This project provides training for expert witnesses to enhance prosecution of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking crimes in Texas.



CORRECTIONS & REDUCING RECIDIVISM

CJD provided \$7.5 million to support post-adjudication costs such as training, safety measures, substance abuse treatment, and recidivism reduction. It is a critical responsibility of the State of Texas to protect its people by securely incarcerating those who offend against our society, many of whom enter the system again and again. Their failure to adhere to the law places heavy burdens on the criminal justice system and the taxpayers who must bear the costs. The costs to their victims' lives cannot be calculated.

In 2014, over 70,000 offenders in Texas Department of Criminal Justice facilities returned to our communities.¹ Of such offenders, 45% to 62% are rearrested within three years of release.² Texas is already faced with escalating costs for maintaining public safety and a host of other serious problems such as border security, illegal immigration, homelessness, drug addiction, mental health, disability, chronic illness, and emergency medical care--a good deal of which goes to the returning offender population.

Every time an offender breaks the cycle, he improves not only his own life, but also improves public safety and lowers costs. We can only provide offenders with the opportunity to demonstrate individual responsibility and to be treated with dignity by learning to treat others that way. CJD uses federal funds to support residential substance abuse treatment for offenders and we seek to leverage the non-profit and faith-based communities to help offenders avoid recidivism. These programs offer offenders the opportunity to overcome obstacles such as housing, employment, substance abuse issues, a lack of family and pro-social support systems, and the need for basic life skills. CJD seeks to improve the longer term outcomes of offenders by empowering them to support themselves and live free from incarceration and government assistance.

¹ Texas Department of Criminal Justice Statistical Report, Fiscal Year 2015

² Overview of Criminal and Juvenile Justice Recidivism and Uniform Cost Reports , Legislative Budget Board, October 2016

2,369
Graduates from reentry programs



2,557
Offenders received residential substance abuse treatment

623
Security enhancements in Texas correctional facilities

Above photos: Unlocking Doors job fair and reentry client intake.

Highlights

- **Reentry.** Every offender who can find a way to become a contributing member of society and avoid reoffending is both improving his or her own life and reducing the future financial burden on the justice system. Almost \$2.3 million of state and federal funding have been made available for such endeavors.

 - **Unlocking DOORS** is a unique and unduplicated model that focuses on “brokering” offenders’ return to the community first through determining strengths and challenges using risk, behavior, and aptitude assessment before developing an individualized plan that is specific to their needs and risk of reoffending. Referrals to network partners help the offender manage housing, mental health, job readiness, employment, substance abuse treatment, and other challenges to help them stay out of the justice system. DOORs had 1,048 participants successfully complete the program in the last two years.
 - **MEDC Texas Offender Reentry Initiative (TORI)** offers comprehensive community-based services to formerly incarcerated offenders. By providing resources and addressing areas such as employment, housing, education, family reunification, health care, and spiritual guidance, these offenders are empowered to achieve successful reentry free of crime. TORI had 170 participants successfully complete the program over the past two years.

- **Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) for State Prisoners.** CJD funds RSAT project to both state and local agencies to develop and implement substance abuse treatment programs for offenders in state, local and correctional and detention facilities. CJD has provided \$1.7 million towards these efforts.



621
Surveillance
cameras for
adult and
juvenile
corrections

\$2.3M
Dedicated to reentry projects to
support lower future corrections costs

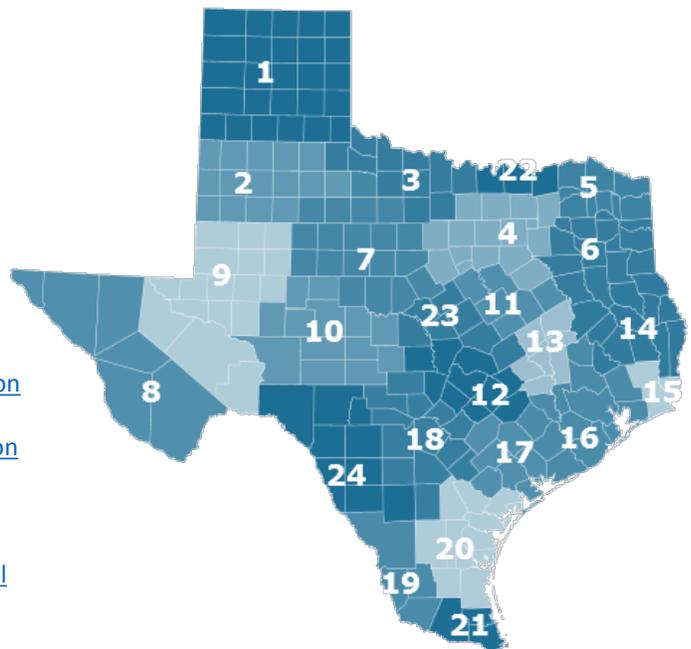
- **Security.** Ensuring that our correctional facilities are safe for staff and inmates increases the chances of rehabilitation and decreases injuries or loss of lives. CJD has provided the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and Texas Juvenile Justice Department with funds to purchase 621 surveillance cameras and technology to enhance the security and safety of their facilities. To do so, CJD leveraged federal Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) funding.



REGIONAL COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENTS

CJD works closely with the 24 regional councils of governments (COGs) in Texas. Each COG has one or more criminal justice planners and a Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC). The planners work within their regions to support criminal justice planning efforts and to organize workshops for potential applicants to help them to understand the rules and process for applying for CJD funds. The CJACs review and local applications within their regions for CJD's Juvenile Justice Grants Program, Justice Assistance Grants Program, Violence Against Women Program, and Victims of Crime Act Program. After reviewing the applications, the CJACs provide funding recommendations to CJD.

1. [Panhandle Regional Planning Commission](#)
2. [South Plains Association of Governments](#)
3. [Nortex Regional Planning Commission](#)
4. [North Central Texas Council of Governments](#)
5. [Ark-Tex Area Council of Governments](#)
6. [East Texas Council of Governments](#)
7. [West Central Texas Council of Governments](#)
8. [Rio Grande Council of Governments](#)
9. [Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission](#)
10. [Concho Valley Area Council of Governments](#)
11. [Heart of Texas Council of Governments](#)
12. [Capital Area Council of Governments](#)
13. [Brazos Valley Council of Governments](#)
14. [Deep East Texas Council of Governments](#)
15. [South East Texas Regional Planning Commission](#)
16. [Houston-Galveston Area Council](#)
17. [Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission](#)
18. [Alamo Area Council of Governments](#)
19. [South Texas Development Council](#)
20. [Coastal Bend Council of Governments](#)
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