

# WEBB COUNTY AND CITY OF LAREDO CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY PLAN



Developed by:

Webb County and City of Laredo Criminal Justice Planning Committee



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COUNTY OF WEBB

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CITY OF LAREDO

# Webb County Community Plan

## **What Is a Community Plan?**

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This plan is formally known as the Webb County Criminal Justice Community Plan, the purpose of which is to identify gaps in services regarding criminal justice issues. The Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office (CJD) requires that Criminal Justice Community Plans be developed and maintained by counties and regions throughout Texas.

The document that is represented here reflects the efforts of many in Webb County that are concerned with assuring that any gaps in services are closed, thus making our communities safer places in which to live and work. It is with grateful acknowledgement that the names of those involved in the process of developing this plan are listed in Part II (Community Planning Group).

Though the final draft of this plan was completed in January of 2011, this is a work in progress. New criminal justice goals are identified, the Planning Group changes as a result of individual and agency circumstances, and requirements concerning the makeup of the Plan are subject to change from year to year. Thus, Webb County is interested in keeping up with these changes, and including them in updates that will be posted from time to time.

If you are reading this Plan and have not been involved in its development, you are invited to join in this ongoing effort. Any questions you may have can be addressed to either Webb, Community Plan Coordinator for Webb County, or to a Criminal Justice Program staff member of the South Texas Development Council (STDC). Contact information is provided within this document.

The Webb County Commissioners Court supports the concept of community planning by providing staff support and resources for development and implementation of the Webb County Community Plan. Additionally, the Commissioners Court supports grant applications from county departments as well as community organizations that address gaps in services identified in this Community Plan.

## Areas Represented

### Incorporated Communities:

City of Laredo	City of El Cenizo	City of Rio Bravo
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### Unincorporated Communities:

Rural community of Aguilares	Rural community of Bruni	Rural community of Mirando	Rural community of Oilton
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Colonias and other unincorporated areas as follows:

Botines and Replats	Bonanza Hills Subdivision	Colorado Acres	D-5 Acres
East Gate Acres	Four Points	Hillside Acres I & II	International Commerce Center Industrial Park
La Coma and Re-subdivisions	La Moca Ranch Subdivision	La Presa and Re-subdivisions	Laredo Ranchettes Inc.
Las Haciendas Unit I	Las Lomas Sections 1, 2, & Los Veteranos (on U.S. Highway 59)	Las Lomas West & Re-subdivisions	Las Pilas Unit I & II
Los Altos Phase I	Los Corralitos	Los Huisaches I & II	Los Minerales
Los Veteranos (on State Highway 359)	Los Veteranos Subdivision (on U.S. Highway 83)	Old Milwaukee	Pinto Valle Industrial Park
Pueblo East	Pueblo Nuevo	Ranchitos 359 East	Ranchitos Los Arcos
Ranchitos Los Centenarios	Ranchitos Los Fresnos	Ranchitos Los Mequites	Ranchitos Los Nopalitos
Ranchos Penitas West	Regency Village (Replat Tract # 117, Las Lomas)	San Carlos Phase I (a.k.a. San Enrique) and Phase II	Sunset Acres (Replat Tract # 12, Four Points)
Tanquecitos South Acres (a.k.a. Phase I & II)	Valle Verde	Vela Tract	Village East

**School Districts:** Laredo Independent School District, United Independent School District, and Webb County Consolidated Independent School District.

**Brief description and history of Webb County:** Straddling the international boundary between Mexico and Texas with a stretch of the Rio Grande River as its southern boundary, Webb County was founded by the State of Texas on January 28, 1848. Within its confines exists four rural communities, forty-seven colonias, and three incorporated cities, including the city of Laredo as its county seat. It is the largest county in South Texas by area and the largest by population in the South Texas Development Council's jurisdiction. The County has a total area of 3,376 square miles and a 2009 estimated population of 241,438 (Source: U.S Census Bureau 8/16/2010).

## **Community Planning Team**

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Community Plan Coordinator for Webb County: Webb County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Martin Cuellar  
Chief Federico Garza  
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## **Community Planning Participants**

The County of Webb and the City of Laredo would also like to recognize the following individuals for their participation as members in contributing to the Laredo/Webb County Criminal Justice Plan. Not only has their knowledge and background been of vital importance in the development of this plan, but also their interest and dedication in pursuing the ultimate goal of finding solutions to the crime problems that negatively affect all the citizens of our community, It is this interest and dedication to our community that has become the foundation for this plan. The County of Webb and the City of Laredo are grateful for their efforts.

### **Juvenile Services:**

Captain Clemente Camarillo, United Independent School District Police Department  
Ms. Grizelda Carrillo, Program Director, Serving Children and Adolescents in Need  
Chief Ray Garner, United Independent School District Police Department  
Ms. Estela Quintanilla, Laredo Independent School District Campus Crime Stoppers  
Ms. Irma Valenzuela, Webb County Juvenile Department

### **Victim Services:**

Ms. Sylvia Bruni, Executive Director, Children's Advocacy Center  
Ms. Karen Pfitzer Martinez, Casa Misericordia Domestic Violence Shelter  
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Ms. Rebecca Solloa, Executive Director, Catholic Social Services  
Sister Rosemary Welsh, Casa Misericordia Domestic Violence Shelter

### **Law Enforcement:**

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Sgt. Gilberto DeLeon, Webb County Constable Pct. 1  
Ms. Carolyn Leyendecker, Laredo Crimestoppers, Inc.

Mr. Ricardo Méndez, Deputy Chief, District Attorney's Office  
Constable Annette Munoz, Precinct 3  
Mr. Gilberto Navarro, Assistant Chief, Laredo Police Department  
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Ms. Jessica Villarreal, Crime Victims Coordinator, District Attorney's Office

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Mr. Francisco Ramirez, Border Region Medical Health and Mental Retardation  
Mr. Romeo Rodriguez, Jr., Ex. Director, So. Texas Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse  
Ms. Kathleen A. Seitel, Border Region Medical Health and Mental Retardation

**Other Stakeholders:**

Chief J.C. Gonzalez, City of El Cenizo Fire Chief  
Ms. Imelda Pena, Project Coordinator, Webb County Economic Development Dept.  
Commissioner Reynaldo Valdez, City of El Cenizo Commissioner

## Inventory of Community Data

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>United Way of Laredo, Inc. 2009 Community Needs Survey Results</b></p>
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### Background and Purpose:

The United Way of Laredo conducts a community needs survey in order to help determine funding allocations. The needs assessment involves the collection of information on the “problems” that exist in the area and how extensive the problems are.

### Methods:

The United Way of Laredo, Inc. used two data collection methods for this community needs survey. One method was an online survey. The second method was face to face interviews.

The online survey was sent out to United Way Board Members, volunteers and agencies. All of them were encouraged to forward the link to friends, relatives and associates. People were also able to access the survey via the United Way of Laredo, Inc. website.

Paper copies of the survey were also distributed to each of the 26 United Way agencies. Each agency received 50 copies of the survey; however, not all of the agencies choose to participate in this project. Surveys were also distributed and collected by volunteers during United Way, SECC and CFC presentations. The paper surveys that were completed and returned to the United Way office were keyed in by the 2-1-1 staff.

Their goal was to collect at least 1,000 responses. They were able to collect 1,000 responses. The following report details the results:

Twenty-two different issues were presented to each respondent. They were asked to rate the issues as a severe problem, a small problem or not a problem at all. Of the twenty-two issues 18 were noted as being severe problems in the community. The other four were listed as small problems.

The community issues noted as severe issues included (*listed as presented in the survey, not in order of importance*): fear of crime, lack of recreation for teenagers, lack of places for children to play, alcohol abuse, not enough money to live on, unemployment, teenage gangs, lack of

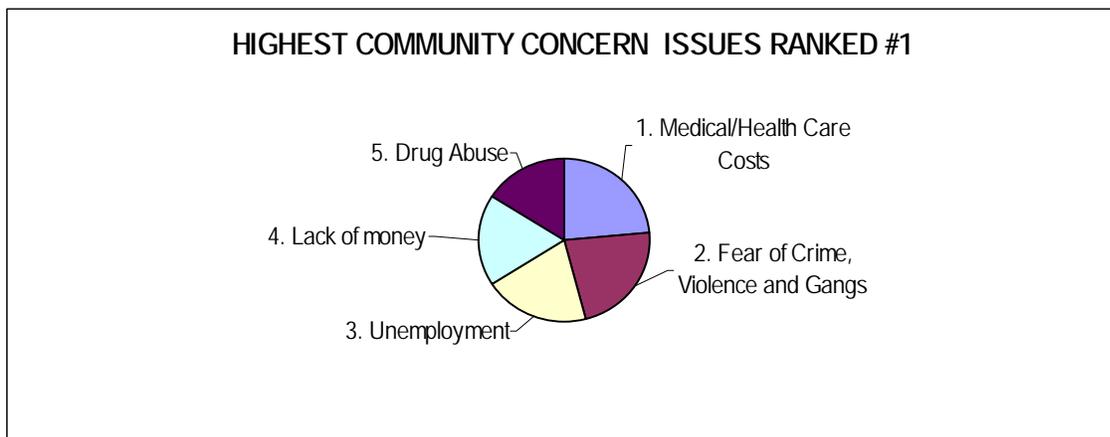
recreation, drug addictions in the neighborhood, inability of adequate housing, child abuse, pregnancy, dirty streets, inability to read, care of children while parents are working, and lack of food.

The issues listed as small problems were dirty air (pollution), need for legal assistance, lack of transportation and inability to speak Spanish.

The survey participants were then asked to list the top three most important concerns:

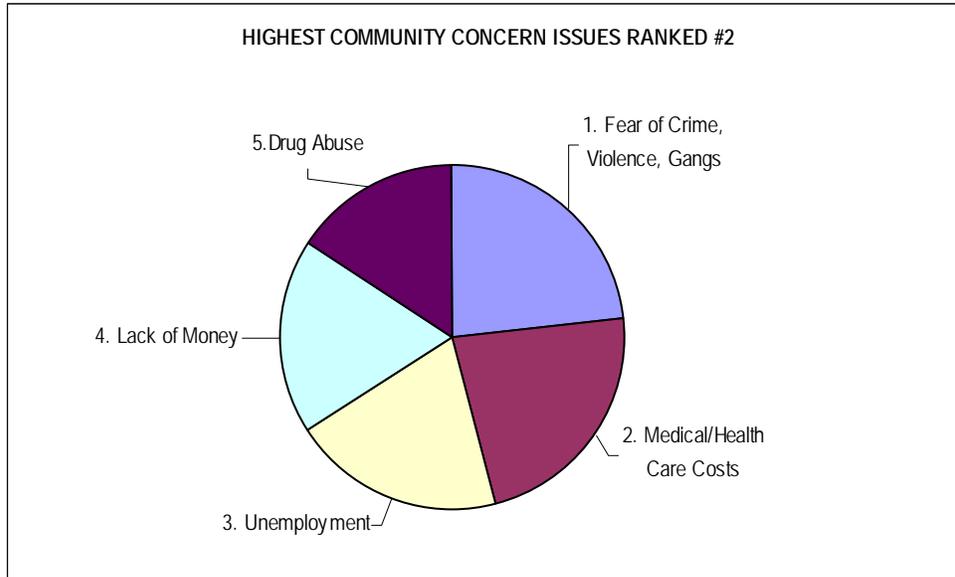
**Top Five for the Most Important Problem/Concern:**

1. Medical / Health Care costs (111)
2. Fear of Crime, Violence and Gangs (65)
3. Unemployment (48)
4. Not enough money to live on (42)
5. Drug abuse issues (35)



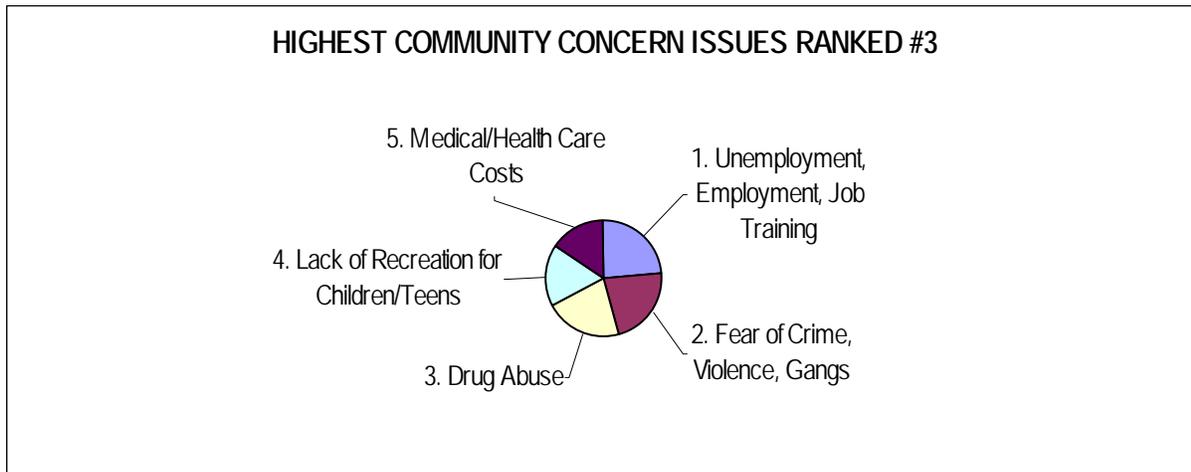
**Top Five SECOND Most Important Problem/Concern:**

1. Fear of Crime, Violence and Gangs (56)
2. Medical / Health Care costs (40)
3. Unemployment (39)
4. Not enough money to live on (32)
5. Drug abuse issues (27)



**Top Five THIRD Most Important Problem/Concern:**

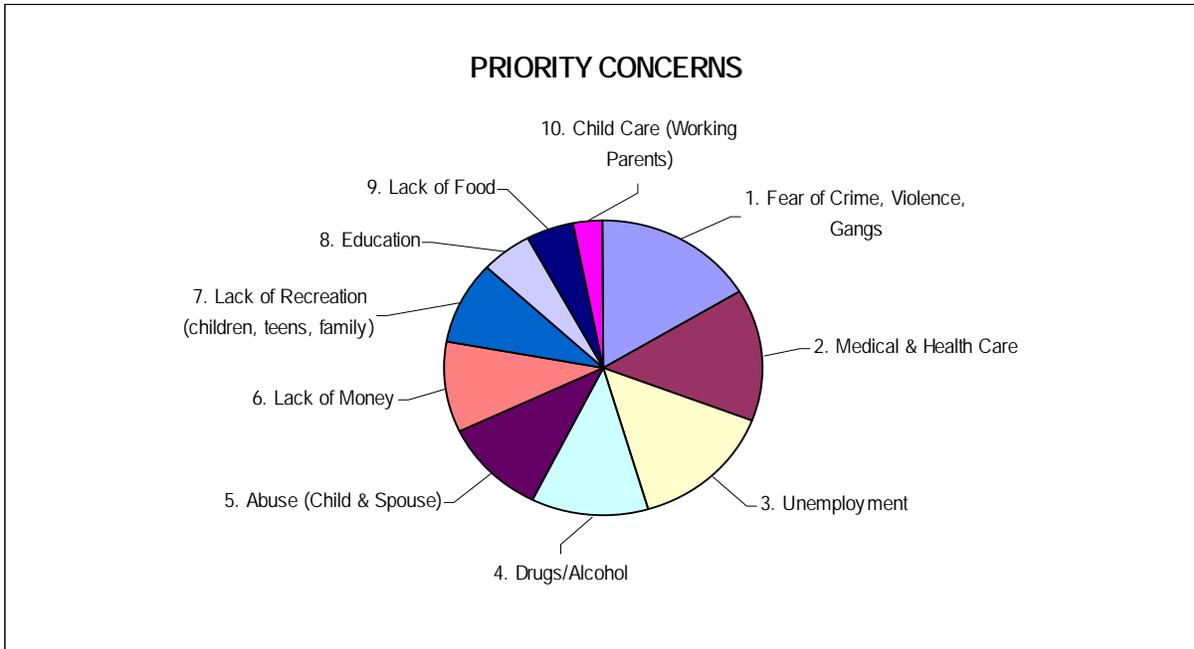
1. Unemployment – Employment – Job Training (55)
2. Fear of Crime, Violence and Gangs (45)
3. Drug abuse issues (37)
4. Lack of recreation for children and teenagers (28)
5. Medical / Health Care costs (27)



**Top Ten PRIORITY CONCERNS:**

1. Fear of Crime, Violence and Gangs (81)
2. Medical and Health Care (73)
3. Unemployment (64)

4. Drugs and Alcohol Abuse (55)
5. Abuse (child and spouse) (42)
6. Not enough money to live on (39)
7. Lack of Recreation (children, teens and family) (35)
8. Education issues (including drop outs) (25)
9. Lack of food (13)
10. Care of children while parents are working (12)



- 1,500 paper copies were given to United Way agencies to be completed by staff members, board members and/or agency clients.
- 100 e-mails were sent out with links to the “survey monkey”
- 917 completed paper copies of the survey were submitted to the office and keyed in by 2-1-1 Staff.
- 83 surveys were completed online.

**Border Region MHMR  
Community Criminal Justice Plan Information for Webb County**

January 5, 2011

Border Region Mental Health Mental Retardation Community Center is the local agency delegated the authority and responsibility by the Texas Department of State Health Services and the Department of Aging and Disability Services for the planning, coordination and delivery of Mental Health and Mental Retardation services in the counties of Webb, Zapata, Jim Hogg and Starr in South Texas.

Comprehensive Yearly Programmatic Statistical Information

**Border Region MHMR (Webb County) serves approximately 1550 mental health adults and 600 mental health children and adolescents each month. On average, 2970 unduplicated adult cases are served each year and 1866 child/adolescent cases are served each year. The target population served includes adults who have severe and persistent mental illness such as schizophrenia, major depression and bipolar disorder or other severely disabling mental disorders which require crisis resolution or ongoing and long term support and treatment. Children served are ages 3 through 17 with a diagnosis of mental illness who exhibit serious emotional, behavioral or mental disorder with a serious functional impairment. Individuals with co-occurring diagnosis are also treated.**

Border Region MHMR Community Needs Survey

**The Center assesses the needs and priorities of the community through and Network Advisory Committee meetings. The identification of community needs and priorities is also determined through active participation in interagency efforts to gather public input.**

**As part of the 2010 LPND planning cycle, a community needs survey was utilized to gather information from consumers with mental illness, family members, community stakeholders, and staff members. This community needs survey revealed several important trends. The lack of awareness regarding available resources was identified as a common barrier to accessing services. The top areas of service needs for adults consisted of psychiatric/medication management, counseling, supported housing and supported employment services. Parents of children and adolescents receiving mental health services indicated that the highest areas of need were counseling services, family support, and psychiatric services.**

Other statistical information regarding the local community

<b>Adult MH Diagnosis Served</b>	<b>% Total</b>
<b>* Affective disorders - Bipolar</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>* Affective disorders – Major depression</b>	<b>48%</b>
<b>* Schizophrenia and related</b>	<b>27%</b>

<b>disorders</b>	
<b>* Other Related Diagnosis</b>	<b>3%</b>

<b>Children MH Diagnosis Served</b>	<b>% Total</b>
<b>* Adjustments / Other non-psychotic</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>* Affective disorders - Bipolar</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>* Affective disorders – Major depression</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>* Affective disorders - Other</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>* Anxiety / Somatoform / Disassociative</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>* Attention Deficit Disorder</b>	<b>58%</b>
<b>* Disruptive Behavior Disorder</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>* Other Developmental / Behavioral</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>* Other psychoses</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>* Personality / Facitious / Impulse</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>* Schizophrenia and related disorders</b>	<b>1%</b>

Border Region MHMR offers an array of services specifically designed to meet the needs of individuals diagnosed with Mental Retardation, Pervasive Developmental Disorder and/or related conditions. Two hundred and forty-three individuals are served through this program.

