

# DEEP EAST TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS REGIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLAN 2018-2019

A Strategic Plan to Improve the  
Criminal Justice Needs of the Deep  
East Texas  
Region



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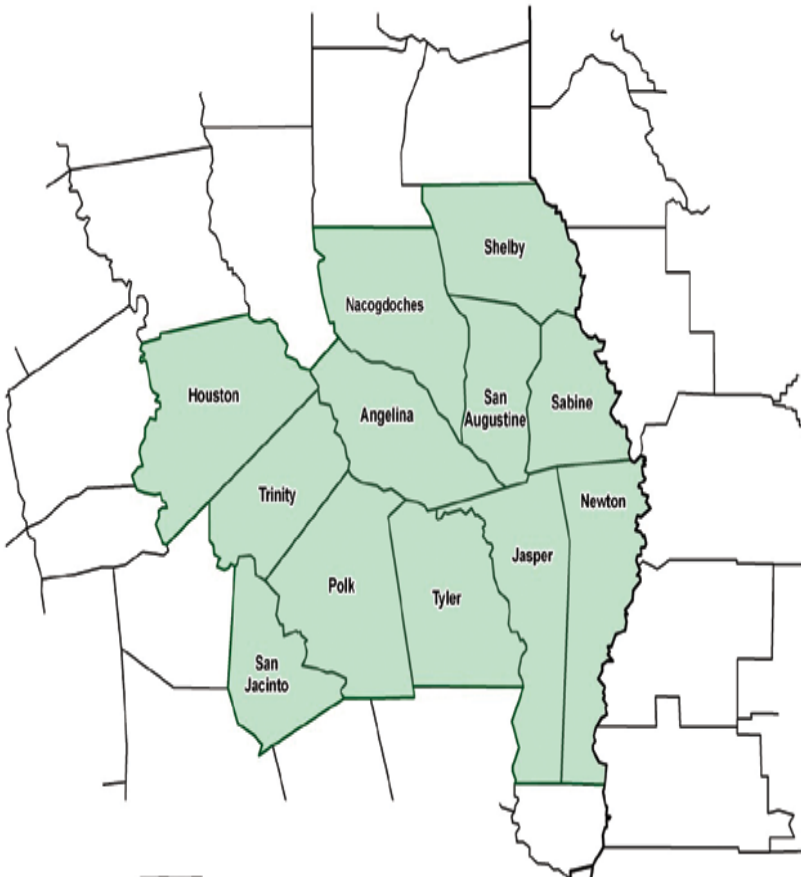
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# Regional Profile

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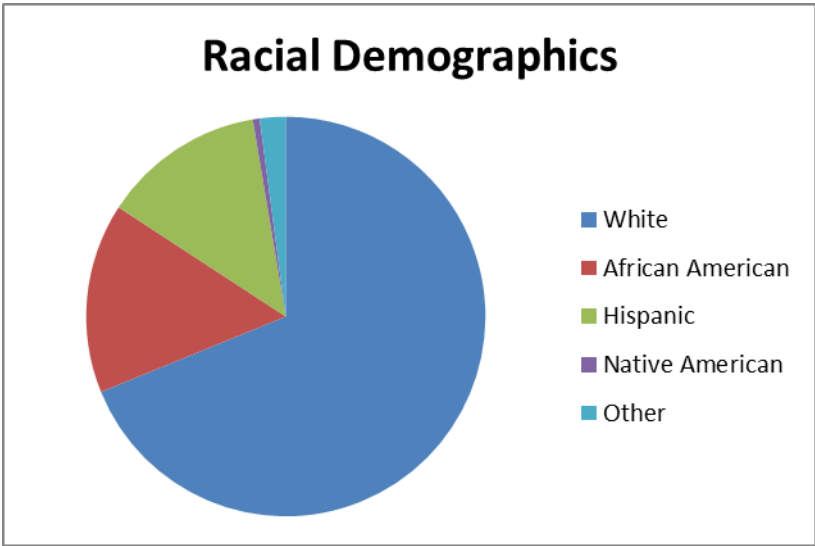


The Deep East Texas Council of Governments was established as the State Planning Region No. 14 in 1969, and is a voluntary association of local governments for Angelina, Houston, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity and Tyler counties, regionally known as Deep East Texas. Membership in the Deep East Texas Council of Governments consists of 12 counties, 36 cities, 50 school districts, seven soil and water conservation districts, four river authorities and four hospital districts.

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# Planning Team

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In developing this Regional Plan, members of the team were divided into several focus groups for the purpose of narrowing the scope of research and data that are incorporated into the Plan. Some members may serve in multiple capacities/categories.

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# Executive Summary

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This regional strategic plan is in accordance with §2.F in the current Interagency Cooperation Contract between The Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division (CJD) and Deep East Texas Council of Governments (DETCOG).