## FY 2010 Casa Misericordia Domestic Shelter

Casa de Misericordia Fiscal Year 2010															
	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total July- Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Total Jan- June	2010 Fiscal Total
<b>Measure of Women Served</b>															
New Adults Sheltered	30	18	25	24	22	24	143	19	21	16	22	17	23	118	261
Continuing Adults	7	8	0	5	4	3	27	5	4	6	7	3	3	28	55
Returning Adults	3	1	0	0	2	2	8	2	0	2	1	2	5	12	20
Total Non-DV Adults	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	3
Total Adults Sheltered	40	27	25	29	31	29	181	28	25	24	30	22	31	160	341
Adult Support Group Attendees	12	24	70	94	149	211	560	113	115	111	93	83	188	703	1263
Adults Counseled	97	99	99	94	102	105	596	107	96	102	103	87	106	601	1197
Counseling Sessions	230	220	252	185	239	213	1339	244	196	227	225	194	231	1317	2656
<b>Measure of Children Served</b>															
New Children Sheltered	49	45	47	46	39	45	271	23	35	33	40	44	33	208	479
Continuing Children	18	17	0	8	5	4	52	14	14	7	17	10	8	70	122
Returning Children	7	3	0	0	0	2	12	1	0	10	2	0	12	25	37
Total Non-DV Children	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	4
Total Children Sheltered	74	65	47	54	45	51	336	41	49	50	59	54	53	306	642
Children Support Group Attendees	484	72	131	228	356	433	1704	214	207	274	186	155	318	1354	3058
Children Counseled	17	22	30	4	10	9	92	2	6	1	0	10	2	21	113
Child Counseling Referrals	0	7	6	18	13	15	59	14	18	21	15	27	16	111	170
<b>Measurable Outcomes</b>															
Shelter Days	792	715	491	539	467	486	3490	722	444	798	765	637	650	4016	7506
Support/Therapy Group Sessions	13	1	4	5	5	11	39	9	8	7	6	4	8	42	81
Non-Resident Service Days	606	289	519	593	781	783	3571	664	755	826	743	415	527	3930	7501
<b>Measure of Services Provided</b>															
Hotline Calls	304	296	311	295	260	235	1701	159	220	295	260	308	362	1604	3305
Domestic Violence Hotline Calls							0	31	49	68	49	61	78	336	336
Sexual Assault Hotline Calls							0	0	0	2	0	0	2	4	4
Other Hotline Calls							0	15	13	32	24	23	22	129	129
General Information							0	113	158	192	187	224	259	1133	1133
Batterer Info/Referral							0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	2
Adult Bus Tickets (Four rides/ticket)	46	71	50	59	108	67	401	116	64	89	83	114	55	521	922
Children Bus Tickets (One ride/ticket)	0	0	12	48	33	30	123	70	31	30	33	113	47	324	447
Volunteer Hours	921.5	261.8	377.3	392.5	449.8	310.3	2713	552.8	491	544	455.8	469.3	628.3	3141	5854
Professional Volunteer Hours	156.3	108.5	168.8	150	125.8	99	808.25	189.5	201.3	204.5	205.5	122	169	1091.8	1900
Non-Professional Volunteer Hours	765.3	153.3	208.5	242.5	324	211.3	1904.8	363.3	289.8	339.5	250.3	347.3	459.3	2049.3	3954
Total Volunteers to Date								263	277	288	303	314			
VAWA	0	0	0	0	12	3	15	2	4	3	0	0	0	9	24
Court Accompaniment	1	1	1	5	4	0	12	1	0	0	3	4	9	17	29
Outreach	77	48	58	100	94	70	447	92	62	76	66	48	55	399	846
<b>Measurable Outcome of Public Presentations and Press</b>															
<b>Conferences</b>															
Presentations	14	16	18	16	27	9	100	14	10	29	14	21	15	103	203
Attendees	466	1615	528	1350	866	523	5348	450	252	1098	644	956	422	3822	9170
TV Interviews	2	9	4	4	3	1	23	1	2	5	9	6	1	24	47
Radio Interviews	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	3
Newspaper Interviews/Articles	0	9	0	5	1	1	16	3	2	3	3	6	1	18	34
<b>Lamar Bruni Vergara Ed. Ctr. Class Attendees</b>															
Beauty Class Attendees	0	0	0	74	37	22	133	43	31	39	28	7	0	148	281
Computer Class Attendees	0	58	247	219	179	95	798	145	196	196	171	41	0	749	1547
English Class Attendees	0	134	503	324	252	184	1397	393	584	504	486	131	0	2098	3495
Sewing Class Attendees	0	22	177	187	108	70	564	99	163	136	140	37	0	575	1139
Primaria/Secundaria Class Attendees	4	4	7	6	5	4	30	4	4	2	6	2	0	18	48
Music Class Attendees	0	0	0	0	4	3	7	8	15	16	11	2	0	52	59
Tutoring	0	0	0	0	19	6	25	43	19	54	29	12	0	157	182
Aerobics	0	9	61	48	35	6	159	35	44	56	33	6	0	174	333
Pre-GED	0	0	0	12	9	6	27	17	13	11	16	4	0	61	88

## Catholic Social Services

Number Count for one year.

### EMERGENCY AND POVERTY ASSISTANCE

The Emergency and Poverty Assistance Program provides financial assistance for utilities, rent, medical, and other miscellaneous requests  
12 month period of services the numbers served were:

Phones inquiries and walk ins	7500
Utility Assistance	676
Rental Assistance	202
Food Bags	160
Miscellaneous Assistance i.e. Transportation, medical funeral, birth cert. etc.	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>1053</b>

### IMMIGRATION SERVICES

Immigration Services provides consultations for individuals qualifying for legal residency, citizenship, special circumstances

Inquiries (walk in and phone calls)	2134
New Consultations (actual interviews)	448
New Cases opened	173
Cases that are in progress	378
Legal Residents (newly collected 4 months)	18
US Citizens (newly collected 4 months)	14

Total 876

### SENIOR CENTER PROGRAM

The Senior Program provides daily nutritional meals, and activities

Senior enrollment	100
AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE	35-45
ANNUAL ATTENDANCE	417

### SPECIAL PROJECTS

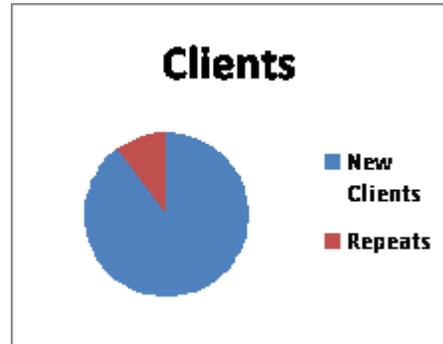
Special Projects are annual events or events that may be scheduled or unscheduled throughout the year

Medical Mission (Annual event) individuals	900
Disaster Response/Relief (households)	138

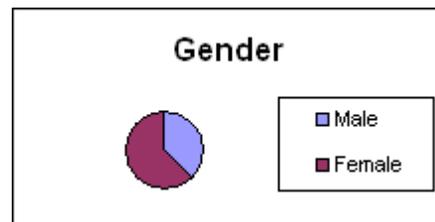
# Children's Advocacy Center

## Client Demographics

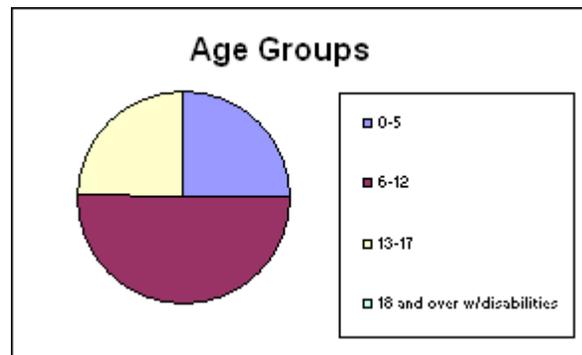
<b>Clients</b>		
New Clients	652	89.81%
Repeats	<u>74</u>	10.19%
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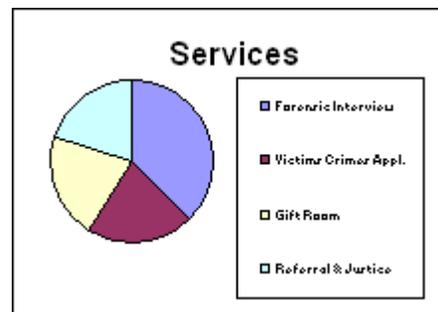
<b>Gender</b>		
Male	273	37.60%
Female	<u>453</u>	62.40%
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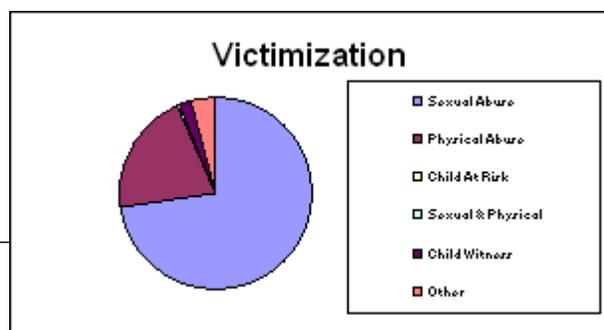
<b>Age Groups</b>		
0-5	184	25.34%
6-12	362	49.86%
13-17	180	24.79%
18 and over w/disabilities	<u>0</u>	0.00%
	726	



<b>Services</b>		
Forensic Interview	735	37.56%
Victims Crimes Appl.	411	21.00%
Gift Room	414	21.15%
Referral & Justice	<u>397</u>	20.29%
	1957	



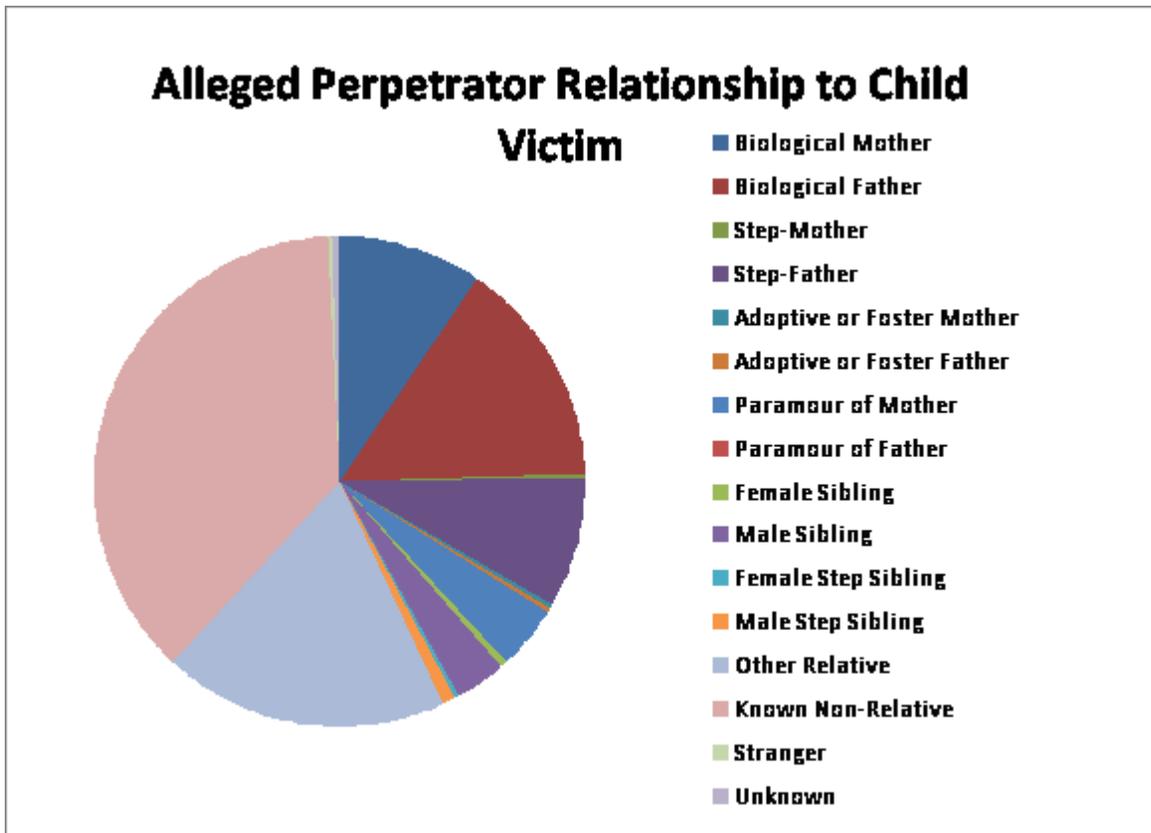
<b>Victimization</b>		
Sexual Abuse	524	72.18%
Physical Abuse	155	21.35%
Child At Risk	0	0.00%



Sexual & Physical	3	0.41%
Child Witness	16	2.20%
Other	28	3.86%
	<u>726</u>	

**ALLEGED PERPETRATOR  
RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD**

Biological Mother	41	9.43%
Biological Father	65	14.94%
Step-Mother	2	0.46%
Step-Father	37	8.51%
Adoptive or Foster Mother	1	0.23%
Adoptive or Foster Father	1	0.23%
Paramour of Mother	18	4.14%
Paramour of Father	0	0.00%
Female Sibling	3	0.69%
Male Sibling	15	3.45%
Female Step Sibling	1	0.23%
Male Step Sibling	3	0.69%
Other Relative	82	18.85%
Known Non-Relative	162	37.24%
Stranger	1	0.23%
Unknown	3	0.69%
	435	100.00%



## Laredo Crime Stoppers, Inc.

Category	2010 YEAR	SINCE INCEPTION (1981)
Suspects Arrested	172	3,582
Offense Cleared	236	3,575
Number of Calls Received	1,946	264,228,901
Code Number Assigned	755	24,695
Number of Rewards Paid	57	N/A
Number Rewards Declined	0	N/A
Amount of Rewards Paid	\$ 14,600.00	\$352,390.00
Stolen Property Recovered	\$ 12,675.00	\$ 6,422,276.00
Narcotics Seized	\$ 19,430,112.00	\$224,779,518.00

Type of Crime	Yearly Arrests	Yearly Cleared	Since Inception Arrests	Since Inception Cleared
Offense				
Homicide	0	3	117	38
Sexual Assault	0	0	14	17
Assault	1	2	187	20
Robbery	1	2	23	32
Theft	0	2	336	160
Burglary/Vehicle	0	0	16	13
Burglary/Habitation	0	4	33	55
Burglary/Building	0	2	36	50
Forgery	0	0	56	31
Arson	0	0	12	12
Narcotics	83	122	N/A	N/A
Auto Theft	0	4	111	87
<b>Other Crimes</b>	4	20	262	259
Cargo Theft	0	0	N/A	N/A
Child neglect./ Abuse	0	0	N/A	N/A
Fugitives	27	52	353	354
Prostitution	0	0	N/A	N/A
Missing Persons	1	3	N/A	N/A
Illegal Aliens	55	16	N/A	N/A
U.S. Custom Smuggling	0	0	N/A	N/A
Weapons	0	0	N/A	N/A
Organized Criminal Activity	0	5	N/A	N/A
Miscellaneous Calls	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTALS</b>	172	237	N/A	N/A

<b>LISD Crime Stoppers</b> <b>2008-2009 School Year Statistics</b>
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<b>Tips Received</b>	<b>672</b>
<b>Rewards Paid</b>	<b>378</b>
<b>Weapons</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Amount of Rewards</b>	<b>\$15,225.00</b>
<b>Stolen Property</b>	<b>\$1,706.00</b>
<b>Drugs Seized</b>	<b>\$1,426.00</b>
<b>Restitution</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>

**2009-2010 School Year Statistics**

<b>Tips Received</b>	<b>827</b>
<b>Rewards Approved</b>	<b>453</b>
<b>Rewards Paid</b>	<b>\$17,792.00</b>
<b>Stolen Property Recovered</b>	<b>\$5,034.00</b>
<b>Drugs Seized</b>	<b>\$3,027.00</b>
<b>Weapons Seized</b>	<b>29</b>

**Since Inception Statistics**  
(up to 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2010)

<b>Arrests</b>	<b>1,078</b>
<b>Cases Cleared</b>	<b>3,304</b>
<b>Rewards Paid</b>	<b>\$133,364.00</b>
<b>Arson Loss Value</b>	<b>\$282,500.00</b>
<b>Property Recovered</b>	<b>\$246,314.00</b>
<b>Drugs Seized</b>	<b>\$31,612.00</b>
<b>Total Recovered</b>	<b>\$277,926.00</b>

## 2009 Laredo Police Department Statistics

<u>Community Relations Unit</u>		Jan - Dec '08	Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10
Presentations/Events	(Blue Santa, Career Days, etc.)	251	456	232

## Auto Theft Task Force Statistics

Citywide	Offenses		
<u>Auto Thefts</u>	Jan - Dec '08	Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10
Number of Stolen Vehicles	1,701	1,482	956

Auto Theft Recoveries	Jan - Dec '08	Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10
Stolen Car Recoveries	416	458	381

Auto Theft Arrests	Jan - Dec '08	Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10
Criminal Arrests (made by Task Force only)	101	73	76

## Juvenile Enforcement Team (JET)

Case Index Totals	Jan - Dec '08	Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Nov '10
Cases Assigned	992	1075	1215
Felonies	163	183	178
Misdemeanors	382	398	531
Exceptionally Cleared	814	772	699
Not Cleared	144	255	152
Unfounded	39	39	28
Status Offender	315	372	355
Missing Persons	120	116	147
Arrests	160	223	116

## Emergency Dispatch Call Totals

<u>Call Volume</u>	Jan - Dec '08	Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10
E-911 Calls	171,681	166,473	155,586
Non 911 Calls	392,041	347,261	295,892
<b>Total Calls</b>	<b>563,722</b>	<b>513,734</b>	<b>451,478</b>

## Special Investigations Unit (SIU)

Case Index Totals	Jan - Dec '08	Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Nov '10
Cases Assigned	2379	2589	2787
Felonies	1011	1349	1086
Misdemeanors	1368	1521	1606
Exceptionally Cleared	1517	1999	2175
Warrants	254	230	209
Arrests	101	123	132
Sex Offender Registrations	286	319	357

<u>Crime Victims Compensation Unit</u>	Jan - Dec '08	Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10
LPD Case Reports Submitted	724	607	674
Victim Contacts	965	2,091	1804
CVC Application Activity	317	271	462
Misc. Activity	207	55	162
<b>Total CVC Unit Activities</b>	<b>2,213</b>	<b>3,024</b>	<b>3,102</b>

## Narcotics and Vice Division

Case Index Totals	Jan - Dec '08	Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10
Cases Assigned	146	145	189
Marijuana (lbs)	13,115 lbs	8,227 lbs	9,143.03 lbs
Cocaine	1,096 g	6.27 lbs	128.91 lbs
Heroin (grams)	98.3 g	4.76 g	24.1 g
Weapons Seized	31	27	23
Currency Seized	\$4,801,317	\$870,728	\$1,735,861
Arrests	209	141	195

## Patrol Division (Uniformed Police Services)

Case Index Totals	Jan - Dec '10
Marijuana (lbs)	3,930.2 lbs
Cocaine	166.31 lbs
Heroin (grams)	179.4 g
Meth	9 lbs
Weapons Seized	487
Arrests	608

<u>Warrants Section</u>		Jan - Dec '08	Jan - Sept. '09	Jan - Dec '10
Warrants	(# of served warrants)	437	534	370
<b>Total Warrants Served (Arrests)</b>		<b>437</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>370</b>

## Arrest Stats

<u>Persons Arrested</u>		Jan - Dec '08	Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10
Adults	Males – 5319 Females – 1330	5,595	6,408	6,649
Juveniles	Males – 625 Females – 322	1,260	1,356	947
<b>Total Arrests</b>		<b>6,855</b>	<b>7,764</b>	<b>7,596</b>

## Laredo Police Department Sworn Strength

<u>Personnel</u>		Jan - Dec '08	Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10
Sworn Personnel	(Authorized Strength)	443	460	460
Sworn Personnel	(# of filled positions)	421	425	418
<i>Total Sworn Personnel</i>		421	425	418

## Overall Crime Statistics

Citywide		Offenses		
<u>Part I Index Offenses</u> UCR Rules Reported Date of Offense		Jan - Dec '08	Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Oct '10
Murder	(# of victims)	10	19	8
Rape	(# of victims)	69	76	70
Robbery	(# of offenses)	277	313	149
Aggravated Assault	(# of victims)	859	893	806
<b>Total Violent Index Crimes</b>		<b>1,215</b>	<b>1,301</b>	<b>1,033</b>
Burglary	(# of premises entered)	2,091	2,159	2,234
Theft	(# of offenses)	10,518	10,088	5,809
Auto Theft	(# of vehicles)	1,701	1,482	845
<b>Total Property Index Crimes</b>		<b>14,310</b>	<b>13,729</b>	<b>8,888</b>
<b>Part I Index Crimes Overall Totals</b>		<b>15,525</b>	<b>15,030</b>	<b>9,921</b>

**2010 Serving Children and Adolescents in Need (SCAN)  
Statistics**

Name of SCAN Program	FY 2010 No. of Clients/ Participants Served (Sep.1, 2009-Aug.31, 2010)
SCAN's <b>BEEP</b> Outpatient Drug Treatment Program	125 Adults
SCAN's <b>Border Traumatic Stress Response Center</b>	100 children/youth
SCAN's <b>C-STAR</b> Outpatient Treatment Program	35 transition youth
SCAN's <b>Esperanza</b> Youth Recovery Home	40 adolescent girls
SCAN's <b>Futuros Sin Limitaciones</b> Offender Reentry Program	100 reentry adults
SCAN's <b>Rio Grande Valley</b> Youth Recovery Home	105 adolescent boys
SCAN's <b>Serenidad</b> Recovery Home	170 adult males
SCAN's <b>Serenidad Women's</b> Recovery Home	20 adult females
SCAN's <b>STAND</b> [Students Taking Action Negating Drugs] Outpatient Treatment Program	250 youth
SCAN's <b>Youth</b> Recovery Home	118 adolescent boys
SCAN's <b>SASI</b> [Sexual Assault and Information] Program	100 victims
SCAN's <b>ARCO</b> Iris Program	24 transition youth
SCAN's <b>Casey</b> Project	Residents of Rio Bravo and El Cenizo
SCAN's <b>CORAZON</b> [Caring Options for Runaway Adolescents Zesting Opportunities Nobly] Program	700 at risk youth
SCAN's <b>Emergency</b> Youth Shelter	200 children and youth
SCAN's <b>Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder</b> Prevention Program	160 women
SCAN's <b>Futuros Saludables</b> Peer to Peer Recovery Program	130 persons in recovery
SCAN's <b>Futuros Sin Barreras</b> Program	120 youth
SCAN's <b>PACT</b> Program	1,350 children and their parents
SCAN's <b>Juntos Podemos</b> Program	120 Hispanic Women
SCAN's <b>Pregnant and Post-Partum Intervention (PPI)</b> Program	50 adults and adolescents
SCAN's <b>RHY</b> [Runaway and Homeless Youth] Program	100 youth
SCAN's <b>STAR</b> [The Services to At Risk Youth] Program	675 children and youth
SCAN's <b>Webb County</b> Community Coalition Program	Webb County Residents

## United Independent School District

The United Independent School District, located in Laredo Texas directly on the Texas-Mexican Border, provides public education services for all students residing within the pre-determined boundaries of Webb County, Texas. UISD is a large district in both land and student population, covering an area roughly the size of the state of Delaware. The district has an enrollment of over 41,000 students and operates 41 schools: 27 elementary schools, 9 middle schools, 4 high schools, and 1 alternative school. The student population is economically diverse and the boundaries spread out through the metropolitan city of Laredo and other smaller communities such as El Cenizo and Rio Bravo, and extending into many unincorporated “*colonia*” areas. The total enrollment for the district as of 2010-2011 school year is approximately 71% economically disadvantaged and 97% are Hispanic. Approximately 67% of the population is considered at-risk.

## South Texas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse

### FY 10 (September 2009-August 2010)

#### Number of Clients Served

**YPU-** Education Skills 2847

**YPS-** 305

**YPI-** 356

**YPI Indicated-** 184

**RBI-** 170 (youth)

128 (adults)

**HEI-**

# of clients attending presentations 1215

# of clients (Webb) 21

**SAMHSA** 193

**TRA-** 344

**TRF-** 285

**COPSD-** 205

**TDCJ-** 23

**Drug Court-** 63

**AOPD-** 187

**CDC**

**CTR-** #of tests administered 410

**Safety Counts-** # of adults completed 52

**VOICES-** # of participants in presentations 1527

**WEBB COUNTY JUVENILE STATISTICS  
YEARLY COMPARISON CHART**

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
# of Formal Referrals	1,744	1,992	1,909	2,184	2,162	1,881	2,050	2,501	2,416	2,704	2,219
% Increase/Decrease						-13%	+9%	+22%	-3%	+12%	-18%
TYC Commitments	22	19	24	32	24	35	24	34	17	7	6
<b>FELONY OFFENSES</b>											
Homicide/Attempted Homicide	3	2	6	8	1	1	2	0	2	2	1
Sexual Assault	9	3	7	5	12	9	12	10	13	9	13
Robbery	14	10	9	23	9	13	32	34	25	29	9
Aggravated Assault	62	71	82	84	112	85	95	118	119	138	124
Burglary	73	49	45	64	54	64	60	63	35	64	31
Theft	19	10	14	21	21	19	21	29	13	20	12
Motor Vehicle Theft	23	22	11	32	21	25	24	17	12	22	16
Drug Offenses	69	76	103	106	77	73	87	63	97	114	89
Weapons Violations	20	37	25	42	24	30	29	27	18	16	12
Other Felonies								280	256	258	114
<b>CLASS A &amp; B MISDEMEANORS</b>											
Weapons Violations	10	34	20	39	17	8	10	11	14	11	10
Assault	241	236	247	278	349	274	270	359	360	362	335
Theft	180	241	229	269	250	230	240	258	257	267	191
Drug Offenses	195	187	152	223	215	194	259	248	245	242	185
Other Misdemeanors								776	772	742	682
<b>STATUS OFFENSES</b>											
Truancy	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Runaway	233	244	74	232	220	194	175	200	166	191	101
Other CINS Offenses *										217	294
<b>AGES</b>											
10	11	14	21	12	16	11	7	12	14	11	4
11	41	43	41	42	41	45	29	46	38	33	31
12	117	139	119	157	161	133	126	115	98	160	150
13	284	313	270	337	337	293	272	328	305	303	282
14	365	454	416	452	485	415	482	620	475	511	468
15	451	518	543	571	506	478	528	665	324	811	614
16	448	497	478	599	606	485	592	698	813	846	644
17	24	14	16	14	10	21	14	17	49	29	26
<b>GENDER</b>											
Males	1187	1355	1288	1565	1504	1383	1527	1839	1759	1932	1571
Females	554	637	616	619	658	498	523	661	657	772	648

## Webb County District Attorney's Office Statistics

<b>Webb County District Attorney's 49th District Court</b>													
49th Received a Total of 630 Cases in 2010													
RECEIVED CASES BY MONTH	55	64	80	84	20	49	62	34	31	47	43	61	630
	1/1/2010	2/1/2010	3/1/2010	4/1/2010	5/1/2010	6/1/2010	7/1/2010	8/1/2010	9/1/2010	10/1/2010	11/1/2010	12/1/2010	Totals
<b>Charges Filed by Indictment</b>	30	7	30	29	11	45	0	32	32	40	13		269
<b>Dispositions</b>	41	49	45	47	50	47	44	32	26	16	25		422

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<b>Webb County District Attorney's 49th District Court</b>													
49th Received a Total of 1,102 Cases in 2009													
RECEIVED CASES BY MONTH	40	58	259	55	59	75	123	64	132	73	85	79	1102
	1/1/2009	2/1/2009	3/1/2009	4/1/2009	5/1/2009	6/1/2009	7/1/2009	8/1/2009	9/1/2009	10/1/2009	11/1/2009	12/1/2009	TOTALS
<b>Charges Filed by Indictment</b>	12	55	85	39	11	50	39	26	29	15	63	54	478
<b>Dispositions</b>	16	21	29	41	38	42	37	34	33	42	58	20	411

<b>Webb County District Attorney's 49th District Court</b>													
49th Received a Total of 606 Cases in 2008													
RECEIVED CASES BY MONTH	48	54	89	8	57	75	35	72	28	34	72	34	606
	1/1/08	2/1/08	3/1/08	4/1/08	5/1/08	6/1/08	7/1/08	8/1/08	9/1/08	10/1/08	11/1/08	12/1/08	TOTALS
<b>Charges Filed by Indictment</b>	51	0	30	20	25	35	24	9	12	19	12	45	282
<b>Dispositions</b>	21	20	25	38	28	24	35	17	49	25	29	12	323

\*Cases in the 49th District Court include: Murders, Assault or Attempted Murder, Aggravated Robbery, Robbery, Aggravated Kidnapping, Kidnapping, Theft, Aggravated Assault, Negligence Homicide, Intoxication Manslaughter, Intoxication assault, Felony D.W.I.

<b>Webb County District Attorney's 406th District Court</b>														
Filed and Disposed Cases														TOTALS
<b>Charges filed by Indictment</b>	35	68	67	11	71	77	43	53	9	47	20	21	522	
<b>Dispositions</b>	50	37	39	69	49	79	43	76	49	67	60	34	652	
DA's Office Received a Total of 2,667 Cases in 2009														
RECEIVED CASES BY MONTH	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	TOTALS	
<b>Domestic Violence Unit</b>	33	73	176	64	115	178	46	106	111	76	126	84	1188	
<b>Special Victims Unit</b>	10	42	53	15	61	28	18	8	36	23	23	14	331	
<b>Drug Court</b>	55	5	186	137	115	129	97	29	124	55	117	99	1148	

<b>Webb County District Attorney's 406th District Court</b>														
Filed and Disposed Cases														TOTALS
<b>Charges Filed by Indictment</b>	29	33	69	40	32	61	24	26	20	6	26	77	443	
<b>Dispositions</b>	38	60	62	43	73	46	139	51	55	35	63	42	707	
DA's Office Received a Total of 1,555 Cases in 2008														
RECEIVED CASES BY MONTH	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	TOTALS	
<b>Domestic Violence Unit</b>	26	35	26	138	27	147	37	73	31	27	48	31	646	
<b>Special Victims Unit</b>	36	15	15	18	17	24	8	18	9	12	19	23	214	
<b>Drug Court</b>	94	36	67	9	88	80	53	51	50	51	70	46	695	

\*Cases in the 406th District Court include: Domestic Violence, Sexual Assaults, Indecency with a Child and Elderly, Abandonment, Drug Possession, Drug Sale or Manufacture.

<b>Webb County District Attorney's 341st District Court</b>													
341st Received a Total of 482 Cases in 2010													
RECEIVED CASES BY MONTH	34	45	56	41	17	46	57	23	14	45	41	63	482
	1/1/2010	2/1/2010	3/1/2010	4/1/2010	5/1/2010	6/1/2010	7/1/2010	8/1/2010	9/1/2010	10/1/2010	11/1/2010	12/1/2010	TOTALS
Charges Filed by Indictment	2	27	37	20	28	29	13	74	30	13	23		296
Dispositions	33	31	32	45	31	25	28	31	45	31	15		347

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<b>Webb County District Attorney's 341st District Court</b>													
341st Received a Total of 1,027 Cases in 2009													
RECEIVED CASES BY MONTH	48	78	214	66	61	138	101	52	101	42	74	52	1027
	1/1/2009	2/1/2009	3/1/2009	4/1/2009	5/1/2009	6/1/2009	7/1/2009	8/1/2009	9/1/2009	10/1/2009	11/1/2009	12/1/2009	TOTALS
Charges Filed by Indictment	40	41	22	5	24	33	33	34	18	46	32	55	383
Dispositions	11	12	21	18	31	23	40	30	23	40	20	43	312

<b>Webb County District Attorney's 341st District Court</b>													
341st Received a Total of 773 Cases in 2008													
RECEIVED CASES BY MONTH	82	55	63	26	84	98	54	89	36	41	58	87	773
	1/1/08	2/1/08	3/1/08	4/1/08	5/1/08	6/1/08	7/1/08	8/1/08	9/1/08	10/1/08	11/1/08	12/1/08	TOTALS
Charges Filed by Indictment	7	7	22	15	36	14	15	8	38	14	14	22	212
Dispositions	29	14	32	31	23	26	31	25	21	25	23	38	318

\*Cases in the 341st District Court include: Aggravated Assaults, Robberies, Theft, Assault on a Peace Officer, Credit Card Abuse, Forgeries, Felony level- C criminal Mischief, DWI, Murder Manslaughter, Accident Involving Injury or Death, Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity.

<b>Webb County Court I &amp; II</b>													
Webb County Courts I & II Received a Total of 4,265 Cases in 2009													
RECEIVED CASES BY MONTH	197	136	417	214	359	234	620	682	137	381	575	313	4265
	1/1/2009	2/1/2009	3/1/2009	4/1/2009	5/1/2009	6/1/2009	7/1/2009	8/1/2009	9/1/2009	10/1/2009	11/1/2009	12/1/2009	TOTALS
Charges Filed	107	104	43	130	100	95	122	215	82	220	180	210	1608
Dispositions	105	126	126	126	92	177	159	100	140	158	180	101	1590

<b>Webb County Court I &amp; II</b>													
Webb County Courts I & II Received a Total of 2,294 Cases in 2008													
RECEIVED CASES BY MONTH	188	108	121	93	332	288	293	268	99	172	22	310	2294
	1/1/08	2/1/08	3/1/08	4/1/08	5/1/08	6/1/08	7/1/08	8/1/08	9/1/08	10/1/08	11/1/08	12/1/08	TOTALS
Charges Filed	74	75	76	233	47	112	108	77	183	53	66	38	1142
Dispositions	178	146	79	143	96	107	103	135	168	129	106	132	1522

\*Cases in County Court I & II include: DWI, DUID, Theft or worthless check, Drug offenses, Assault, Traffic.

2010 Webb County Sheriff's Office

WEBB CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE													
TOTAL CIVIL PAPERS COMPLETED - FOR THE YEAR 2010													
DESCRIPTION	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Regular Citations	416	662	800	744	824	716	696	638	842	364	336	318	7356
Indictments	384	644	510	650	448	272	602	614	748	460	256	184	5772
Postings	264	154	174	118	216	256	116	224	214	132	136	128	2132
Summons	64	96	166	56	12	48	22	90	32	48	88	56	778
Bench Warrant	40	8	48	16	24	16	40	24	48	40	0	8	312
Citation by Publication	0	16	46	24	32	16	8	0	62	0	8	0	274
Civil Subpoenas	32	62	80	70	40	64	16	24	8	8	8	16	428
Notice of Hearing	144	128	136	128	240	86	112	222	168	200	46	64	1674
Order of Sale	16	496	610	208	8	0	272	430	8	0	0	0	2048
Protective Order	8	8	0	0	8	0	8	0	32	8	24	0	96
Tax Warrants	732	728	0	24	0	0	232	0	0	0	0	0	1716
Write of Attachments	32	8	24	64	0	8	40	0	8	16	24	24	248
Writ of Execution	54	114	112	8	22	16	48	48	38	22	8	0	490
Writ of Garnishment	56	24	0	16	8	48	8	0	24	16	40	24	264
Writ of Possess	8	40	0	24	0	0	16	8	0	0	0	8	104
Writ of Sequest	0	46	32	0	0	16	32	16	0	0	0	0	142
Attorney General	32	16	80	56	64	56	40	88	48	12	0	16	508
Mental Health	27	27	28	30	19	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	137
Any other type	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Notice of Attorney	0	0	24	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
Writ of Habeas	104	104	256	120	200	56	80	152	112	64	32	64	1344
Precept to Serve	40	46	110	150	136	48	104	94	52	48	24	24	876
<b>Total for YR 2010</b>	<b>2,453</b>	<b>3,427</b>	<b>3,236</b>	<b>2,514</b>	<b>2,301</b>	<b>1,728</b>	<b>2,492</b>	<b>2,672</b>	<b>2,444</b>	<b>1,438</b>	<b>1,030</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>26,669</b>

WEBB COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE									
WARRANTS DIVISION									
2010									
	F/1	F/2	F/3	SJF	C/A	C/B	TICKETS	TOTAL	
406TH	28	137	153	132	25	25	0		500
341ST	41	87	39	206	18	18	0		409
111TH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
49TH	138	117	73	130	15	24	0		497
CCL #1	2	1	17	4	398	615	0		1037
CCL #2	1	0	4	3	267	554	0		829
AG	0	0	12	20	0	0	0		32
JP 1	4	2	9	3	5	8	0		31
JP 1 PL 2	2	5	2	2	3	3	0		17
JP 2	2	12	1	15	10	20	0		60
JP 2 PL 2	0	2	3	3	6	2	0		16
JP 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
JP 4	2	6	7	1	7	1	0		24
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>1270</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>3452</b>

2010 SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
INVESTIGATIONS BY MONTH-  
INVESTIGATIONS DIV.

	ISSUED	CLOSED
JANUARY	50	17
FEBRUARY	52	17
MARCH	65	27
APRIL	49	31
MAY	49	31
JUNE	97	43
JULY	61	23
AUGUST	82	52
SEPTEMBER	38	28
OCTOBER	45	36
NOVEMBER	59	46
DECEMBER	47	29
TOTAL	694	380

## 2010 MARIJUANA SEIZURES PATROL DIV.

**DATE            MARIJUANA            STREET VALUE**

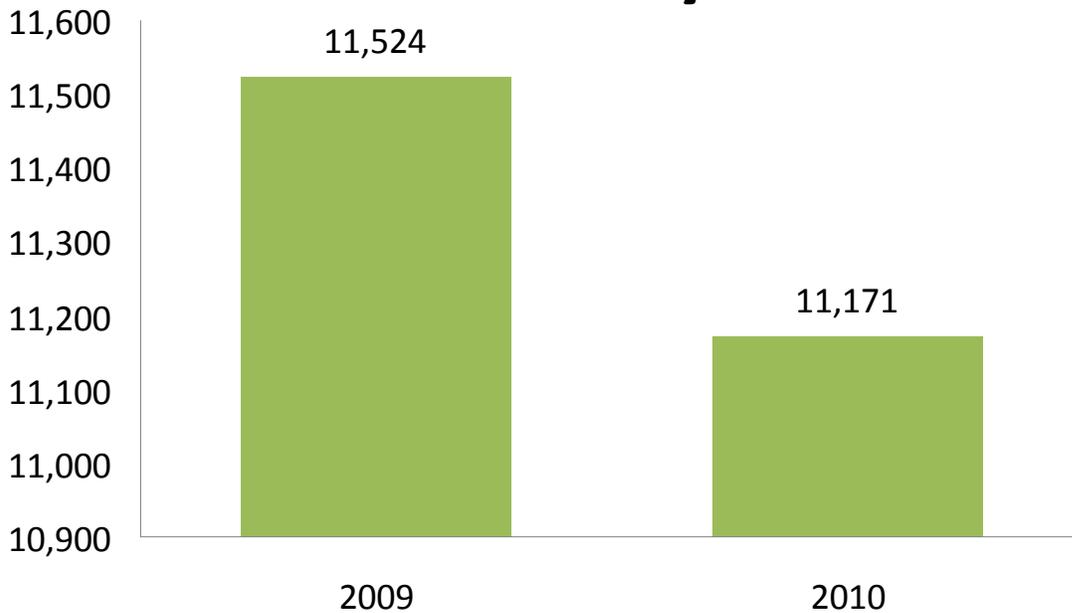
<b>1/4/2010</b>	<b>260 lbs.</b>	<b>\$ 131,560.00</b>
<b>1/2010</b>	<b>25 lbs.</b>	<b>\$ 12,650.00</b>
<b>2/8/2010</b>	<b>481 lbs.</b>	<b>\$ 243,386.00</b>
<b>2/16/2010</b>	<b>366 lbs.</b>	<b>\$ 185,196.00</b>
<b>2/24/2010</b>	<b>424.8 lbs.</b>	<b>\$ 214,999.4</b>
<b>3/2010</b>	<b>404 lbs.</b>	<b>\$ 204,424.00</b>
<b>3/24/2010</b>	<b>15 lbs.</b>	<b>\$ 7,590.00</b>
<b>3/24/2010</b>	<b>528.9 lbs.</b>	<b>\$ 267,623.4</b>
<b>4/28/2010</b>	<b>78 lbs.</b>	<b>\$ 39,468.00</b>
<b>5/13/2010</b>	<b>243.4 lbs.</b>	<b>\$ 123,160.4</b>
<b>5/15/2010</b>	<b>2.4 lbs.</b>	<b>\$ 1,214.4</b>
<b>6/14/2010</b>	<b>16 lbs.</b>	<b>\$ 8,096.00</b>
<b>6/27/2010</b>	<b>4 lbs.</b>	<b>\$ 2,024.00</b>
<b>8/3/2010</b>	<b>71.2 lbs.</b>	<b>\$ 7,476.00</b>
<b>8/20/2010</b>	<b>150.5 lbs.</b>	<b>\$ 76,153.00</b>
<b>9/28/2010</b>	<b>9 lbs.</b>	<b>\$ 4,554.00</b>
<b>10/14/2010</b>	<b>97 lbs.</b>	<b>\$ 49,082.00</b>
<b>0</b>		
<b>12/15/2010</b>	<b>4,448 lbs.</b>	<b>\$ 2,400,000.00</b>
<b>0</b>		
	<b>7,475 LBS</b>	<b>\$ 3,096,357.2</b>

**2009 TOTAL 14,347.27 LBS      \$7,379,454.94**

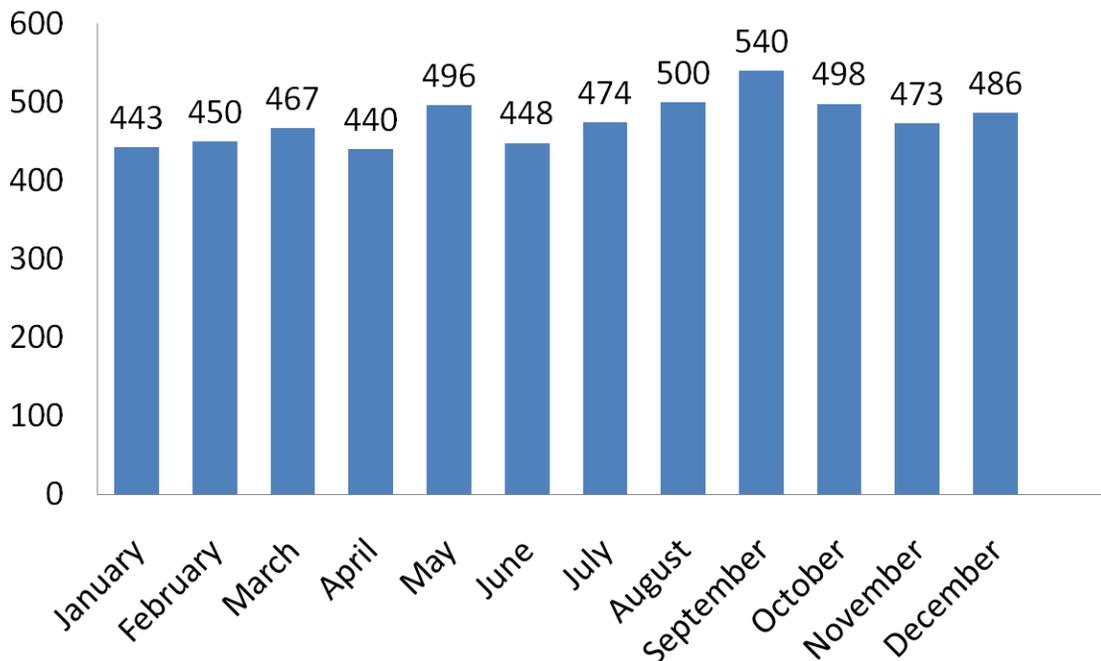
## 2010 PATROL DIVISION INCIDENT STATS

Type of Incidents	Total
Accident Reports CR-3	106
Aggravated Assault PO	143
Assault / or F/V	334 / 111 FV
Burglary of Building	45
Burglary of Habitation	169
Burglary of Vehicle	26
<b>Cash Seizures</b>	<b>\$ 1,760,727.00</b>
Criminal Mischief	80
Criminal Trespass	21
<b>Citations Issued</b>	<b>2,001</b>
<b>Courtesy Check</b>	<b>1,983</b>
D.W.I.	55
<b>Deceased Persons</b>	<b>8</b>
Telephone Harassment	35
<b>Marijuana Seizures</b>	<b>7,475 lbs</b>
<b>Other Contraband</b>	<b>Cocaine 18kilo 744.9 grams</b>
Misc. Total Arrests	<b>339</b>
<b>Motor Vehicle Stops</b>	<b>11,647</b>
<b>Person to Person Contacts</b>	<b>3,549</b>
Missing or Runaway Child	28
Terr. Threats	55
Theft Reports	142
<b>Vehicle Search</b>	<b>5,676</b>
<b>Vehicle Chases</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Warning Issued/ Verbal</b>	<b>6,654</b>

# Inmates Booked Into Webb County Jail



## Jail Population 2010



# Identification of Community Problems

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## General Public Safety Need and Issues

### **Needs and Issues (RESOURCE AND SERVICE GAPS)**

During the development of the City of Laredo/Webb County Criminal Justice Plan, several obvious gaps in resources, services or needs for additional services were identified. The following is a numerical listing of those resource and service gaps followed by a qualitative discussion with quantitative numbers embedded in said discussion:

#### A. VICTIMS ISSUES

1. Expansion of services/chronic shortage of qualified personnel for the Children's Advocacy Center of Webb County
2. Expansion of services/chronic shortage of qualified certified personnel for Casa Misericordia Domestic Violence Shelter as well as dealing with housing, legal, and immigration issues particularly problematic to the South Texas border.
3. Limited resources for investigation, prosecution, and provision of services for victims of domestic/ family violence, including housing, counseling, medical bills assistance.