## Planning Process

The Deep East Texas Council of Government's strategic plan was created with the assistance and dedication of community leaders throughout the region. Each county was asked to conduct local focus groups to identify specific issues and compiled information into a county Community Plan that was approved by the respective county officials to ensure that communication was held between service providers and elected officials. The formation of a Strategic Planning Committee (social service providers, elected officials or concerned citizens) allowed the issues to be compiled into a regional document consisting of prioritized issues. The document was then shared with the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee, and the Executive Committee to provide input into the strategic planning process. Stakeholders consisting of elected officials, committed individuals from community-based organizations, and law enforcement organizations, system-based victim programs, and victim's advocacy groups provided advice throughout the planning process. The input process included meetings and focus groups, to determine needs, service priorities and provided the opportunity for stakeholders to have input in the strategic plan strategies. The document that is represented here reflects the efforts of many in the Deep East Texas region that are concerned with addressing gaps in services which will ensure our communities to be safer places for citizens to live and work.

This Executive Summary list the vision and mission and local priorities in each of the following areas, Direct Victim Services, Juvenile Justice Services, Mental Health Services and Criminal Justice Services.

## **Direct Victim Services**

### *Local priorities:*

- Support services for child and adult victims of assault and abuse (emergency shelter, transitional housing, counseling, legal assistance, specialized case managers, SANE programs, victim education, job training, etc.)
- Professional investigative and prosecution services related to victims of crimes.
- Intervention services for victims (general expansion of intervention services, parenting education on child abuse/sexual assault, continuation of victim services hotline, general violence education)
- Victim Assistance Coordinator
- Family Counseling Programs
  
- Need for a SANE Nurse

## **Juvenile Justice Services**

### *Local priorities:*

- Need for additional juvenile justice resources (mentoring, life skills training, parent education, apprenticeship and job training, after-school and tutoring, shelters, intervention and prevention programs and transportation).
- Need for professional support services (specialized law enforcement personnel training in juvenile law, treatment facilities for substance abuse non-residential and residential, mental health services non-residential and non-residential, faith-based counseling and peer support groups, sex-offender treatment and counseling services).

## **Mental Health Services**

### *Local priorities:*

- A need for additional mental health resources (transportation, transitional housing, coordination of service providers, crisis stabilization, substance abuse services, facilities to hold mental health offenders after an arrest, medication assistance programs that will cover psychological drugs).
- Mental health professional support (increase of mental health professionals for treatment, case managers at mental health clinics, special mental health law enforcement officers, personnel to handle mental health emergencies, additional peer providers, specialized training for veterans with mental health issue).

## **Criminal Justice Services**

### *Local priorities:*

- Additional law enforcement officers and manpower (including specialized officers)
- Additional resources for law enforcement officials (equipment (including patrol cars), training, drug courts, expansion of alcohol and drug abuse services, educational material for community)

# **WHAT ARE THE PRIORITIES IN OUR REGION?**

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In each of the areas on the following pages, issues are identified and data is included that supports both the existence and severity of gaps as they are found in the deep east Texas region. Below the description and data are key points of the problems, the manner in which the problems are being addressed, and strategically how responses to these community problems could be improved.

# Juvenile Justice Priorities

Priority # 1	
<i>Problem Identified</i>	<i>Data</i>
<p><b>Need for additional juvenile justice resources.</b></p>	<p><b>The Office of Juvenile Justice Programs (OJJDP) data indicated that most violent crimes including murder, violent sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault, and simple assault peaks in the late afternoon.</b></p> <p><b>The Texas Juvenile Justice Department released in 2015 statistics for the State of Juvenile Probation Activity in Texas. It was reported in deep east Texas 732 youth participated in delinquency programs.</b></p>
<i>Potential Response to Problem</i>	
<p><b>To promote higher education and personal empowerment in juveniles to deter their entry/reentry into the juvenile justice system:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mentoring activities – activities designed to promote positive developmental assets in youth.</b></li> <li>• <b>Life skills training programs to better equip youth with the needed skills to handle peer pressure, fads and trends.</b></li> <li>• <b>Parent education programs to educate and inform parents on the pressures of dealing with teenage children, knowing the warning signs for associated alcohol and drug abuse, gang involvement, and other topics.</b></li> <li>• <b>Apprenticeship and job training programs to assist youth in making long-term career goals.</b></li> <li>• <b>After-school and tutoring programs to promote educational success and higher learning.</b></li> <li>• <b>Shelters for battered, sexually abused, or runaway youth.</b></li> <li>• <b>Intervention and prevention programs that cover various issues facing youth.</b></li> <li>• <b>Transportation accessibility for juveniles.</b></li> <li>• <b>Recreational activities for youth to prevent criminal activity</b></li> </ul>	

Priority #2

<i>Problem Identified</i>	<i>Data</i>
<b>Professional support services for juveniles.</b>	<b>Over 65% of juveniles referred to juvenile probation departments had personal transportation issues getting to counseling, community service sites, psychological assessments and other required appointments.</b>