#### B. LAW ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

1. Equipment, training, and manpower for local law enforcement agencies for international border and local public safety issues, including patrol, investigative, juvenile services, & jail management.
2. Funding for law enforcement agency initiatives that are typically classified as not traditional policing, such as anti-bullying initiatives by and a dispatch system for the school district police department (United Independent School District).
3. Tools/equipment for law enforcement communication/information sharing across different, traditional boundaries, including juvenile services and the expansion/continued funding of jail intelligence unit
4. Need for additional resources for the Laredo Crime Stoppers Programs
5. Expansion/additional of auto theft prevention programs.
6. New location/funding for Webb County firing range.

#### C. JUVENILE & GANG-RELATED ISSUES

1. Lack of substance abuse and mental health services for juveniles & juvenile offenders
2. Lack of programs combating gang and gang-related problems, especially early prevention programs (for elementary & middle school level youth) against drug & gang-related influence.
3. Need for anti-bullying programs

4. Need for a comprehensive family-oriented drug court.
5. Lack of vocational training opportunities for juveniles and after-school programs/summer camps/activities for elementary, middle, high school students and parents.

D. MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

1. Lack of qualified personnel to provide mental health services.
2. Lack of treatment options for co-occurring mental health and drug abuse problems and lack of residential drug treatment services for adults & youth
3. Lack of mental services for adult and youth offenders
4. Large numbers of jail inmates with mental health, drug abuse, and medical problems who continually cycle through the criminal justice system at great costs to taxpayers.

## Victim Issues

**Expansion of services/chronic shortage of qualified therapists, specifically licensed professional therapists for Children’s Advocacy Center and Casa Misericordia Domestic Violence Shelter as well as dealing with housing, legal, and immigration issue particularly problematic to the South Texas border. /Limited resources for investigation, prosecution, and provision of services for victims of domestic/ family violence, including housing, counseling, medical bills assistance.**

**Discussion:** Perhaps the most severe gap noted by the CAC in its efforts to serve child victims of abuse is the chronic shortage of qualified therapists, specifically licensed professional therapists. As a non-profit, dependent on competitive government and/or short term foundation funding for all of its operating budget, the CAC struggles to obtain the funding needed to compete with the private work place or even with educational systems, both of which offer professional salaries which are markedly above the norm for a non-profit, i.e. LPC’s in private practice earning as much as \$124,800 to \$176,800. Other salaries which compete with a non-profit’s ability to attract and retain qualified counselors and/or therapists are the following:

1. Beginning public school teacher salary: \$43, 000 (\$20.67 hr)
2. Public School Counselor, not an LPC: \$50,000 ( \$24.03 hr)

In contrast, CAC Laredo currently offers its LPCI a salary of \$50,000, making this position the second highest paid one on staff, yet still subject to stiff competition from other local non-profits seeking to provide the same type of professional service.

Ms. Jessica Villarreal, Crime Victims Services Coordinator for the District Attorney's Office, noted a need for additional resources for crime victims services. These victims need help with housing, counseling, and medical bills, especially if the victims of violent crime are not females. Ms. Karen Martinez, Shelter Manager for Casa Misericordia Domestic Violence Shelter, noted that the number of domestic violence victims seeking services had risen dramatically since September. Huge issues for them were lack of housing and the resulting homelessness. The shelter was also having trouble moving clients out of the domestic violence shelter and into transitional housing in order to serve other victims. Parenting is a huge issue in Laredo. Studies have found that if the relationship between a mother and the children are functioning properly, then—in spite of other negative life factors—then the children have a fighting chance to succeed in life and school. In this current economic situation, it is difficult for low income, low skill adults to find work. Mental health problems in the local community and finding counseling services for the children from a household with domestic violence problems are also continually pressing issues.

Within the community there is a lack of counseling/mental health resources for both adults and children. From July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010 (Fiscal Year 2010), Casa de Misericordia provided counseling services to an average of 100 adults per month for a total of 2656 counseling sessions. Potential responses to the problem include continue community collaboration with community agencies and pro-bono mental health practitioners, working with licensed professionals to obtain prescriptive authority status, and to look for additional resources to secure additional counselors.

### **Housing**

**Discussion:** Within the community there is a lack of adequate, affordable, and transitional housing. In FY 2010 Casa de Misericordia assisted 55 families with some type of financial assistance for housing (either first month's rent and/or utility assistance). Casa de Misericordia provides referrals to the Laredo Housing Authority and other agencies that assist with housing and also works with agencies that help victims apply for Crime Victim's Compensation. However, Casa de Misericordia continues to see that victims wanting to leave the shelter are having a difficult time finding adequate, affordable and/or transitional housing since the waiting list for housing is very long or closed, affordable housing within the community at large is very limited, especially for someone who just began working and has to pay for child care, and many landlords do not want to rent to individuals with many children. As a result, it is difficult for victims to get on their feet when they cannot find a home. Potential responses include continuing to work with local agencies that provide any type of housing assistance and looking for additional funding to develop an additional transitional housing program in the community.

### **Legal and Immigration**

**Discussion:** Within the community there is a lack of resources to secure legal and immigration assistance. Casa de Misericordia works with the District Attorney's Office, Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid and a few pro-bono attorneys to secure legal and immigration assistance. However, the wait time for representation for a protective order can be very lengthy – over a month. In addition, due to limited affordable resources in

the community, many victims are forced to wait months to receive assistance for a divorce, custody, and/or immigration relief. Potential responses to the problem include continuing to work with community organizations that provide these types of services and looking for additional funding to secure these resources.

## Law Enforcement Issues

**Equipment, training, and manpower for local law enforcement agencies for international border and local public safety issues, including patrol, investigative, juvenile services, & jail management./Funding for law enforcement agency initiatives that are typically classified as not traditional policing, such as anti-bullying initiatives by and a dispatch system for the school district police department (United Independent School District)./Tools/equipment for law enforcement communication/information sharing across different, traditional boundaries, including juvenile services and the expansion/continued funding of jail intelligence unit./Need for additional resources for the Laredo Crime Stoppers Programs./Expansion/additional of auto theft prevention programs./New location/funding for Webb County firing range.**

**Equipment, training, and manpower for local law enforcement agencies for international border and local public safety issues, including patrol, investigative, juvenile services, & jail management.**

**Discussion:** Assistant Chief Gilbert Navarro, Laredo Police Department, indicated that he had seen a sharp increase in cocaine availability. Laredo/Webb County has always functioned as a transshipment center for illegal narcotics. Now, however, drugs that had been traditionally shipped out are now staying in Laredo. The Laredo Police Department has also seen an increase in juvenile crime in Webb County. This is particularly true of female juveniles committing crimes. He estimated that the police department may have seen a 50% rise in female juveniles committing crimes. Often, these crimes stem from drug abuse. When these juveniles get in trouble with law enforcement, parents frequently ask for detoxification services for their children. Sometimes even the offending youth plead for drug rehabilitation services. However, they must travel out of town and are frequently placed on long waiting lists for services that may take many, many months.

Laredo Police Department noted that they obtained a COPS grant to employ 22 new COPS officers. Current statistical U.S. census data do not truly reflect the needs of the local law enforcement agencies as far as sufficient manpower and equipment to protect the Laredo/Webb County population. Someone noted that this is due to the fact that there is a large ghost population that is not counted by the U.S. Census. There is a transitional population that moves from Texas into Mexico and an even higher transitory population that regularly moves from Mexico to South Texas, especially during the recent outbreak of drug cartel violence.

Needed resources for local law enforcement agencies such as the Laredo Police Department, the Webb County Sheriff's Office, UISD Police Department, and the Constable's Offices include continued border security, additional equipment and personnel, dedicated investigative teams, and intelligence gathering across traditional jurisdictions. Location makes Webb County a major nexus of illicit commerce as the largest in-land port in the United States where there are numerous warehouses, industrial parks, rail road cargo trailers to hide the illegal criminal enterprises that need to be disrupted and dismantled. The County of Webb is located at the exact

international border between Mexico and Texas, and includes eighty-six (86) miles of international border with the three Mexican states of Coahuila, Nuevo Leon, and Tamaulipas. Therefore, there is a need for continued border security by local law enforcement consisting of investigation, apprehension and conviction of individuals and organizations involved in the distribution, use and/or production of illegal enterprises—such as illegal narcotics, money laundering, human smuggling/trafficking as well as robberies, homicide, abductions/kidnapping, motor vehicle theft, drugs, and extortions, which are linked to border violence and cartel operations —along the Southern Border of Texas. Among the strategies for disrupting and dismantling criminal organizations are working with citizen assistance groups such as Crimestoppers, drawing on intelligence gathered from informants and absconders and regular sharing of intelligence with HIDTA and other local, state, regional and federal agencies. In addition, this task force will continue to identify any future developments, include the formation of any new cartel organizations created.

**Funding for law enforcement agency initiatives that are typically classified as not traditional policing, such as anti-bullying initiatives by and a dispatch system for the school district police department (United Independent School District).**

**Discussion:** Chief Ray Garner stated that school district police are severely disadvantaged when competing for grants like the COPS Program since these police departments are not considered traditional policing. He said that they were also developing anti-bullying initiatives and were always in need of equipment.

**Bullying-**The United Independent School District has taken a proactive approach to dealing with bullying activities throughout the school community. With assistance of the UISD Police Department and other law enforcement agencies, the district has implemented public service announcements to inform parents and students about the importance of reporting all types of bullying activities.

Data shows that bullying activities have increased from 461 in 2008, 754 in 2009 and 839 in 2010. The drastic increase is due to several reasons: peer-pressure, gang-related activities, appearances and attitudes, and more currently cyber bullying whereas students will text each other or post comments on social network websites. Currently, there are no Texas laws on the subject of bullying such as preventive measures or punishment of offenders. However, the district defines bullying as “when a student or group of students engages in written or verbal expression or physical conduct that a school district board of trustees or the board's designee determines:

- (1) will have the effect of physically harming a student, damaging a student's property, or placing a student in reasonable fear of harm to the student's person or of damage to the student's property; or
- (2) is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive enough that the action or threat creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment for a student.

The district has determined that the best approach to dealing with bullying is to provide professional development to train teachers, counselors, administrators, and district law enforcement officers on preventive and intervention strategies including pre-emptive strategies, counseling, and parental guidance. This district-wide training would be offered to every employee who has daily contact with students, from janitorial to administrative personnel.

### **Law Enforcement Needs:**

The United Independent School District Police Department has 56 full-time officers that provide services to 41 campuses and numerous support facilities, including administrative offices, transportation compounds, maintenance, and athletic facilities. As the district is roughly the size of Delaware and with most facilities spread throughout the area, it is very challenging for officers to respond quickly to emergency situations. In order to DECREASE response time to calls, emergencies and to prevent incidents, the district would like to purchase a computer-aided dispatch system to record callers and potential/actual incidents to more quickly inform officers and administrators on potential problems throughout the district resulting in a faster incidence response time.

The district determined that this dispatch system would allow for tracking students and visitors who have had problematic issues with other students, staff, or damaged facilities (vandalism/arson), or are banned from the facilities for short or long term. As a quick snapshot from the Uniform Crime Report provided by the FBI, law enforcement responded to approximately 468 criminal activities from January through May which constitute one-half of the school year. Approximately three-fourth of all activities occur during the school day including assaults (117), disorderly conduct (171) and disturbance of class (98).

Drug abuse and the sales and distribution of narcotics pose a serious threat for the safety of our students. Our data shows that students are exposed daily to drug-related activities, especially in our high schools. According to the Department of Justice - Bureau of Justice Statistics, 83.9 percent of high school students reported that it is fairly easy to obtain control substances inside of school. With United ISD's location along the Texas-Mexican Border in a very active drug courier corridor, there is no doubt that the figure is at the minimum to be representative of our district. As of 2008, the number of drug cases referred to the UISD Police Department were 102 (Marijuana) and 71 (other controlled substances).

**Tools/equipment for law enforcement communication/information sharing across different, traditional boundaries, including juvenile services and the expansion/continued funding of jail intelligence unit.**

Sgt. Gilbert DeLeon, Constable Pct. 1, noted that the effectiveness of law enforcement was hindered by the traditional boundaries of law enforcement jurisdictions. Sgt. Gilberto DeLeon, stated that the constables work with juveniles at the truancy courts. They also work traffic control at certain places and events. In general, law enforcement needs more personnel and equipment. A database between the constables, local law enforcement, and the school district police departments would assist in the integration of criminal justice system's methods of working with juveniles. As an example, he used the fact that the constables who provide civil service processing of paperwork for the Justices of the Peace are not always aware of the past interactions/records that the school district polices (UISD and LISD) or other law enforcement entities—such as the U.S. Border Patrol—have had with the youth who appear in the Justice of the Peace's courts.

**High volume of Auto thefts in Laredo/Webb County**

**Discussion:** In 2009, according to the *Laredo Morning Times* (May 18, 2010), Laredo surpassed Modesto, Calif., to become the No. 1 auto theft hot spot in the country, according to a report released Monday by the National Insurance Crime Bureau. The report showed that Webb County had 1,792 auto theft cases last year. That means a rate of about 742 vehicles were stolen per 100,000 inhabitants. The National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) ranked Laredo No. 6 in 2007. It jumped to No. 2 in 2008, while Modesto had the highest auto theft rate during those two years. Police in Laredo attributed the city's rise on the U.S. list to border crimes, such as criminal organizations stealing vehicles to transport drugs, money, people and weapons into and out of Mexico. Many auto thefts occur at businesses along Interstate 35, making it easy for the perpetrators to be in Mexico within minutes.

**Need for additional resources for the Laredo Crime Stoppers Programs.**

Ms. Estella Quintanilla, LISD Crime Stoppers coordinator, noted that bullying in schools is an issue. She also mentioned the preponderance of drugs in schools and of youth gang members, especially the emergence of female youth gang members. The youth juveniles now serve as an arm of the Mexican drug cartels. Some youth gangs are affiliated to the infamous Zetas Drug Cartel. Laredo Crime Stoppers and LISD Crime Stoppers provides a much needed crime fighting tool utilizing local law enforcement, the media, and members of the community.

**New location/funding for Webb County firing range.**

**Discussion:** Ms. Imelda Pena, Project Coordinator for the Webb County Economic Development Department, noted that the firing range for Webb County—which is utilized in many cases daily by the U.S. Border Patrol, the Webb County Sheriff's

Office, and Laredo Police Department among other law enforcement agencies—used to be located on the outskirts of the Laredo/Webb County community, but is now increasingly surrounded by many businesses and residential housing. This poses a threat to public safety, and Webb County is now looking to re-locate the firing range for the safety of the local community.

## Juvenile Issues

Lack of substance abuse and mental health services for juveniles & juvenile offenders./Lack of programs combating gang and gang-related problems, especially early prevention programs (for elementary & middle school level youth) against drug & gang-related influence./Need for anti-bullying programs./Need for a comprehensive family-oriented drug court./Lack of vocational training opportunities for juveniles and after-school programs/summer camps/activities for elementary, middle, high school students and parents.

### Discussion:

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Mr. Romeo Rodriguez, Jr., Executive Director, STCADA mentioned another issue mentioned was the increase in heroine usage. In addition, a continuing issue was the co-occurrence of mental health issues and drug abuse. Additional utilization of the drug court was needed. He recommended a family drug court that would tie into the Child Protective Services system. This system would work with children and the parents to try to bring the family into a functional mode. Another continuing issue is the homelessness. There are many folks living homeless. Transitional housing and permanent housing is needed.

Mr. Romeo Rodriguez, Jr., Executive Director, STCADA stated that the organized crime business has a wide base and easier time recruiting youth and adults because of the poor socio-economic situation. The key is educating about substance abuse. Prevention is needed. Since the schools are so data- and test-driven, then there is not sufficient time for other needed education services.

Ms. Rebecca Solloa, Executive Director, Catholic Social Services of Laredo, stated that there was a lack of social services. Problems were also due to lack of proper parenting and this also stems from poverty. If there are no jobs, adults are not motivated and there are no real role models. These poverty issues feed into gang activities. The success of local gangs is caused by a full spectrum of needs—the economic situation, poverty, lack of jobs, etc.

Ms. Sylvia Bruni, Executive Director of Children's Advocacy Center, noted a spike in teen suicides in the adjoining community. These were assumed to be associated with drug abuse.

There was also a series of drug overdoses. There needs to be drug dependency counselors at schools. Often, these drug addicted youth are looking for help. The parents are often times either completely unaware or are users themselves. Currently, the family seems so horribly dysfunctional and this feeds into negative sub-cultures.

Mr. Gilbert Navarro, Assistant Police Chief for the Laredo Police Department, noted that the U.S. Border Patrol have been alarmed by local youth gang members utilized for transporting because they are under 18 years of age. The U.S. Border Patrol originally had a policy to immediately release these youth. Therefore, there were no consequences to these youth offenders because U.S. Border would release them immediately. This type of problem exists but there are no numbers to quantify the seriousness of the problem because no law enforcement agency keeps these statistics. However, the U.S. Border Patrol started working with the County Attorney's Office in targeted efforts to prosecute these juvenile offenders.

Another stakeholder mentioned that the family has lost its family values and its support system. Therefore, these youth are ripe for corruption by drug cartel members. The protective elements of the family system then become risk factors. Youth are not offered anything to do. There needs to be strong afterschool programs and sports. These kids need to be connected to the school system since the family is not there to keep them away from trouble.

Another emerging issue is the prostitution of girls, who engage in this illicit activity for the gangs they are either in or affiliated with. Another factor contributing to this emerging issue is the drug addiction of these female youth who must prostitute themselves to pay for their drug addiction. These issues contribute to the growing drug addiction, underage prostitution, and trafficking problems as well as the continued spread of HIV, hepatitis, and tuberculosis.

As of May 2009, the Webb County Juvenile Justice Center (the Webb County juvenile probation and detention center) has inventoried 67 active juvenile gangs in the Webb County area. Just in the past 4 years (2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009), the number of formal referrals to the Webb County Juvenile Justice Center has increased dramatically. Except for 2008, which saw a reduction of merely 3%, each subsequent year witnessed a significant increase in formal referrals of juvenile youth to the Juvenile Justice Center. 2006 had a 9% increase in formal referrals, 2007 saw a jump of 22% in these referrals, and 2009's figure stood at a 12% increase. Including the 3% decrease in 2008, this trend equals to a 40% increase in juvenile referrals in the last 4 years.

## Mental Health Issues

**Lack of qualified personnel to provide mental health services./Lack of treatment options for co-occurring mental health and drug abuse problems and lack of residential drug treatment services for adults & youth./Lack of mental services for adult and youth offenders./Large numbers of jail inmates with mental health, drug abuse, and medical problems who continually cycle through the criminal justice system at great costs to taxpayers.**

**Discussion:** Laredo Police Department Assistant Chief Gilberto Navarro cited a great need for mental health and drug rehabilitation services in the county of Webb/City of Laredo. This lack of services affects all aspects of society, including the criminal justice system. Mr. Francisco

Ramirez, supervisor for the Border Regional Mental Health, noted that there were not enough resources to deal with the many instances of clients with co-occurring mental health and drug addiction issues. He also stated that there was a difficulty in hiring and retaining credentialed licensed professional counselors.

During the 2010 calendar year alone, the Webb County Jail's mental health officer, Mr. Jose Luis Macias, assessed approximately more than 1000 inmates with a previous history of mental health services. In January 2011, approximately 30 jail inmates are currently utilizing mental health services while some other inmates refuse mental health services and are thus only under observation. In the last decade, there has been an increasing problem in the local community with mentally ill individuals. To help these individuals deal with their significant issues, which may include drug addiction, aggressive behavior, lack of housing, poor nutrition, and inability to function and to provide for self needs. There are few, if any, actual resources to try to deal with their significant problems in an appropriate and medically staffed treatment facility. Instead, an unspoken but often utilized method of dealing with this problem is to simply sweep this problem out of the way. Specifically, family members of these mentally ill individuals are advised to simply have their relatives arrested and placed in jail. There, they will be sheltered, closely monitored, fed three square meals a day, clothed, provided with the proper and often very expensive medicine. These types of cases have proliferated in the past four years, and their heavy costs are borne by the county of Webb taxpayers.

More importantly, these individuals are not treated for their serious mental problems, and continue to cycle through the system without this proper treatment. They continue to be a threat to their families, friends, businesses, neighborhoods when they are released and do not have the "sheltering" services of the Webb County Jail anymore. They also constitute a threat to their fellow inmates, detention officers, civilian workers, and themselves while they are at the jail since the Webb County Jail is not a treatment facility, but an institution to punish wrongdoing.

Clearly, the system between mental health services and the local criminal justice system is overwhelmed and cannot meet the current needs. Inmates with the proper and adequate mental health treatment both inside and outside the Webb County Jail will have a fighting chance of a functional life, no longer pose a threat to their community, and remove this heavy and reoccurring burden off the Webb County taxpayers' backs.

Mental health issues were also brought up during the discussion of law enforcement issues due to the fact that people with mental health issues frequently cycle through the criminal justice system. There are no detoxification facilities in the local community. In addition, there is no Crisis Intervention Team (C.I.T.) in the local community. In other communities, it has been very successful, but it requires a significant commitment from the police department and mental health officials.

Mr. Francisco Ramirez, Supervisor at Border Region MHMR, stated that although confidentiality is a big issue with mental health services, such integration of systems can be accomplished since the Webb County Jail and Border Region MHMR have been able to sync up their systems to be better able to identify jail inmates with previously documented mental health issues.

Border Region MHMR must move forward strategically to enhance the Center's marketing efforts. Even though the center has increased its visibility and presence in the community, the Center is now ready to refine its efforts to address the issues of staff recruitment, innovative service delivery and community education. If we are to do an effective job with marketing, then we benefit by standing out in a way that is meaningful to our community, as well as prospective employees.

Border Region MHMR Planning and Network Advisory Committee (PNAC) has made further recommendations based upon their knowledge of the community and feedback from stakeholders:

- Increased efforts in the recruitment of professional staff, i.e. psychiatrists & counselors; incentive plans, i.e. stipends for college course work, discussions with higher education institutions on the needs for more mental health professionals; assistance with repaying student loans; utilization of professional trade magazines for advertising
- Expansion of "telemedicine" capabilities for adult mental health consumers
- Utilization of trade magazines for wider recruitment efforts
- Enhanced website development
- Establish Border Region MHMR's leadership role in 'youth suicide prevention and awareness activities' within our communities
- Development of local professional sponsorships in attracting skilled staff
- Resource development
- Art therapy classes for adult mental health consumers

Future Projects include:

- Increased telemedicine capabilities
- Substance abuse program
- Integrated Behavioral Health & Primary Health Care
- Becoming a Federally Qualified Behavioral Health Provider
- Change in name (label) from Mental Retardation to Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities to reflect current philosophy

### **Other Issues/Emerging Needs**

Other emerging issues identified included such serious and impacting but not necessarily typified as strictly criminal justice issues included lack of food/hunger, lack of economic opportunities, homelessness, and lack of access to adequate medical/health care.

## Resources Available

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Included below are resources identified by the Webb County Community Planning Team that are available to provide services that could potentially help in closing criminal justice gaps:

### Juvenile Justice:

#### Resources addressing the problems of Juvenile Crime, including School Violence & Gang Crime:

**Communities In Schools Laredo, Inc.** -is part of a national network of CIS programs that strives to improve the lives of at-risk youth and their families. Its mission is: to help young people of Texas stay in school, successfully learn and prepare for life by coordinating the connection of needed community resources in the school setting.

Communities In Schools Laredo, Inc. provides its participants and their families with FIVE CIS BASICS:

- A personal one-on-one relationship with a caring adult.
- A safe place to learn and grow.
- A healthy start and a healthy future.
- A marketable skill to use upon graduation.
- At chance to give back to peers and community.

**D.A.R.E. Program** – The Program targets students when they are first exposed to drugs and are most vulnerable to peer pressure to try drugs, tobacco and alcohol. D.A.R.E. helps children build their self-esteem, manage stress and anger, foresee behavioral consequences, resist pro-drug media messages and identify alternatives to alcohol and drug use. Sponsored by the Webb County Sheriff's Office, the D.A.R.E program has been a vital force in educating children about the effects of crime and drug abuse since 1983. In D.A.R.E., specially trained police officers teach a course in drug resistance techniques at both U.I.S.D. and L.I.S.D., as well as several private schools. Lessons focus on (1) providing accurate information about alcohol and drugs; (2) teaching students decision-making skills; (3) showing them how to resist peer pressure; and (4) giving them ideas for alternatives to drug use.

**First Time Offenders (Five Sessions)** - The purpose of this program is to explain to juveniles the Juvenile Justice System and court proceedings, along with other programs that are available to any juvenile that commits or engages in any delinquent acts according to laws that are enacted by the State of Texas.

**Graffiti Clean Up-** The Webb County Justice of the Peace, in conjunction with the City of Laredo Community Development Department, hold graffiti cleanup campaigns or community service projects at public parks, schools and neighborhoods. The

efforts are undertaken by each of the Justice of the Peace independently with help from private sector businesses, merchants who donate equipment, paint and other necessary items to complete projects aimed at cleaning up the community and giving at-risk youth the opportunity to make restitution.

**Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant (JAIB)** - The JAIBs was established to coordinate a plan to help reduce juvenile crime. The plan includes reducing juvenile delinquency, improving the juvenile justice system, and increasing accountability for juvenile offenders. Funding is used to supply the Laredo Police Department Juvenile Enforcement Team (JET) and the School Resource Officers (SRO) with additional equipment to help them achieve their goals by identifying juvenile offenders in a data system.

**Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention** – A professional Licensed Counselor will serve juveniles who pass through the Webb County Juvenile Drug Court and who are diagnosed with co-occurring conditions. i.e., mental health and substance abuse problems. The goal of the program is both to provide needed services to youth in crisis that will restore them to functionality and to reduce recidivism.

**Laredo Police Department Gang Investigation Program (Juvenile Enforcement Team)** - The City of Laredo Police Department (LPD) Gang Investigation Program (Juvenile Enforcement Team) began with the assignment of a juvenile investigator to investigate gang activity in the City of Laredo. Because of increased gang activity in the schools and in the community, three more juvenile investigators were later added to the Gang Investigation Unit. The Gang Investigation Unit, which now includes a detective sergeant and seven investigators, works closely with school officials and the Laredo Police Dept. Crime Prevention/Community Relations Unit, conducting follow-up investigations on all cases where the suspects are alleged gang members and assists the LPD Investigations Division on all juvenile-related criminal activities, such as drive- by shootings, et al.

**L.I.S.D. Abstinence Education Program** – The Abstinence Education Program in the Laredo Independent School District runs under the Dream Catcher Grant and has a staff especially trained for the implementation of this program. The program impacts the middle and high school population. The program teaches abstinence until marriage. The trained health educators work with students through science, health and/or physical education classes. The program also has a strong parent component until the marriage of their children.

**L.I.S.D. Campus Crime Stoppers** – The L.I.S.D. Campus Crime Stoppers is a nonprofit corporation and a separate entity from the school district. It is based at Martin High School and spans out to all four middle schools and to all high schools in the Laredo Independent School District. The organization provides students with the opportunity to give information by phone, anonymously, about any illegal activities at their campus, thus providing a drug-free and safe learning environment. This organization gives rewards for the information provided, which leads to the arrest or expulsion of the student committing the offense. The amount of the reward is

decided by the board at each school where the offense occurred. To reach L.I.S.D. Campus Crime Stoppers call (956) 744-0083.

**L.I.S.D. Police Department** – The L.I.S.D. Police Department was established in 2003. It is fully authorized as a police agency by the State of Texas. The department is comprised of dedicated professional police officers and civilians who are committed to our schools. The department is made up of twenty seven (27) police officers. The peace officers are well-trained professionals who work together as a team; they adapt to changing environments and reflect the values of the Laredo Independent School District in carrying out their assignments. Laredo I.S.D. Police Officers are assigned to high and middle schools while others work patrolling the district, responding to multiple locations. All police officers are certified peace officers with the Texas Commission of Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education. Laredo I.S.D. Police Officers recently went through a two-day Active Shooter Response Course (Project Protect).

The police force also has eighty eight (88) security officers who are distributed throughout the district. The goal of the Laredo I.S.D. Police Department is to maintain a safe positive and orderly environment for all students, employees, parents and visitors.

**Laredo Youth Conference** - The Laredo Together Coalition is made up of community leaders within the City of Laredo and Webb County, U.I.S.D. and L.I.S.D. school officials, and several non-profit agencies.

The annual conference is designed to assist and discuss strategies that can save at-risk students. They address how to deal and cope with the complex and difficult problems of gang violence, teen pregnancy, truancy, drug and substance abuse, peer pressure, and school discipline. The coalition brings inspirational and motivation speakers to Lariat and the students from the ninth grade through the twelfth grade and their parents are invited to the two day event.

**Life Decisions** - Operation Outreach program is aimed at young adults ages 10 to 17 years. The program involves offenders from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Institutional Division who have been convicted of a felony offense. The offenders attempted to educate young adults through discussion aimed to discourage the myths about life in prison being "easy." Participants will hear stories from the offenders of their past life before being incarcerated and will actually live the prison life for a portion of the day. Young adults are ordered to attend this program.

**SCAN Runaway and Homeless Youth Program** - This SCAN program provides runaway or homeless youths ages 10 through 17 with basic residential services like outreach services, individual and group counseling, screening and assessment services for a period of 14 days.

**SCAN S.T.A.R. (Services to At-Risk Youth)** -This SCAN program provides counseling services for youths who are between the ages of 7-17 and are truant, at risk of running away, experiencing family conflict, or displaying delinquent behavior. Counseling services are also provided for their families. This program includes the First Offender Program. A total of 500 slots are available annually for direct services, which include one-to-one counseling, group counseling, coping skills and parenting classes.

**Statewide Tobacco Education and Prevention Grant (Senate Bill 55):** Like D.A.R.E. and other positive prevention programs the S.T.E.P. Program asks private sector, merchants, and their employees to be law abiding citizens and help in the community based efforts to protect children. The purpose of the S.T.E.P. Program is to reduce children's access to tobacco products. This is achieved by training law enforcement officers to educate children on the dangers of tobacco and nicotine addiction.

**U.I.S.D. PEP Program-** The PEP Program is designed to reduce the teen parent dropout rate and to recover young parents who are younger than twenty-one on the first day of September to the educational system. The PEP Program provides students with the following individual services-- guidance and counseling, child care, transportation, parenting education, employment and training, case management and referral, home instruction, and tuition assistance. Through a network of support services, the program is also able to provide students with referrals to outside agencies that can provide assistance beyond the capacity of our program. Our team includes a coordinator, a counselor, day care director, a home instruction teacher, a secretary, and five daycare employees

**United Independent School District Police Department** - The mission of the department is to ensure the safety of all students, staff, and public. Each high school has at least three (3) UISD police officers; in addition to this each high school has at least six (6) security officers; middle schools have two (2) UISD police officers along with at least three (3) security guards (some middle schools have up to four (4) security officers depending on students population). One security officer is assigned to each elementary school. All police officers are certified peace officers with the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE). This department also provides 24 hours dispatch service Monday thru Friday to take emergency calls which might be related to any of the district's schools and/or facilities. For additional information, please call our main number (956) 473-6361.

**U.I.S.D. S.D.F.S.C. Campus Crime Stoppers, Inc.** -This U.I.S.D. Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Program is a separate, non-profit organization that is based at all three U.I.S.D. high school campuses and allows students to provide tips to the administration about crimes while remaining anonymous. Campus Crime Stoppers recently became a certified program and consists of volunteer students selected by the Campus Crime Stoppers sponsor and recommended by the faculty and staff.

**U.I.S.D. S.D.F.S.C. Peer Assistance Leadership Classes (PAL)** - The initiatives of the U.I.S.D. Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Program include a curriculum-based program, which is approved by the Texas Educational Agency as an elective for up to two graduation credits for high school juniors and seniors. PAL is a cost-effective strategy for addressing violence prevention, gangs, substance use and abuse, dropouts, low academic achievement, at-risk youth, and a host of other issues and concerns facing schools today. The PALS program is currently in place at all three U.I.S.D. high schools. PALS gives students a positive and productive school experience and also allows them a chance to identify their own values, learn to care for others, get an opportunity to work with feeder elementary students as tutors, and also to work on different community service projects.

**United Independent School District Campus Crime Stoppers** - This program promotes a free and fear free learning environment; students

and faculty can report through an anonymous hot-line any type of criminal activity that takes place with in the school property, ranging from: classrooms, athletic facilities, buses, etc. This program is a separate non-profit organization that is based at each secondary level school in the district; it is supported by twelve Certified In-School Sponsors who lead the each campus to deter and fight crime. The program activities are guided by the Coordinator Daniel Gutierrez (956-286-3748). A board composed by administrators, law enforcement liaison, students and other civilians oversee the program's direction. This Campus Crime Stoppers Program was recently re-certified by the Texas Crime Stoppers/Office of the Governor CJD for the 2005-2007 period of time. Supporting the district mission, as well as the United I.S.D. Police Department mission the Campus Crime Stoppers program receives over one hundred and thirty successful tips each school year.

**United Youth Alliance** - This alliance affords students to become involved in community service activities. Members of this organization meet on week-ends and paint over "graffiti" around the neighborhood

**Webb County Attorney's Office Juvenile Crime Prevention** -The Webb County Attorney's Office prosecutes juveniles, between the ages of 10 and under 17, alleged to have committed criminal offenses. In order to contribute to the prevention and reduction of crime in our community, the Webb County Attorney has implemented a proactive approach to ensure that all children are aware of the serious consequences associated with the commission of a crime. Elementary, middle school and high school students are given presentations and tours of the Webb County Juvenile Justice Center and the Webb County Jail by juvenile prosecutors. The Webb County Attorney's Office is also committed to participating in career days, parent teacher conferences and in school presentations which serve as a positive influence on the children and their families and reinforces the value of being productive members of society. The Webb County Attorney's Office also provides in service training to law enforcement agencies regarding juvenile justice issues.

**Webb County Juvenile Justice Center Anger Management-** This program teaches juveniles personal skills to deal with stress and frustration situations. It will demonstrate to them the need to acknowledge the consequences of their behavior. They will learn how to recognize their personal warnings signals when their emotions begin to get out of hand. The program incorporates the use of a handbook, group participation, and lectures. There are a total of five sessions, which are conducted at the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education (JJAEP) Building located 4602 N. Bartlett, every Wednesday from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM. The program's goals include making participants understand that strong emotions affect behavior, improve inter-personal communication, gain better self-control, and not use anger or violence to solve personal problems.

**Webb County Juvenile Justice Center Border Children Justice Project** - The main objectives of this Webb County Juvenile Justice Center Program are to reduce the commitment rate of undocumented juveniles to the Texas Youth Commission and to establish good working relations with the Mexican authorities who deal directly with the children and the justice Center. This program has received tremendous support and cooperation from Mexican officials: the Mexican Consulate, Desarrollo Integral de la familia

(DFI), Centro de Consejo Tutelar, and the Mexican Immigration Office in Nuevo Laredo and Tamaulipas. These efforts have created a cooperative network of juvenile agencies from both sides of the border and have been successful in controlling the recidivism rate of undocumented aliens.

**Webb County Juvenile Justice Center Cognitive Life Skills-** The topics discussed in the program are: Cognitive thinking skills, examine one's position in life, how attitude affects behavior, gain better self-control, gain new life skills, and commit to be a law-abiding citizen within the community. The program is consists of handbooks, group participation, assignments, and lectures. There are a total of five sessions, which are conducted at the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education (JJAEP) Building located at 4602 N. Bartlett, every Thursday from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM. Program Goals: To help juveniles learn meaningful competencies that will assist them to work better within their own environment.

**Webb County Juvenile Justice Center Community Restitution (CSR) Program** -This Webb County Juvenile Justice Center Program provides the juvenile courts with an alternative to monetary restitution. This service is recommended when a juvenile or parent unable to pay restitution. Through a court order, the juvenile is placed in a charitable, educational, or not institution as a means of repaying the community.

**Webb County Juvenile Justice Center First Time Offender Program-** The topics discussed in the program are: Cognitive thinking skills, examine one's position in life, how attitude affects behavior, gain better self-control, gain new life skills, and commit to be a law-abiding citizen within the community. The program is consists of handbooks, group participation, assignments, and lectures. There are a total of five sessions, which are conducted at the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education (JJAEP) Building located at 4602 N. Bartlett, every Thursday from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM. The program goals include helping juveniles learn meaningful competencies that will assist them to work better within their own environment.

**Webb County Juvenile Justice Center Intensive Community Based Program-** This program provides supervision and rehabilitative services to juveniles under court-ordered intensive supervision and is categorized into two divisions: Misdemeanor ISP and Felony ISP. Intensive supervision (ISP) helps prevent children from committing more serious offenses and sending them back to the courts. ISP Officers provide more frequent monitoring, treatment services, and carry smaller caseloads. Probationers are required to see their probation officer two or three times more often than regular probation. Individual assessments are conducted in order to refer probationers and their families to appropriate treatment providers. Probationers usually undergo intensive supervision for a period of three to six months, then transition to regular probation. ISP Officers maintain constant contact with juveniles to make sure they know that somebody is supervising them and ensure that they do not have the time to re-offend. The program goal is to prevent probationers from re-offending.

**Webb County Juvenile Justice Center Public Presentations** - This Webb County Juvenile Justice Center Program provides school, civic, and community agencies with presentations that address the Juvenile Probation Department's functions, the serious consequences of juvenile delinquency, a timely update on the current juvenile law, and other pertinent information. The main

purpose of these presentations is to educate the community and promote awareness. In addition, the presentations also help promote good public relations between the juvenile probation Department and the community.

**Webb County Juvenile Justice Center Victim Services Program** - The Webb County Juvenile Department's Victim Services Program is funded through the Victims of Crime Act Fund (VOCA), administered by the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office. The project was implemented in mid-October 2006, and ensures that all victims of juvenile crime in Webb County receive proper information and guidance through the juvenile justice system. The Victim Services Coordinator provides legal support and advocacy for victims, and represents them in court hearings to ensure that their rights are preserved throughout the entire judicial process. The Victim Services Coordinator also assists with crime victim compensation packages, is the liaison between probation officers and victims to ensure that victims' needs are met, and refers victims to other community agencies that may provide additional assistance and support.

**Webb County Juvenile Justice Center Truancy Prevention Program-** Participants will learn techniques of setting and reaching goals in order to become successful in school. The learning objectives in this program are as follows: explore information and use the resources to finish school, understand how success in school affects work/life, have a vision of a future career, and learn that what is done today will affect the future. The program utilizes handbooks, assignments, group participation, and lectures. There are a total of five sessions, which are conducted at the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education (JJAEP) Building located at 4602 N. Bartlett, every Friday from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM. The program will teach learning skills that are necessary for juveniles to succeed in school.

**Webb County Juvenile Justice Center Youth Connection Program-** This program targets juveniles who are in high-risk situations such as having family members in jail, having substance/addicted family members, and experiencing family violence. It will also target other topics such as handling anger, feelings, making healthy choices, friends, celebration, and commitment. The program consists of handbooks, group participation, assignments, and lectures. There are a total of five sessions, which are conducted at the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education (JJAEP) Building located at 4602 N. Bartlett, every Saturday from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Program Goals: To gain self-control, improve interpersonal communication, and to understand strong emotions.

**Webb County Relocation of the Public Shooting Range-**The area around the current pistol and rifle range, located near the intersection of Bob Bullock Loop and Hwy. 59/East Saunders, was isolated when the range was built. It is now heavily developed, with residential subdivisions, a golf course and commercial establishments immediately surrounding. The range serves both the Laredo Police Department and the Webb County Sheriff's Department as a practice and training facility, as well as local hunters and sport shooters. Their numbers are increasing, and the facility is no longer adequate or appropriately located. The County will acquire appropriate property, through either donation of new land or designation of current County land, for a pistol and rifle range at a safe distance

from residential and commercial development. The site will be easily accessible from populated areas within the County, yet not within an area that will be built up during the reasonably expectable life of the facility. The new pistol and rifle range will include outdoor ranges for rifles, and indoor and outdoor target-shooting for pistols. Associated infrastructure will include parking, security fencing, electricity, drinking fountains, restrooms, seating and landscaping.

**Webb County Sheriff's Office Juvenile Gang Prevention/Intervention Program-** provides services to juveniles under the age of 19. The services this program provides are gang preventive measures, gang intervention, outreach, counseling, research, continued education and life skills training. This program's staff includes four fulltime employees; a program director, an outreach worker, juvenile services coordinator, and counselor/case manager. The program also has two persons providing contractual services: a consultant/research partner and a GED/ESL/Financial Management/Life Skills instructor.

Preventive measures are provided by the outreach worker and juvenile services coordinator. These individuals visit elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools and make gang prevention presentations to juveniles. Gang preventive measures are also provided to non-profit agencies and organizations in the community such as the Boys & Girls Clubs of Laredo, SCAN, and STACADA. These two employees also provide community outreach by setting up booths at community events and distributing vital information about gang prevention. Gang intervention is handled by the counselor/case manager who visits alternative schools in Webb County: Lara Academy (LISD), STEP Academy (UISD), Youth Village (Webb County), and JJAEP (Webb County). This intervention provides different alternatives for at-risk juveniles to deter them from joining a gang or encourage them to get out of a gang. Other services provided to juveniles are promoting continued education, encouraging them to join the Police Athletic League (PAL), and pushing them to join the workforce. The counselor/case manager also assists juveniles in filling out job applications, resumes, and state and federal assistance forms for receiving services from WIC, receiving food stamps, and receiving groceries from the local food bank. The juvenile services coordinator organizes presentations to be made at the schools and schedules any community outreach presentations throughout the county and recruits students for the GED program. The program director and the consultant/research partner oversee the program and ensure the initiatives are successful. Training sessions for school teachers, administrators, the school district police department, counselors, and parents are also provided. The director also ensures that correct reporting data is submitted to CJD on a timely basis. The consultant research partner also provides continued updates on active gangs in Webb County and in the schools. The GED/ESL/Financial Management/Life Skills instructor provides instruction in the areas of general education, English as a second language, life skills and financial management. The instructor provides services to at-risk juveniles and high school drop outs so that the juveniles can receive a GED which is equivalent to a high school diploma. The services are provided in a classroom setting at the PAL Gym where the juveniles also train in boxing and weight-lifting, which helps to keep the juveniles off the streets.

**28. Webb County Sheriff's Office Police Activity League (PAL) - P.A.L.** is a youth crime prevention program that relies on athletic

and recreational activities to cement a bond between troubled or underprivileged kids and police officers. By providing activities like basketball, baseball, soccer, flag-football, boxing, and other recreational opportunities, it helps in providing new hope and direction to hundreds of boys and girls.

P.A.L. believes that children, if reached early enough, can develop positive attitudes toward police officers, life goals and citizenship. The Webb County Sheriffs PAL program is at the present time working with over 100 kids through the Basketball League. PAL strongly believes in "filling playgrounds.... not prisons." PAL also sponsors a 4-H Club.

**Webb County Sheriff's Office P.A.L. Boxing Gym-** The gym is a new initiative by the Webb County Sheriff under the umbrella of its Police Activities Leagues (including baseball, softball, & now boxing) to help children who are at-risk to stay off the streets and engaged in healthy, sports related activities. This initiative requires additional funding and currently accepts donations for exercise equipment, including weight machines, cardiovascular equipment, and other sports-related items. The gym is located at 3802 South Zapata Highway opposite the Border Patrol substation. Please call 956-729-0368 for further information.

**Webb County Sheriff's Office P.A.L. Mentor Coordinator-**This grant funds a part-time mentor coordinator for the Webb County Sheriff's Office P.A.L. Programs in order to provide better mentoring services to at-risk children in the city of Laredo/county of Webb.

**Webb County Sheriff's Office Outdoor Youth Posse Program-** The Sheriffs Outdoor Youth Posse Program is partially funded through a grant from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. The purpose of the Sheriff's Youth Program is to educate Webb County youngsters about outdoor recreational activities such as hunting, fishing/angling, camping, outdoor cooking, hiking, birding, and environmental education. This program encourages at-risk, low-income, & handicapped youth (females and males age 17 and under) to participate in various events throughout the year at local ranches, Gulf Coast fishing areas, Texas State Parks, and other outdoor venues. The Sheriff's Youth Posse Program serves to promote awareness, knowledge, and the critical thinking skills as well as behavioral change through on-hand recreational activities. These activities also serve to develop the youths' overall self-esteem.

**Youth Connection** - This purpose of this program is to make adults aware of the resources in the community they live in. The program targets young persons who are considered high risk for alcohol, gang activities, drug usage or any other self-defeating behavior. This program works with local agencies to decrease crime rate in the community and influence young minds to become productive citizens.

## Law Enforcement:

Resources addressing theft, burglary, and environmental pollution:

**Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement Project** - The Laredo Police Department assigns police officers extra patrol and enforces truck route violations.

**Comprehensive STEP (S.T.O.M.P.)** - The Laredo Police Department assigns police officers extra duty to patrol and enforce red light violations, seat belt violations, speeding and DWI.

**Laredo Auto Theft Task Force** - The Laredo Auto Theft Task Force is a combined effort between the City of Laredo, Webb County and the State to combat auto, theft in the City of Laredo and Webb County. Under this program, one additional police investigator and one additional Webb County Sheriff Investigator will be assigned to the Laredo Auto Theft Task Force. Investigators from the Laredo Police Department, Webb County Sheriff's Office and Webb County District Attorney's Office will join forces to detect, investigate and apprehend individuals involved in auto theft in this area. Due to the NAFTA agreement, traffic into Mexico has rapidly increased, making it easier to drive stolen vehicles into Mexico.

**Laredo COPS Program** - The City of Laredo Police Department COPS Hiring Recovery Grant will be utilized to hire an additional 22 patrol officers. This grant will help to enhance LPD's community policing efforts within the City of Laredo by addressing priorities such as to provide an increase of police presence in high-crime areas, work with other law enforcement agencies and community relation agencies to provide a multi-agency approach to reduce crime within the community.

**Laredo COPS AHEAD Program** - This program, which began in August 1995, funds seventeen (17) L.P.D. Community Policing Substations throughout the community, and is currently developing one (1) additional substation. Experienced officers are assigned at the Community Policing Station in three shifts. The officers' duties are to patrol, interact, and endeavor to commit their time to the citizens of the targeted areas to assist them in decreasing and solving their crime problems. This program first began in the Azteca neighborhood. On December 7, 1995, a town meeting was held with the citizens who reside in the Azteca neighborhood. The citizens praised the officers for their work and involvement in the neighborhood. The "COPS" Project has been a complete success.

**Laredo Crime Stoppers Program** – Laredo Crime Stoppers, Inc.'s mission is to solve and prevent crime in Laredo/Webb County area in partnership with citizens, media, and the criminal justice system. Crime Stoppers is a community program, with a volunteer board of citizens who take a pro-active role in involving the Laredo/Webb County citizens in the concept of continuing efforts to combat crime, and maintain a safe community. The media and all area law enforcement agencies actively participate in this program. Crime Stoppers exists for concerned citizens in Laredo and Webb County to call anonymously and reveal crucial information to solve

crimes. Laredo Crime Stoppers, Inc. provides cash rewards to informants whose tip results in an arrest and/or recovery of stolen property or seizing of narcotics. By supporting Crime Stoppers the citizens are making an investment in their community. Crime Stoppers provides citizens the opportunity to become involved in an effort to provide a more secure life for their families and community.

**Laredo Police Department Community Relations / Crime Prevention Program** - The Crime Prevention Unit provides an intensive effort to coordinate crime prevention programs for all citizens, schools, and the private sector. This unit is responsible for conducting operation I.D., residence and security surveys, homeowner's insurance discounts, and promoting Neighborhood Watch programs. During the school year, the unit provides presentations to the area schools on various topics. These presentations include drugs, stranger awareness, safety tips, bicycle safety, home security, and peer pressure. It also provides presentations to area businesses on topics of internal theft, shoplifting, armed robbery, etc.

**Laredo Police Department (LPD) Reserve Officer Program**- The Laredo Police Department Reserve Officer Program serves to augment the Department in many areas. They have all the powers and immunities granted Peace Officers by the State of Texas and are fully certified by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education. They are unpaid volunteers who assist LPD with patrol activities, traffic and crowd control during public functions, and conduct other law enforcement related activities as directed by the police chief and/or his designee. These officers' participation in the program may be limited as a result of their primary employment and they serve on a completely voluntary basis. They must however, maintain minimum training standards required by the Commission on Law Enforcement.

**Laredo Police Department Citizen's Police Academy**- The purpose of the Citizen Police Academy is to foster better communication between citizens and police through education of police activities and duties. The Citizens Police Academy helps to create a group of citizens who are knowledgeable and possess greater insight into police practices and services. Academy graduates are urged to share their knowledge and experiences with the community as the opportunity arises. All citizens of Laredo benefit from expanding citizens understanding of the role and function of their police department.

**Laredo Police Department Explorer Post #463** - The Laredo Police Department Post #463, an award-winning program chartered by the Boy Scouts of America, is dedicated to involving the young citizens of the community in a curriculum that instills pride, increases self-esteem, and teaches self-awareness. It provides young adults who would like to consider law enforcement as a career with an opportunity to participate in valuable community service activities. The Law Enforcement Explorers Program is a worksite-based course for young men and women who have completed the eighth grade and are 14 years of age; or, who are 15 years of age but, have not yet reached their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. They are offered experiential learning with lots of fun-filled, hands-on activities that promote the growth and development of adolescent youth.

**Safe Streets** - The Laredo Police Department assigns police officers on extra patrol to keep Laredo streets safe while enforcing truck route violations, as well as ferreting out any and all observable criminal activities while maintaining a constant uniform presence about

the community.

**TCEQ Court Environmental Liaison-** Court Liaison will work with all courts involved to schedule, expedite and vigorously prosecute environmental offenses.

**Webb County Sheriff’s Office COPS Officer Program** –This officer provides community policing activities, including working with children, the elderly, Neighborhood Watch/CCP, gun safety for children and community centers throughout the city of Laredo and Webb County.

**Webb County Sheriff’s Office Crime Prevention Program** - The Webb County Crime Prevention Program is designed to provide added training for officers. This training included teaching the officers to communicate effectively with citizens about basic home security procedures and how to organize neighborhood watch programs.

**Webb County Sheriff’s Office Enhancing the Jail Program** –This Recovery Act provides seven correctional officers to enhance the operations at the Webb County Jail, including providing increased interagency cooperation and intelligence gathering across traditional jurisdictions.

**Webb County Sheriff’s Office Triad Program** – A program whose name means a three way commitment between the chief of police, the sheriff, and older, retired leaders. The three participating groups agree to work together to reduce the criminal victimization of the elderly and enhance the delivery of law enforcement services to older persons. This program currently requires more adequate funding.

**Webb County Sheriff’s Office Neighborhood Watch Program-** This program is devoted to disseminating information on the nature and volume of burglary and securing residential property and making it less vulnerable to break-ins. Furthermore, it promotes the establishment of on going local neighborhood watch groups that encourage citizens to partner with their law enforcement agencies in an effort to reduce various types of “neighborhood crime”.

**Resources addressing the problems of Homeland Security/Other Threats (Terrorism, Transborder Smuggling, Natural Disasters, & Emergency Management) and Misc. Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement Issues**

**City of Laredo/County of Webb Justice Assistance Program (JAG)** - Funded under the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), the grant funds received will be used to hire support personnel and equipment.

**Edward Bryne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Discretionary Grants Program-** Funds were used to make improvements and repairs to the Webb County Law Enforcement Shooting Range on Highway 59. The floor of the range was graded to improve drainage; the shooting lanes were surfaced with caliche, berms faced with used telephones poles, railroad ties or other similar materials, new target frames installed and improvements made to seating areas and to the lighting to permit night shooting. All improvements to the Webb County Law Enforcement Shooting Range

have been completed and the shooting range is now usable 24/7 for all authorized law enforcement officers.

**Indigent Defense Formula** – An Indigent Defense Coordinator position under the Webb County Public Defender’s Office will provide legal defense to accused persons who cannot afford to hire a private attorney.

**Laredo Police Department Management Information System** – The Laredo Police Department has purchased a state of the art fully-digital integrated Records Management Information System that allows information sharing, crime analysis and mapping, and real-time on-line reporting and case information uploading for police officers in the field. Citizens of Laredo will now be able to conveniently and securely search, view, and print police reports from anywhere with an internet connection. This will help reduce case workload and provide the citizens of Laredo with immediate and convenient access to police reports.

**Laredo Police Department Tobacco Compliance Grant Program** – The purpose of Tobacco Compliance Program is to reduce children's access to tobacco products. This is achieved by training law enforcement officers to educate children on the dangers of tobacco and nicotine addiction.

**Laredo Police Department Gang Initiative Grant Program** – The City of Laredo Police Department Operators & Chauffeurs Fund will target violence street and prison gangs that operate within the City of Laredo. It is becoming a direct correlation between local gangs, state and national prison gangs and the violet Mexican Drug Cartels. The Laredo Police Department will center its investigations on known local area gang congregation and attempting to put pressure on criminal s who are not only members of gangs but affiliates as well.

**Peaceful Solution-** The Peaceful Solution Character Education Incorporated (PSCEI) is a non-religious 501(C) 3 non-profit educational organization seeking to enhance the lives of people of all ages by promoting peace through educational programs designed to develop and maintain positive character. The PSCEI is organized for the purpose of cooperatively assisting communities in the battle against crime, family violence, physical/sexual abuse, and domestic violence, with the focus on secular character educational programming and curriculum. A local staff is available to teach, train, present, and intervene for any criminal justice community, business, educational institution, or population in moral character development. We are dedicated to working in conjunction with local and surrounding agencies through networking, referrals, and professional interaction, because we believe a peaceful way of living can be achieved through character education.

**State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP)** - Established by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), this non-funded program offers reimbursement to states and local detention facilities for costs associated with incarceration of undocumented criminal aliens who committed felony offenses.

**Webb County Attorney's Office Environmental Division** ensures compliance with Texas Environmental Law to promote the safety, health and welfare as well as improve quality of life for all citizens of Webb County. Prosecutors and investigators stress the importance of working with the community to secure environmental cleanup through education of violators and voluntary compliance throughout the unincorporated areas of the County including outlying colonias. In conjunction with

the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and other law enforcement agencies, the unit locates and prosecutes violations of illegal dumping, outdoor burning, oil dumping, nuisance and water pollution statutes. However, citation and prosecution, in conjunction with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality serve as the primary tools when violators refuse attempts at education and voluntary compliance.

**Webb County Sheriff's Office Explorer Post #197** - The Webb County Sheriff Department Post 197, as chartered by the Boy Scouts of America is dedicated to involving the young citizens of the community in programs that instill pride, increase self-esteem, and teach self-awareness. It provides young citizens who would like to consider law enforcement as a career with an opportunity to participate in valuable community service activities. Law Enforcement Exploring is a worksite-based program for young men and women who have completed the eighth grade and are 14 years of age, or are 15 years of age but have not yet reached their 21st experiential learning with lots of fun-filled, hands-on activities that promote the growth and development of adolescent youth.

**Webb County Sheriff's Office 4-H Club** - Is the youth education branch of the Cooperative Extension Service, a program of the United States Department of Agriculture. 4-H helps young people grow through their accomplishments. This program is designed to assist youth in their goals of learning and farming skills. Under supervision of our team these young people are taught responsibilities in caring for their animals and other values which will last a life time. 4-H enables youth to have fun, meet new people, learn new life skills, build self confidence, learn responsibility, and set and achieve goals! Youth learn by doing.

**Webb County Sheriff's Office Operation Border Star Program** - This grant program provides four (4) patrol officers to enhance border security in Webb County's jurisdiction.

**Webb County Community Supervision & Corrections Department Absconder Apprehension Officer** - The Webb County Community Supervision and Corrections Department Absconder Apprehension Officers is one (1) Certified Texas Peace Officers who accompany Supervision Officers on field visits on cases presenting a potential danger. The officers also actively assist the C.S.C.D. Absconder Unit in locating and executing warrants on offenders who have absconded from community supervision.

**Webb County Community Supervision & Corrections Department Pre-Sentence Investigation Unit** - The Webb County Community Supervision and Corrections Department Pre-Sentence Investigation Unit is an in-house component designed to address the need for conducting Pre/Post Sentence Investigations. A person becomes a participant to this program when a judge orders either a Pre or Post Sentence investigation. Normally, judges require this type of investigation to assist in determining the sanctions to be ordered. Pre-Sentence Investigation Officers complete a detailed investigation as required by the Criminal Justice Assistance Division, to include participant's criminal history; personal background; financial history; restitution owed; and other pertinent information that a judge will need in order to make a proper assessment of the defendant.

**Webb County Community Supervision & Corrections Department Pre-Trial Diversion Program** - A participant in this program is

referred by the District Attorney's office through an agreement whereby eligibility is established when there is insufficient evidence to secure a conviction and District Attorney feels that participant has committed the offense and would benefit from participating in this program. The Webb County Community Supervision and Corrections Department Re-Trial Diversion program is designed to provide exposure to the criminal justice system and the sanctions that a regular probationer would experience. This is an in-house program, supervised by supervision officers that carry only pre-trial diversion cases. Once a referral is received from the District Attorney's office, a letter is sent to the referral advising him/her that he/she has two weeks in which to report to this office for an explanation of the program and processing if he/she chooses to participate. If referral decides to participate then the case is assigned to a Pre-Trial Diversion program officer and formal intake takes place. Participant then is exposed to the normal procedure a person on regular probation would undergo. Conditions of supervision are adhered to as ordered by the District Attorney's office. The participant normally is in this program for a period of six to twelve months and is considered to have successfully completed the program if the client/ participant has complied with all of the conditions and has not re-offended. Participation is strictly voluntary and if the referral refused the program, the referral is sent back to the District Attorney's office for disposition of case.

**Webb County Sheriff's Office/city of Laredo Police Department Operation Stonegarden Program-** The U.S. Border Patrol Laredo Sector, City of Laredo and Webb County Sheriff's Office will combine efforts to strengthen Homeland Security-related efforts in the Laredo Sector Area of Responsibility (AOR). Operations will be intelligence driven and based on threat, risk management and vulnerably assessments.

**Webb County Sheriff's Office Reserve Officer Program-** The Webb County Sheriff's Department Reserve Officer Program serves to augment the Department in many areas. They have all the powers and immunities granted Peace Officers by the State of Texas and are fully certified by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education. Their primary functions are patrol functions in nature. They accomplish this by assisting the patrol division with, patrol activities, traffic control at traffic accidents, preserve crime scenes, and conduct other law enforcement related activities as directed by the Sheriff or his designee. These officers also attend community functions representing the Webb County Sheriff's Department. It should be noted that these officers have full time employment and their participation is limited to their days off and after working hours. They serve on a completely voluntary basis however, must maintain minimum training standards required by the Commission on Law Enforcement.

**Webb County Sheriff's Office Citizens Corp Council/Neighborhood Watch-** This program was created to help coordinate volunteer activities, including Neighborhood Watch endeavors, that will make our communities safer, stronger and better prepared to respond to an emergency situation.

## Victim Services:

### **Resources addressing the problems of Family Violence:**

**C.A.S.A.** - Court Appointed Special Advocate is designed to help insure permanent placement for abused and neglected children in cases assigned by the Courts in the shortest time possible.

**Casa de Misericordia** – Casa de Misericordia – Casa de Misericordia (Casa) opened its doors with the vision that victims of domestic violence, despite all they have endured, can reclaim their lives by receiving comprehensive, holistic services and consistent long-term support. Based on this vision, the mission of Casa is to empower victims of domestic violence, to hold batterers accountable for their actions, and to commit to working with survivors of domestic violence and the Laredo community to stop domestic violence.

Casa de Misericordia is a secure 24 hour-a-day full-service 42 bed facility that provides temporary residential services to victims of domestic violence. Casa de Misericordia also provides non-residential services through the Lamar Bruni Vergara Education Center. Casa provides a safe place in which victims of domestic violence can receive emotional support and an orientation on domestic violence, its effects, and the services available to them. In addition to this, Casa provides: 24 hour-a-day crisis telephone hotline, referrals to community health care and social service agencies, counseling services, support groups, legal advocacy in the justice system, educational, therapeutic and recreational activities for children, vocational and educational classes, primary prevention programs and community education.

**Children's Advocacy Center of Laredo-Webb County** Mission Statement: To break the cycle of abuse through community education, training, and prevention and to allow the child opportunities to heal through intervention in a child-sensitive environment.

**Background:** In 1993, a task force of concerned professionals formed the Child Abuse Task Force, to review services provided to children who had suffered abuse. The task force concluded that the community's response to this troubling phenomenon was seriously lacking and a more effective forum for communication between agencies was urgently needed. The Child Abuse Task Force envisioned the creation of a center where child abuse victims would receive all needed services in one location to reduce further trauma. It was determined that the Children's Advocacy Center model, a national program of great repute, provided the fullest opportunity for recovery not only for the abused child but for the non-offending family members as well.. As a result, in 1995, the Children's Advocacy Center of Laredo-Webb County received its 501c(3) status and began offering services to children via an established partnership of local law enforcement, Child Protective Services, the District Attorney's office, the County Attorney's

office, medical and mental health providers and local school districts. The CAC marked a milestone in June, 2007, when it inaugurated its new facility, an 11,000 sq. ft. facility designed to offer a full range of services to both its child clients and their non-offending family members. These services, which fulfill the standards and legal boundaries set forth in the Texas Family Code, Chapter 264, are provided to children, ages 3-17 years of age, and to those over the age of 17 who are mentally disabled or have other special needs, who have declared an alleged abuse, i.e. sexual or physical abuse, or have witnessed domestic violence, drugs, kidnapping, or violent crime. The service area includes Webb County and Zapata County, as well as courtesy services to nearby areas such as Jim Hogg County, when necessary.

Why the CAC Model Works: 1. Provides a safe and secure venue for child victims to tell their story once during a forensic interview that is viewed live by partner agencies 2. Affords the opportunity for children to enter counseling and therapy immediately and access medical examinations when needed. 3. Coordinates the gathering of all partner agencies as a multi-disciplinary team, their purpose- to discuss a case that may be developed for prosecution against an alleged perpetrator.

Statistics: This past fiscal year 726 child victims received CAC services. Their ages ranged as follows: 0-5 yrs=25.34%; 6-12=49.86%; 13-17=24.79%. Gender: Male=37.60%; Female=62.40%; Types of Abuse: sexual=72.18%; physical=21.35%; physical/sexual=.41%; child at risk=0%; child witness=2.20%; other=3.86%.

**Communities In Schools Laredo, Inc.** - Part of a national network of CIS programs that strives to improve the lives of at-risk youth and their families. Our Mission is: to help young people of Texas stay in school, successfully learn and prepare for life by coordinating the connection of needed community resources in the school setting.

Communities In Schools Laredo, Inc. provides its participants and their families with FIVE CIS BASICS:

- A personal one-on-one relationship with a caring adult.
- A safe place to grow and learn.
- A healthy start and a healthy future.
- A marketable skill to use upon graduation.
- A chance to give back to peers and community.

**Domestic Awareness Response Team (D.A.R.T.)** - In a joint effort with the District Attorney's Office, the Laredo Police Department has assigned a detective sergeant along with 9 investigators to focus on violent cases against women. Together, both of these departments will be able to gather the necessary evidence to convict offenders, and/or guide them to seek rehabilitation. They will also focus on educating the victims on additional organizations that will help them in their

time of crisis. The Laredo Police Department will assure victims that they are not alone and that they will establish a safer environment for everyone to enjoy.

**Domestic Violence Counselors Webb County District Attorney** - Provide crisis intervention counseling, assessments, and referrals to female victims of domestic violence. Counselors work jointly with local/area resources to provide assistance in the following areas: emergency shelter, court advocacy, medical assistance/care, housing, employment, educational services, employment training and more importantly, counseling for female victims, children and their families. Through such collaboration, victims become empowered, self-efficient and can evaluate their existing situation with a realistic approach. *Counselors assure victims that they are not alone.* The DVU counselors are the "beacon" guidance and support--that victims need during this tumultuous time that often results in victims feeling lost and confused. *A safety plan* (checklist of items/vital information needed in case of sudden departure, he. driver's license, birth certificates, social security, etc.) is of utmost importance and is formulated for every victim. The safety plan is used to prepare and prevent further victimization and/or assist victims' in recognizing potential lethal signs that may force the victim/family to seek alternative refuge.

*The District Attorney's Office takes family violence very serious and are asking the community to help eradicate domestic violence by reporting it. The D.A. and his staff believe domestic violence is everybody's business and strongly support the idea that the destructive cycle of domestic violence can be broken with early intervention.*

**Domestic Violence Investigator, Webb County District Attorney's Office** - Investigator interviews female victims of domestic violence to assist with the preparation of application for protective orders. Investigates criminal matters involving female victims of domestic violence.

**Domestic Violence Unit Prosecutors, Webb County District Attorney's Office** - are legal advocates that assist female victims of domestic violence in the courtroom. Prosecutors represent victim(s) in criminal cases (assault and battery) as well as civil cases (protective orders). Prosecutors review and prepare cases for trial in order to obtain victim familial assurance and safety. More importantly, the prosecutor ensures that victim's rights under the law are protected. Recently, Webb County has been experiencing a dramatic increase in assault offenses toward female victims in addition, issuance of civil protective orders have also ascended thus putting a burden on the current prosecuting staff. At this time, the Domestic Violence Unit is requesting the addition of a prosecutor to the unit to assist the existing staff in prosecuting this "hidden crime" that plagues so many women and their families.

**Domestic Violence Unit Court Advocate, Webb County District Attorney's Office** - Court Advocate accompanies female victims of domestic violence to court and assists attorneys in preparing protective orders. Court Advocate serves as liaison between attorneys and victims. Court Advocate assists attorneys handling domestic violence cases with clerical work.

**Mental Health Services Program** - The goal of the Webb County CSCD is to assist mentally impaired offenders in stabilizing their condition enough to increase their ability to comply with their conditions of supervision and allow them to take a more

conscious role in the process of rehabilitation. It is also intended to help reduce the number of times these offenders are revoked from community supervision and incarcerated. Once identified as a possible participant the probationer will be referred to the Mental Health Services Program. The Mental Health Services Program Supervision Officer will refer the offender to our local Medical Center for further evaluation. Once confirmed that probationer has a mental impairment, a plan of action will be placed into effect that will outline the type of services recommended by the local MHMR Center. The Mental Health Services Program Supervision Officer will coordinate for delivery of services with the local MHMR Center or community resources and ensure that participants comply with their treatment plan. Program design calls for the participant being in the program for a period of no less than six (6) months and no longer than 12 months. At the onset, only one Supervision Officer will be assigned to this program. This Officer will carry a caseload size, initially, of 16 participants with growth expectations of 25-30 participants. The Mental Health Services Program Supervision Officer will conduct a minimum of 2 collateral contacts per month. Specialized professional training is necessary in order to recognize and identify mental health issues, connect the participants to the correct community resources, meet with the mental health service agencies regarding services, and provide critical liaison with the court to avoid revocation of the suspended sentence. This officer will also have weekly contact with the MHMR providers to discuss the progress of any particular participant and meet monthly for a complete review of all cases. Successful program completion is achieved when participants are able to implement what they have learned in their counseling sessions to improve their ability to deal with the challenges of every day life and to understand their role as community supervision clients. Once they have achieved this level of performance, the participant's case will be assigned to a regular caseload officer for continued rehabilitative services.

**The Safe Haven Program** - This TMC grant-funded program provides a neutral place where custodial and non-custodial parents can exchange children in a safe environment for the child. We also provide supervised visitation for non-custodial parents who have been ordered by the court system. This program also serves as a safe place where victims of domestic violence can exchange children safely without confronting their abuser with the presence of uniformed Laredo Police & Webb County Sheriff's Dept. Officers during said exchanges.

**SCAN Child Abuse Prevention Program** - This SCAN program provides presentations on child abuse and neglect to civic organizations, schools, health care professionals, government agencies, social service agencies, parent groups, and other community outlets in the Laredo and Webb County area.

**Stop the Violence Program** - This program addresses the counseling needs of persons identified by the local judicial system as having been involved in a domestic violence situation. The Webb County Community Supervision and Corrections Department (C.S.C.D.) has two (2) full time employees assigned to this program. Networking with the local Courts, the District Attorney's Office, Webb County Sheriff Department, Battered Women's Shelter and the Laredo Police Department assists the C.S.C. Department in identifying the domestic violence offender population. Counseling services under the Duluth Method are contracted from local vendors to assist in the counseling and rehabilitation of perpetrators.

**Webb County Domestic Violence Coalition** - Established under the auspices of the Webb County District Attorney's Office. The Task Force has evolved into the Laredo Webb County Domestic Violence Coalition. The agencies founding the coalition are the Casa de Misericordia, Children Advocacy Center, District Attorneys Domestic Violence Unit and Laredo Commission for Women. Many agencies, service providers, law enforcement, prosecutors and the courts come together on a monthly basis to share information, provide education and give moral support to all involved in breaking the cycle of violence. The Coalition sponsors an annual Domestic Violence Conference in October and other activities to raise awareness of this problem in our community and to look for possible solutions.

**Resources addressing the problems of Violent Crime/Crime Victims:**

**Crime Victim Coordinator- Webb County District Attorney's Office** - The Crime Victim Coordinator, working as part of the Webb County District Attorney's Office, is state-mandated. The coordinator's main duty is to ensure that the victim, guardian of a victim, or close relative of a deceased victim is afforded the rights granted under the "Texas Criminal Code. The coordinator works closely with the appropriate law enforcement agencies in order to fulfill this duty. The coordinator also sends a copy of a victim impact statement to the court sentencing the defendant.

**Day Reporting Center** - This program, managed by the Webb County Community Supervision and Corrections Department, began in October of 1992. Probationers placed on community supervision by the courts were placed at the center as a condition of their probation. The program targets probationers within the ages of 17 through 28, who are also first-time, non-violent offenders and will likely benefit best from G.E.D./ESL classes, job and life skills training, and intensive supervision. The main goal of the program is to emphasize to its participants that real, positive change can occur in their life style through commitment, desire, education, and hard work. This program has limited funding.

**Laredo Police Department's Crime Victims Coordinator** - Within the Laredo Police Department's Community Relations Unit, the police department has an investigator serving as a coordinator for the Texas Crime Victim's Compensation Fund. The main objective of this program is to extend full medical coverage to the eligible victims of violent crime for their medical bills, reimbursement for loss of wages and dependent child care as well as coverage for deceased victim's funeral bills. It also provides proper referrals for victims to receive additional professional counseling, legal assistance, emergency financial aid and temporary housing shelter through local agencies.

**Peace Officers Training** - TCLEOSE provides training funds. It is the consensus of the local law enforcement agencies that these funds will be used to obtain training that is not offered at our local academy. The agencies are looking at the fund 421 to provide the continuation of the Peace Officers Training School grant, which pays for the training offered at the Regional Police Academy. The training includes basic, advanced, and specialized schools, all certified by TCLEOSE.

**SCAN C.O.R.A.Z.O.N. II** -This SCAN project provides screening, assessment, referral, street outreach, and counseling for adolescents who are between the ages 10 through 17, have been sexually abused, and are at risk of running away, have runaway, or are homeless.

**SCAN Emergency Youth Shelter** - This SCAN program has a Youth Shelter which provides basic, temporary residential services for adolescents between the ages of 8 to 17 who are victims of child abuse, have runaway, are homeless, or are at-risk.

**SCAN S.A.S.I.** - This program provides crisis intervention services to victims of rape or sexual assault through trained and certified volunteers. Services are provided 24-hours a day, seven days a week. Victims are further assisted with the processing of Crime Victim Compensation forms, referral services, advocacy, counseling and provided with court accompaniment and emotional support.

**Sex Offender Program** - This is a specialized caseload that addresses the offender population convicted of a sex-related offense. One (1) full time Community Supervision Officer is assigned to this caseload. Participants are provided both group and individual counseling. All participants are registered in accordance with the laws governing registration of offenders convicted of sex-related offenses who reside in our county.

**TAMIU Police Departments' Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) Course** – This is a program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques for women. The R.A.D. System is a comprehensive, women-only course that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance, while progressing on to the basics of hands-on defense training. R.A.D. is not a Martial Arts program. Our courses are taught by TAMIU police officers who are certified R.A.D. instructors and provide each student with a workbook/reference manual. The course includes lecture, discussion and self defense techniques, suitable for women of all ages and abilities. Classes range from nine to twelve hours in length, depending on the Instructor.

**Webb County Sheriff’s Office VINES** - The acronym stands for Victims Information Network and Education Services. The VINES Program is designed to be an advocacy and counseling program specifically for children age's infancy through 17 who have been victims of violent crime. VINE provides assistance in filing compensation claims.

**Webb County Sheriff’s Office Crime Victims Services Coordinator-** Crime Victim’s Services is coordinated as part of the Sheriff’s Community Affairs Division. Our services consist of helping victims with Crime Victim’s Compensation, referrals and some counseling. Crime Victim’s Services is on call 24 hours seven days a week we are able to go to the crime scene and provide crisis intervention. Other services offered by the Crime Victim’s services are:

- Accompany crime victims to court
- Accompany them to hospital
- Legal Advocacy

- Emergency Assistance
- Educational Presentations on Victim's Rights
- VINE Assistance

Crime Victim's Services is located in the Webb County Sheriff's Department Administrating offices located on 902 Victoria and is operational from Monday to Friday from 8a.m. to 5p.m., we can be reached at (956) 523-4540.

**Webb County Sheriff's Office Domestic Violence Investigator/Liaison Services Program** A full time liaison/investigator is funded by the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office in order to better serve the victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking located in the rural and colonia areas of Webb County.

**Webb County Sheriff's Office Other Victim Assistance Grant-** This grant awarded by the Office of the Attorney General will allow us to better service the victims of Webb County, and to educate the community on victim's rights. The following grant will also enable us to hire a Crime Victims Advocate to assist the Crime Victims Coordinator with direct services such as:

- Crime Victims Compensation
- Referrals
- Crisis Intervention
- VINE
- Victims Advocacy
- Accompaniment to court/medical
- Emergency Transportation
- Referral Lodging
- Follow-ups

This grant will also cover a conference in Austin plus travel and travel related to outreach conducted by Webb County Sheriffs Department Crime Victim Services Personnel to surrounding counties on Crime Victims Rights.

## Health / Medical / Substance Abuse:

### Resources addressing the problems of Health/Medical/Substance Abuse

**Association for the Advancement of Mexican-Americans (A.A.M.A.)-Concilio Hispano Libre-Medicated Assistance Treatment Program** The mission of this program is to provide pharmacological treatment for opiate dependent adults. Services include physician care, daily methadone dosing, individual and group counseling, health screenings, physical examinations plus case management. The program cares for men and women to progress through the foundation stages of recovery, from the initial physician monitored phase to the re-integration back into the community as a productive citizen. The program provides services to clients who have a valid Texas ID or Driver License and a Social Security card.

**Association for the Advancement of Mexican-Americans (A.A.M.A.) -Concilio Hispano Libre-Outpatient Services** Concilio Hispano Libre provides substance abuse and chemical dependency treatment for adults. The program receives referrals for outpatient services from United States Probation, United States Probation Pretrial, TAIIP-Webb County Probation Supervision and Federal Bureau of Prisons. Treatment is administered through Residential or Outpatient individual and group counseling sessions and case management referrals to the community based on the client need. Urine analyses are administered for United States Probation referrals.

**Association for the Advancement of Mexican-Americans (A.A.M.A.) -Concilio Hispano Libre-SAMSHA Program-Outpatient Services** Concilio Hispano Libre is proud to announce a new SAMSHA grant award, Webb County-Targeted Capacity Expansion for treatment focused on methamphetamine and other emerging drugs in adult, rural populations. This program will service adults who abuse or/are dependent on Methamphetamine and/or Benzodiazepine. The program will offer services as follows: Residential treatment, Local Outpatient Treatment, Case Management, Outreach Services, Individual or Group Sessions for clients and family. Any referrals are welcomed meeting the criteria.

**Assessment, Intervention and Recovery Program** -This program is funded by the Criminal Justice Assistance Division (C.J.A.D.) with Treatment Alternatives to Incarceration Program (T.A.I.P.) grant funds. In FY 1997, a proposal was submitted and approval obtained to contract services that would provide detoxification treatment, intensive residential services, residential treatment

services, outpatient individual and outpatient group counseling services. The objective is to provide a clinical approach to the treatment of probationers who possess a serious drug or alcohol problem.

**Border Region Mental Health and Mental Retardation Community Center (BRMHRCC)** – is the Local Authority , as designed by the State of Texas, to be the provider of mental health and mental retardation services in Webb, Jim Hogg, Zapata and Starr Counties. BRMHRCC provides mental health and mental retardation services to persons who meet the definition of “Priority Population” for the specific services to persons (NIH or TGR) regardless of age. The Center has service targets for adults of 1117 and 255 for children and adolescents in the mental health area and targets of 116 quarterly for mental retardation. The mission statement is “Border Region MHMR Community Center exists to provide cost-effective services that improve the quality of life of those we serve by promoting independence in the community.” Some of the specific services offered include 24- hour crisis screening and intervention, assessment and evaluation, service coordination, linkage to community resources, monitoring of on-going treatment, skills training in daily living skills and other skills areas, physician services to include psychiatric assessment, medication monitoring and medication education, nursing services and counseling (limited). Some of the specific programs offered at Border Region include Child, Adolescent and Parent Services, Mejor Vida (Psychosocial Rehabilitation skills training), Assertive Community Treatment, Supported Housing, Supported Employment, Project for Assistance in Transitioning from Homelessness. In-Home Family Support (IHFS) , Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded – ICF-MR (Group Home Residential Services), Adult Habilitation Program and Home and Community Support. Border Region is also charged with providing to the dually diagnosed, those citizens having a mental health disorder and a co-occurring disorder of mental retardation or substance abuse. Other programs include, TCOOMI; Texas Council on Offenders with Mental Illness (work closely with State Probation for purpose of maintaining individual in the Community). Jail Diversion worker (diverting from Judicial System to Mental Health System).

The **Adult Mental Health Division** provides for an array of services to adults 18 years of age or older who suffer from schizophrenia, bipolar disorders, severe major depression, or any other severely disabling mental disorders which require crisis resolution or ongoing and long-term support and treatment. **Crisis Line 800-643-1102 These include: Crisis Services, Intake & Assessment, Continuity of Care, Case Management, Assertive Community Treatment (ACT), Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services, Counseling Services (CBT), Crisis Hotline, Jail Diversion, Crisis Respite,**

**Skills Training Services, Supportive Housing, Supportive Employment, TCOOMMI Services, PATH Services and Veteran’s Services**

**Crisis Intervention Services**

Crisis intervention services are provided to all adult individuals who are currently experiencing an acute emotional episode and who call the crisis hotline or who walk-in to our mental health clinics for emergency assessment by one of our clinicians. The crisis assessment will most likely include intervention services and planning that provides crisis support and follow-up. Those immediate needs are met, and a plan is developed which includes all available supports to prevent the admission of the individual to a more restrictive environment.

**Intake and Assessment**

A mental health evaluation is conducted for all adult individuals who were screened and who are seeking mental health services. All individuals seeking services are assessed by a qualified mental health professional to determine eligibility for services. Clinicians will complete the Uniform Assessment to determine if the individual is eligible for a Level of Care. Those individuals who are determined eligible will be enrolled into services or be placed on our waiting list. Individuals who do not qualify for an admission for services are referred to other community resources.

**Continuity of Care**

Services are provided to individuals who are entering or exiting state psychiatric hospital care and assists in the transition back to the community. The primary goal is to monitor the individual’s progress during hospitalization and the development of aftercare planning before discharge.

**Case Management**

These services are provided to those individuals who are determined eligible after being assessed and who have unmet needs. These services are primarily office-based services that assist an adult in gaining access to medical, social, educational, vocational, legal, substance abuse services, and other appropriate

services that will assist the individual to achieve quality of life and community integration. Services include crisis intervention, monitoring, screening and assessment, service planning and coordination. The main goal of case management is it to improve in individual's quality of life.

**Assertive Community Treatment**

Act is a specialized program that provides intensive community-based psychosocial rehabilitation services to those consumers who have been identified with severe and persistent mental illness and who have a history of multiple psychiatric hospitalizations. The main goals of the program is to assist the individuals in maintain community living by reducing their need for hospitalization, and by providing the individuals with all the needed supports to improve their level of functioning in the community.

**Psychosocial Rehabilitation**

These services are provided to those individuals who are authorized for an intensive level of care and who are focused on assisting the individual to achieve recovery. Interventions are provided by the therapeutic team who addresses the deficits in the individual's ability to develop and maintain social relationships, occupational, or educational achievement, independent living skills, and housing as a result of a severe and persistent mental illness. Rehabilitation services include site-based group training and community-based individual training. The program's goal is to improve life skills and independent functioning.

**Counseling Services**

Cognitive-behavioral therapy is provided by a Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts (LPHA). This short-term counseling needs are available to individuals who are determined eligible for Service Package 2 level of care based on diagnosis and needs assessment.

**Crisis Hotline**

Our Crisis Hotline provides a continuously available staffed telephone service providing information, support and referrals, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Any individual who may be experiencing an

acute emotional episode may call the crisis hotline for an emergency assessment by a Qualified Mental Health Professional-Community Services (QMHP-CS).

**Jail Diversion**

There is a process in place at the jail systems in which all individuals booked are screened and assessed by medical staff. Individuals exhibiting signs or symptoms associated with mental illness are referred for a more in-depth mental health assessment to be conducted by a QMHP-CS in order to determine their eligibility to receive mental health services. Border Region MHMR has a Jail Diversion Plan, for those individuals who have committed misdemeanor offenses and who have a diagnosis of Bi-polar disorder or Schizophrenia to be diverted from the jail system and placed into a mental health system.

**Crisis Respite**

Our crisis respite services provide for short-term residential placement outside the client’s usual living situation. These services are provided to individuals in a safe and closely monitored facility while they work through resolving a crisis situation.

**Skills Training Services**

Structured therapeutic activities that offer intense support and encourages growth and individual independence. The program provides individuals with the opportunity to acquire the needed skills in achieving recovery and independence. Services can be provided to the individual or in a group setting that addresses such issues as symptom management, anger management, stress management, and other independent living skills.

**Supported Housing**

This specialized program provides service activities which are designed to assist individuals with severe and persistent mental illness in choosing, obtaining, and maintaining regular and affordable housing. Services include individualized assistance and coordination of activities which facilitates access to

resources and service that support or assist the consumer into habitable, regular, integrated, and affordable housing in the community.

### **Supported Employment**

Intensive services designed to result in employment stability and to provide individualize assistance to clients in choosing and obtaining employment in integrated work sites in regular community jobs. Service activities includes assisting the individual in finding a job, helping the individual complete job applications, advocating with potential employers, assisting with learning job-specific skills and employer negotiations. The program goal is to secure and maintain employment for individuals with mental illness. The level of intensity of this service varies based on the level of authorized service package and/or level of care.

### **TCOOMMI**

TCOOMMI Intensive Case Management services are provided to offenders who are in the Special Needs Offenders Program, on probation and who live in the county of Webb, and who meet priority population diagnosis of severe and persistent mental illness. The general focus of services is to stabilize symptoms, reduced the risk of recidivism, increase awareness of and participation with community and natural supports, develop skills in self advocacy and gain ability to participate in independent mental health care. Depending on the needs of the individuals services may also include psychiatric treatment, medical care, medication education, psychosocial rehabilitation, counseling services, supported housing, supported employment, COPSD services, transportation services, and crisis intervention services.

### **PATH Services**

The Project for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) is designed to support the delivery of services to persons who are homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless, and have serious mental illnesses or co-occurring substance use disorders. Services are intended to bring treatment to persons

who are literally or marginally homeless, who have behavioral health disorders, and who do not access traditional services. Services are aimed at engaging persons into the needed array of services which includes screening for mental health services, development of rapport, offering support while assisting with immediate and basic needs, and referrals to appropriate resources.

### Veterans Services

Through our Incentive Project and the expanded Behavioral Health Initiatives Border Region MHMR will initiate, enhance, and expand the availability of, access to, and/or outreach and awareness for community-based behavioral health supports and services for Veterans, Texas Military Forces (TXMF) service members, and their family members. The Incentive Project initiated the Veteran-facilitated peer-to-peer, support groups and community resource coordination related to basic needs (e.g., food, shelter, clothing, employment, mental health, and physical health) for veterans. Some of the additional support services for Veterans will include Trauma Therapy, such as Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT) for those diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Services to family members will include family-facilitated curriculum trainings – such as “Operation Resilient Families’ and the establishment of a formal Advisory Panel, that will include representatives from community partners, individuals, and organizations which have a demonstrated interest in serving and supporting veterans and their families.

### 2.(b) Child, Adolescent Services & Parent Services Program (CAPS)

The CAPS program services children and adolescents between the ages of 3 through 17 years of age with a diagnosis of mental illness who may experience: **emotional disturbance, behavioral problems, prior in-patient psychiatric hospitalization, at risk of placement outside of the home/community, and at risk of expulsion from school. Referrals to the CAPS unit come from: Walk-ins, School counselors, Juvenile Justice, Private Physicians, Hospitals. The following sequential steps are then taken: (1) Brief Screening; (2) Intake Appt., and then (3) If eligible for the program, case is opened and**

**assigned a caseworker.**

**Depending on the level of care the CAPS offers a wide array of services. These services can be done in an office setting, in the home, jails, schools, hospitals, or in any community setting that is appropriate and safe. These include:** Crisis Hotline (1-800-643-1102), Screening, Pre-Admission Assessment, Engagement Activity, Routine Case Management-CMH, Intensive Case Management /using a Wraparound Approach, Counseling (through individual, and family therapy), Psychiatric Diagnostic Interview Examination, Pharmacological Management – A service in the CAPS unit is telemedicine. Effective April 18<sup>th</sup> of 2008 we initiated telemedicine; 9 telemedicine days 3 live days, Provision of Medications, and Crisis Intervention Services – crisis re-design allowed us to enhance our crisis intervention services. MCOT services are designed to reach individuals in their homes, schools, and/or any other community based location provided that it is a safe location. Another enhancement is a new service: Crisis Follow-up and Relapse Prevention – 24 hour follow-up with those individuals who did not require hospitalization, and are not in imminent danger. Service package 5 – this service is for individuals who have been discharged from crisis services or hospitalization. This allows 30 day authorization; this is a brief authorization to ensure stability, and to prevent future crisis events. Medication Training & Supports Rehabilitative Skills Training and Development Services, Family Case Management — CMH, Family Training, Family Partner, Parent Support Group, Flexible Community Supports, and Jail Diversion. These are all the services that the CAPS program offers. These services are provided not only to the client but to the families as well.

2.(c) Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Services Program

**SERVICES AND PROGRAMS**

**FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL DISABILITIES**

Border Region MHRCC offers an array of services specifically designed to meet the needs of individuals diagnosed with Mental Retardation, Pervasive Developmental Disorder and/or Related Conditions.

**ADMISSION AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION**

**Proof of Diagnosis:** provided by a License Professional

**Proof of Residence:** Reside in the MRA Local Service Area, Webb, Zapata, Jim Hogg and Starr Counties

**Proof of Income:** Individual or parents Income (if minor)

**Proof of Insurance:** Medicaid, Medicare or Private insurance (not required)

DADS Mental Retardation Services include the following: Determination of Eligibility, Service Coordination, Community Support, Day Habilitation, Respite, Employment Assistance, Supported Employment, Vocational Training, Nursing, Behavioral Support, In-Home and Family Support.

### **Home and Community Based Program (HCS)**

Medicaid Waiver Program that provides support to eligible individuals as an alternative to ICF-MR program. Enrollment is limited to the specific number of individuals in specific target groups and geographic areas approved by Health Care Financial Administration (HCFA).

### **Texas Home Living Program**

A Medicaid waiver program that provides community-based services and supports to individuals who live in their own homes or in the family's home. Enrollment is limited to individuals approved by CMS.

**Drug Impact Court** - The main goal of the Drug Impact Court is to expedite and adjudicate drug cases. As a result, the Drug Impact Court is alleviating the jail population and the dockets of the two District Courts handling the criminal cases. In addition to this, the Drug Impact Court cooperates with local law enforcement agencies, including the Probation Department, to identify individuals who should be given counseling or should be enrolled in drug treatment centers.

**Drug Intervention Program** - Since FY 1991 the Webb County Community Supervision and Corrections Department (C.S.C.D) has implemented a program to check for drugs from urine samples submitted by probationers. This program is still operational and urine samples are collected as court ordered on each individual case.

**G.R.E.A.T. Program** – The G.R.E.A.T. Program is a school-based, law enforcement officer-instructed classroom curriculum. The program's primary objective is prevention and is intended as an immunization against delinquency, youth violence, and gang membership. G.R.E.A.T. lessons

focus on providing life skills to students to help them avoid delinquent behavior and violence to solve problems. The program works as a cooperative agreement between the Laredo I.S.D. Police Department Officers and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Laredo I.S.D. Police Department has four certified police officers to teach the program. Classes will be taught in an appropriate education time slot, as determined by Laredo I.S.D. campus administrators. The G.R.E.A.T. Program consists of four components: A 13-week Middle School Curriculum, an Elementary School Curriculum, a Summer Program and Families Training.

**Laredo Border Violence Task Force** - Together with U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the Laredo Police Department will combat drug trafficking and any other related crimes within the City of Laredo and Webb County. This expansion will allow undercover operatives to jointly investigate a larger number of cases, and will be able to cover additional ground.

**Laredo Financial Task Force** - The Laredo Financial Task Force Program is a combined effort between the City, County, and the federal government to investigate the illegal financial activities of drug traffickers in the City of Laredo, Webb County, and Zapata County. In order to cover their drug trafficking earnings, drug traffickers are investing their drug money in homes, real estate, and businesses. This combined Task Force conducts thorough investigations of all assets of arrested and suspected drug traffickers.

**L.I.S.D. Chemical Dependency Program** - There are four Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselors (LCDC) in the Laredo Independent School District with each of three being assigned to each high school and one to F.S. Lara Academy. Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselors focus on prevention and intervention services. The Prevention component consists of presentations made to students, parents and school staff at the elementary, middle, and high schools. At the high school level, the topics include information on the effects and negative consequences of marijuana, cocaine, alcohol, rohypnol, tobacco, heroin, and ecstasy. In grades 5 and 6, the LCDCs use the Too Good for Drugs (TGFD) curriculum. This curriculum is designed to reduce the risk factors and enhance the protective factors related to substance abuse. The emphasis is on life skills: goal setting, decision making, communication, and positive relationships. LCDCs also organize activities such as Red Ribbon Week activities and presentations by motivational speakers or groups.

Intervention services provided by the LCDCs include counseling, drug education, self- management

skills, parent conferences, and referrals to community agencies for appropriate substance abuse services and/or support services.

**Red Ribbon Campaign** -The Red Ribbon Campaign, a non-profit drug use prevention organization, is sponsored by the Texans' War on Drugs. The coalition gives communities a voice. It is an opportunity for schools, civic groups, businesses, corporations, governmental agencies, law enforcement officials, media representatives, and families to unite in the war against drugs. Communities, through education of its youth, take on the challenge to prevent this epidemic from growing.

**San Antonio State Hospital "Casa Amistad"** -The San Antonio State Hospital (SASH) is a 350 bed in-patient psychiatric facility. It services adolescent, adult and geriatric populations. The mission of the San Antonio State Hospital is to provide quality psychiatric care to individuals admitted to our programs that meet the needs and exceed the expectations of individuals served and their families, and to ensure a competent and diverse workforce. It serves approximately 38 counties in South Texas, San Antonio State Hospital serve nine Mental Health Authorities (MHA) that includes Border Region Mental Health Mental Retardation Community Center. Casa Amistad in Laredo is a 16 bed acute care in patient unit that was established in Laredo on February 1999. Casa Amistad services consumers 18 years and older. Casa Amistad has a catchment area serving Webb, Jim Hogg, Starr and Zapata counties.

**SCAN's BEEP Outpatient Drug Treatment Program** This program provides evidence based outpatient treatment services to adult males and females residing in Webb County. Qualified Substance Abuse Counselors provide individual, group or family counseling services.

**SCAN's Border Traumatic Stress Response Center** This program is designed to provide evidence based crisis intervention and counseling services to children and adolescents ages 2 – 18 that have experienced or witnessed a traumatic event and reside in Webb County. Traumatic events can range from child abuse, domestic violence, and school violence, to natural disasters and terrorism.

**SCAN's C-STAR Outpatient Treatment Program** This program provides evidence based outpatient treatment services to male and female transitioning youth ages 18 to 23 who have diagnoses of

substance abuse or substance dependence and are not in need of residential services. Qualified Substance Abuse Counselors provide individual, group and family counseling. Services are provided in Webb County.

**SCAN's Esperanza Youth Recovery Home** This is a substance abuse residential treatment program for female adolescents ages 13 through 17, who are chemically dependent and reside in Webb County or any other county in Health and Human Services Region 11.

**SCAN's Esperanza Youth Recovery Home Specialized Youth Female Residential Services** This program provides intensive trauma-informed and gender-specific treatment services in a residential setting that facilitate recovery from substance abuse and dependence for a specialized population of female youth based. This program also provides additional services that are comprehensive, integrated, sequenced and coordinated with treatment services and that facilitate stable recovery and preservation of the client's family.

**SCAN's Futuros Sin Limitaciones Offender Reentry Program** The purpose of this program is to expand and/or enhance substance abuse treatment and related recovery and reentry services to sentenced adult offenders returning to the community from incarceration for criminal offenses. This program provides a transition from incarceration to community-based substance abuse treatment and related reentry services for the targeted population.

**SCAN's Rio Grande Valley Youth Recovery Home** This is a substance abuse residential treatment program for male adolescents ages 13 through 17, who are chemically dependent and reside in Webb County or any other county in Health and Human Services Region 11.

**SCAN's Serenidad Recovery Home** This is a substance abuse residential treatment program for adult males, who are chemically dependent and reside in Webb and the surrounding Counties.

**SCAN's Serenidad Recovery Oriented Systems of Care Project** This program is designed to foster the development and utilization of local recovery-oriented systems of care to address gaps in treatment capacity by supporting person-centered and self-directed approaches for substance abuse (including alcohol and drug) treatment and recovery services. The purpose of this program is to expand the organization's ability to improve the quality and intensity of treatment services. This program serves to develop local recovery-oriented systems of care that will expand and/or enhance substance abuse services and promote recovery.

**SCAN's Serenidad Women's Recovery Home** This is a substance abuse residential treatment program for adult females, who are chemically dependent and reside in Webb and the surrounding Counties.

**SCAN's Serenidad Women's Recovery Home Specialized Women's Services** Program services consist of intensive trauma-informed and gender-specific treatment services in a residential setting that facilitates recovery from substance dependence for a specialized population of women. Additionally, this program offers services that are comprehensive, integrated, sequenced and coordinated with treatment services and that facilitate stable recovery and preservation of the client's family.

**SCAN's STAND [Students Taking Action Negating Drugs] Outpatient Treatment Program** This program provides evidence-based outpatient treatment services to male and female youth ages 13 to 17 who have diagnoses of substance abuse or substance dependence and are not in need of residential services. Services are provided in Webb, Zapata, Cameron, Hidalgo and Starr Counties.

**SCAN's Youth Specialized Female Outpatient Services** This program provides trauma-informed and gender-specific treatment services that facilitate recovery from substance abuse and dependence to a specialized population of female youth who do not require a more structured environment such as residential services to achieve abstinence and meet treatment goals. Additionally, this program provides services that are comprehensive, integrated, sequenced and coordinated with treatment services and that facilitate stable recovery and preservation of the client's family. Services are provided in Webb County.

**SCAN's Youth Recovery Home** This is a substance abuse residential treatment program for male adolescents ages 13 through 17, who are chemically dependent and reside in Webb County or any other county in Health and Human Services Region 11.

**SCAN's Adult Specialized Female Outpatient Services** This program provides trauma-informed and gender-specific treatment services that facilitate recovery from substance abuse and dependence to a specialized population of women who do not require a more structured environment such as residential services to achieve abstinence and meet treatment goals. To provide additional services that are comprehensive, integrated, sequenced and coordinated with treatment services and that facilitate stable recovery and preservation of the client's family.

**SCAN's Co-Occurring Psychiatric and Substance Use Disorders** This program provides adjunct services to clients with co-occurring psychiatric and substance use disorders (COPSD), emphasizing integrated treatment where both disorders are seen as primary, in existing mental health and substance abuse treatment services.

- S.T.C.A.D.A.** - The South Texas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse provides several services. Among these are: case finding; 24 hour telephone answering service/screening; in person, confidential problem assessment and evaluation; referral and placement services; and a system of follow up. These services are available to the general public and the community at large.
- S.T.C.A.D.A. – A.O.P.D.** is an after-care Outpatient Treatment Program for clients on federal probation. These services cover both mental health and substance abuse issues and may include assessment, individual/group counseling, and referral to other agencies as needed.
- S.T.C.A.D.A. – H.E.I.** (HIV Early Intervention) Program targets those individuals who are HIV positive and are dealing with substance abuse. The program provides case management, support groups as well as individual counseling and food assistance.
- S.T.C.A.D.A. – T.C.O.** (Treatment for Co-Occurring Disorders) Dual Diagnosis Outpatient Treatment Program provides adjunct services that are designed to support adults and youth with both mental health and substance abuse issues. We offer assessment, individual counseling, case-management and referral services.
- S.T.C.A.D.A. – T.D.C.J.** (Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice) provides individual and group counseling in an outpatient setting to offenders who have tested positive on a second drug test while on state parole.
- S.T.C.A.D.A. – T.R.A.** (Treatment for Adults) Outpatient Treatment Program targets adults (Primary those who are indigent) and their families with substance abuse problems. These services may include assessment, individual/group counseling, case-management and referral to other agencies as needed.
- S.T.C.A.D.A. – T.R.A. (SWP)** (Treatment for Adults-Specialized Women’s Program) Outpatient Treatment Program for Specialized Females targets adult females with substance abuse issues who have children under the age 18 and/or are pregnant. We offer assessment, individual/group and family counseling, case-management, food assistance and referral services.
- S.T.C.A.D.A. – Y.P.I.** (Youth Prevention Intervention) **Positive Action** is a program which offers constructive methods designed to interrupt the onset or progression of substance abuse in the early stages. The program uses the Positive Action Curriculum and Indicated Counseling, referral, and follow-up, which is an effective, problem-focused, and practical approach to the elimination of

substance abuse risk factors for adolescents 14 to 17 years old and their families.

**S.T.C.A.D.A. – Y.P.S.** (Youth Prevention Selected) **Familias Saludables** is a program which promotes a proactive process to promote health and wellness for individuals, families and communities. The program uses the **FAST (Families and Schools Together)** model to build protective factors and reduce the risk factors associated with substance abuse and related problem behaviors for children 4 to 12 years old and their parents.

**S.T.C.A.D.A. – Y.P.U.** (Youth Prevention Universal) **Paso A Paso** is a program which targets elementary school children. The program teaches **Botvin’s LifeSkills**, an evidence-based curriculum in the elementary schools. Our program also provides information dissemination, supervised alternative drug and alcohol free activities and parent education.

**S.T.E.P. Program** - Agreement Between State of Texas - Texas Department of Transportation and Webb County Sheriffs Office - Funds provided by the State of Texas through the Texas Department of Transportation for endorsement of the Transportation Code relating to the enforcement of occupant restraint enforcement (Safety Belts) and Speed Laws, and education, media activities during selected holiday periods.

**Webb County Community Supervision & Corrections Department Substance Abuse Misdemeanor Program**- The Webb County Community Supervision and Corrections Department Substance Abuse Misdemeanor Program targets misdemeanor cases where the probationer is known or is suspect of having a controlled substance use problem. Non-drug related cases are also looked at to see if the use of drugs is a contributor to the offense committed. Once the evaluation/assessment of the case has been completed, then the probationer is referred to the different in-house programs or community resources that will assist the officer in rehabilitating the offender. Cases are closely monitor by random urine testing by the Drug Testing Unit and released from the program at time of termination from community supervision.

**Webb County District Attorney's Multi-Agency Narcotics Task Force** - Tile Laredo Multi-Agency Narcotics Task Force is a combined effort to combat drug trafficking in the City of Laredo, Webb County, and Zapata County. Officers from these counties are assigned to a multi-agency task force. With officers from these counties, the task force is able to expand its drug investigations into these counties. Most of these investigations originate in the border and extend to the surrounding

counties.

## Prevention / Intervention:

**SCAN's ARCO Iris Program** The Arco Iris Transitional Living Program (TLP) has been designed to enhance the continuum of services for homeless youth Webb County and to help youth and families in need achieve their greatest human potential. The program provides shelter, case management, and life skills education to homeless male and female participants between the ages of 16 to 21. The Arco Iris Program's primary goal is to direct female and male adolescents toward healthy development as adults and to empower them in achieving independent living and self-sufficiency.

**SCAN's Casey Project** This project strives to bring together Colonia residents to develop a community response to their community needs and or problems. The Coalition is composed of members from a cross-section of the community (civic leaders, social services, religious, business persons, parents, school officials, etc.) and its members develop and follow a community action plan with specific objectives (e.g. establish recreational parks, develop youth activities, awareness campaigns) to address the areas that they want to address.

**SCAN's CORAZON [Caring Options for Runaway Adolescents Zesting Opportunities Nobly] Program** This program provides a team of outreach counselors and peer specialists working in Webb County and Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico to specifically address the issues affecting homeless youth who are living on the streets and of runaway youth. The program focuses on meeting the overall needs of these youth living on the streets between the ages of 10 through 17 and of engaging them to meet their overall needs and help them access shelter services where they can be safe. This program also targets issues of sexual abuse, victimization, drugs and alcohol since these problems are often encountered in this population.

**SCAN's Emergency Youth Shelter** Often called the "Shelter", is a temporary residential program for 16 children and adolescents, male and female, ages 8 through 17, who are in crisis because of being victims of abuse or neglect, running away, homelessness, or imminent risk of runaway or being homeless. The Shelter provides a safe, structured environment for youth while the youth and family members work with their counselors to resolve problems and assess appropriate alternatives. This program operates a 24-hour hotline and primarily serves Webb County, but accepts referral from all South Texas counties.

**SCAN’s Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Prevention Program** The Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Program provides comprehensive prevention services to adolescent and adult female participants in selected SCAN drug intervention and treatment programs. The FASD Prevention Program utilizes the Project CHOICES intervention model to help reduce the incidence of alcohol-exposed pregnancies among participants.

**SCAN’s Futuros Saludables Peer to Peer Recovery Program** The Futuros Saludables Program provides peer-to-peer recovery support services that enhance available substance abuse treatment services by promoting recovery, reducing relapse, and intervening early when relapse occurs. The peer-based recovery support services provided by the Futuros Saludables Program will facilitate the provision of comprehensive services to both Adults (18 and over) and Adolescents (12-17) male and female that 1) stress the importance and power of recovery, 2) have been designed with the assistance of people in recovery, 3) rely on people in recovery to help deliver services, 4) emphasize the importance of leadership development, and 5) promote principles of self-care and cultural diversity.

**SCAN’s Futuros Sin Barreras Program** The Futuros Sin Barreras Program is designed for the purpose of providing drug prevention services to youth between the ages of 10 – 17 who have experienced traumatic life events such as child abuse: domestic, school or community violence; the loss of a loved one; imprisonment of a family member; a family breakup; etc. The foundation of Futuros Sin Barreras is the implementation of Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT), which is a SAMHSA Model Program to prevent substance abuse. TF-CBT teaches youth a variety of coping skills including stress management, cognitive processing, communication, problem solving, and safety. TF-CBT also has a parent training component that emphasizes effective parenting skills including how to enhance parent-child interactions to promote positive support for children.

**SCAN’s PACT Program** PACT [Parents And Children Together] Program: provides early substance abuse and violence prevention services to third grade students in Webb County. This elementary school based program uses a nationally recognize, research-based curriculum called PATHS to teach children ages 5 through 12 how to redirect aggressive behavior, identify emotions, resolve conflict, and improve social skills. The overall objective of this program is to improve their emotional intelligence, which results in improved self-esteem and the ability to make wiser decisions. PACT Parenting Program: this parenting program uses the nationally recognize parenting curriculum called Preparing for the Drug Free School Years. It provides the parents of young children with the skills and knowledge to raise drug free children.

**SCAN’s Juntos Podemos Program** The Juntos Podemos Prevention Program provides evidence-based substance

abuse and HIV prevention and related services to adult Hispanic females in Webb, Zapata, and Starr Counties. Services are primarily provided on-site at participating employment settings.

**SCAN’s Pregnant and Post Partum Intervention (PPI) Program** This program provides comprehensive intervention services to pregnant and post-partum adult and adolescent women experiencing substance related problems in Webb County. The program concentrates on enhancing the total well-being of all participants (mother and child) and helps establish a clear vision concerning the importance of a drug free lifestyle. The primary goal of the program is to reduce the incidence of drug exposure to their unborn, newborn and young children and to facilitate a healthy lifestyle for all participants. This program ended August 31, 2008).

**SCAN’s RHY [Runaway and Homeless Youth] Program** SCAN’s Runaway and Homeless Youth Program began in 1993 in response to concern about increasing numbers of runaway youth who were exposed to exploitation and the dangers of street life. It has subsequently been expanded to assist homeless youth on both a short-term basis and in making the transition to independent living and to provide drug education and prevention services to runaway and homeless youth.

**SCAN’s STAR [The Services to At Risk Youth] Program** This program provides individual and family counseling, parenting classes, coping skills, 24 hour-crisis intervention, and residential services to eligible children and youth (runaways, truants, first offenders, and family conflict) between the ages of 0 through 17 and to their families. This program currently provides services in Webb, Zapata, Jim Hogg, Duval, Maverick, Starr, La Salle, and Dimmit Counties.

**SCAN’s Webb County Community Coalition Program** This program strives to develop a community response to the prevention of drug, alcohol and tobacco use and abuse. The Coalition is composed of members from a cross-section of the community (media, civic leaders, social services, religious community, treatment providers, etc.) and its members develop and follow a community action plan with specific objectives (e.g. activities, task forces, awareness campaigns) to reduce the use of alcohol tobacco and other drugs among youth. Membership is open to all persons residing in Webb County.

## Interagency Cooperation

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The following is a description of how the various resources listed in the previous pages could cooperatively work together to accomplish the goal of closing identified gaps in services:

- On-going communications concerning availability of resources and services is key.
- Referrals will continue to be made between available and applicable agencies for needed services.
- Cooperative Working Agreements between agencies will be utilized as much as possible in order to (1) reduce duplication of services; (2) promote interagency networking; (3) provide for a collaborative environment for the health exchange of information, and (4) foster continual coordination between agencies and business within the community.
- Laredo Crimestoppers, Inc., is a volunteer citizen-base program that works in conjunction with law enforcement, media, and private citizens to raise awareness of crimes and provide monetary incentives to witnesses to come forth with the information to solve crimes. The LISD Campus Crimestoppers work with the school campuses in the Laredo Independent School District (L.I.S.D.) to prevent and solve crimes as well as resolve policy issues on campus.
- Casa Misericordia Domestic Violence Shelter provides comprehensive services to victims of domestic violence, and, in doing so, works with the Laredo Police Department, the Webb County Sheriff's Office, the District Attorney's Office, and other community stakeholders.
- Casa de Misericordia (CASA) and the local community work together to resolve the issue of domestic violence through the city of Laredo/County of Webb Criminal Justice Community Plan and the Webb County Domestic Violence Coalition. It is through these meetings that various legal, social, health care, and law enforcement agencies come together to determine how better to address the needs of victims of domestic violence. Casa de Misericordia provides victims of domestic violence with counseling, support group, therapy, educational and shelter services to victims of domestic violence and education to the community at large. Casa de Misericordia also works in conjunction with other local agencies to ensure that victims' needs are met. When appropriate, Casa de Misericordia refers to and receives referrals from programs like the Children's Advocacy Center and Border Region/MHMR. These programs focus on the safety and emotional and mental needs of the victim. The local school districts provide various resources like tutoring and school supplies so that child victims of domestic violence can keep up with their studies and class work. Local legal and law enforcement agencies work together and with the social service agencies to ensure that the legal needs, such as filing a police report, protective order, divorce, child custody and/or crime victim's compensation applications, are met. Two programs, El Puente and Nuestra Gente, address the needs of batterers by providing counseling services for these individuals. All of the agencies work together to meet the needs of victims and are always looking for ways in which to improve this network to better support victims.

- The Children’s Advocacy Center of Laredo-Webb County works in partnership with the District Attorney’s Office, Child Protective Services, the Laredo Police Department, the Webb County Sheriff’s Office, to provide victim services to child abuse victims that are referred to the Children’s Advocacy Center. The Children’s Advocacy Center and its partner agencies work together under an agreed protocol and cooperative working agreement to provide services to child victims and their families to reduce the effects and trauma of childhood sexual and/or physical abuse.

## **Long-Range Plan Development, Monitoring and Evaluation**

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The Webb County Community Planning Team works in conjunction with other planning groups in the county to ensure a regular exchange of ideas. Individuals active in the planning process generally serve on many of these committees and share mutual concerns.

The Webb County Community Planning Team strives to meet periodically to review the plan and make necessary additions and deletions. At least one formal meeting of the entire group is held each fall, but agency and community representatives typically submit suggestions and changes via telephone and e-mail throughout the year to the Community Planning Coordinator.

Drafts and annual updates of the Community Plan are circulated by e-mail with requests for comments, changes, etc. Wherever possible e-mail is used to reduce the need for meetings, printing, postage, etc.

It is the intent of the Community Planning Group to improve outcomes for Webb County families struggling with problems described in the plan's focus areas. Efforts are being made by many Webb County agencies and organizations to address problems with local funds as well as grant funds from multiple state and federal sources. To the extent that these funds are available, the Community Planning Team will continue to encourage agencies to provide programming that addresses the outlined focus areas.

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