*Potential Response to Problem*

**Services that will offer:**

- **Specialized law enforcement personnel training in juvenile law.**
- **Treatment facilities for substance abuse non-residential and residential.**
- **Mental health services non –residential and residential.**
- **Faith based counseling and peer support groups.**
- **Sex-offender treatment and counseling services.**
- **Intervention and prevention programs that cover various issues facing Youth, such as alcohol and drug abuse, dating violence, gang involvement, stranger safety, drop-out / truancy awareness.**

# Victim Services Priorities

Priority #1	
Problem Identified	Data
<p><b>Need for support services, emergency shelters, intervention services, general resources, transportation, family services, counseling, and advocacy for victims of assault, abuse, domestic violence, and sexual assault.</b> (This priority was addressed in the following counties' community plans: Angelina, , Newton &amp; Jasper, Polk, Shelby, Trinity and Tyler)</p>	<p><b><u>Statistics provided by the Women's Shelter of East Texas, Inc</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Women's Shelter of East Texas, Inc. (located in Angelina County) is the only emergency shelter in six of the nine counties. The shelter provides a safe place for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and their families, 24 hours a day, 365 days per year.</li> <li>• In 2016, WSET received 2,080 crisis hotline and general information calls on the crisis hotline.</li> <li>• In 2016, 401 unduplicated victims received emergency shelter from the WSET.</li> <li>• In 2016, 803 unduplicated victims received outreach services.</li> <li>• In 2016, 71% of clients were victims of domestic violence, 21% were victims of both domestic violence and sexual assault, and 8% were victims of sexual assault.</li> <li>• In 2016, WSET provided over 118,000 services to victims.</li> <li>• The Women's shelter of East Texas provides a Battering Intervention and Prevention Program (BIPP) that includes educational services to men who have been violent, abusive, and/or controlling in their intimate family relationships. By teaching abusers how to recognize abuse, accountability, and how to change their violent behaviors we are taking a more holistic approach to victim services. In 2016, the BIPP program admitted 24 men to the group, 3 of those have successfully completed the program.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Statewide Statistics provided by Texas Council on Family Violence</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In 2015, there were 194,872 family violence incidents in Texas.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In 2015, 158 women in Texas were killed by their intimate partner.</li> <li>• In 2015, 24,391 adults and children received shelter services.</li> <li>• In 2015, there were 15,869 unmet requests for shelter. 39% of adults were denied shelter due to lack of space.</li> <li>• In 2015, 45,478 adults and children received non-residential services.</li> <li>• In 2015, 183,294 crisis hotline calls were answered.</li> </ul> <p><i>*Source: Texas Council on Family Violence &amp; University of Texas Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.</i></p>
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*Potential Response to Problem*

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Emergency Shelter services for battered women and abused children.</b></li> <li>• <b>Counseling with professionals including: parenting classes and pre-parenting classes, outpatient drug treatment, general counseling, support groups.</b></li> <li>• <b>Legal Assistance/services for victims for which include court accompaniment and education of the criminal justice procedures associated with the victim's case</b></li> <li>• <b>Specialized case managers to ensure that all needs of the clients are met and monitored in a professional manner.</b></li> <li>• <b>SANE programs for adults and children.</b></li> <li>• <b>Victim education needed to inform victims of their legal rights and responsibilities and to educate them on coping with the situation.</b></li> <li>• <b>Supervised visitation center to assist in safe encounters between co-parents and support to the parents and children.</b></li> <li>• <b>Job training programs to assist victims in becoming self-sufficient.</b></li> <li>• <b>Providing more resources for child victims.</b></li> <li>• <b>Providing more resources for victims of rape and sexual assault.</b></li> <li>• <b>Specialized services for elderly victims of family violence and sexual assault.</b></li> <li>• <b>Victim Advocacy programs for victims of violent crimes.</b></li> </ul>
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Priority #2	
<i>Problem Identified</i>	<i>Data</i>
<b>Professional investigative and prosecution services related to victims of</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 2015 Uniform Crime Report documents 3845 violent crime offenses made in the region.</li> </ul>

<p><b>crimes.</b></p> <p><i>(This priority was addressed in the following counties' community plans: Angelina, Houston, Newton &amp; Jasper, Polk, Shelby, and Trinity)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department of Family and Protective Services reported in 2016 3,288 cases investigated with 479 confirmed cases of abuse in cases involving youth.</li> </ul>
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*Potential Response to Problem*

**The need for a prosecutor to be dedicated to the prosecution of violent crimes against women, assuring proper victim services are offered to this class of victim and providing legal assistance with protective orders. Without grant funding, Newton, Jasper and Tyler counties, in the DETCOG region would not have the capability to employ a specialized prosecution unit to handle cases involving violence against women.**

**Priority #3**

<i>Problem Identified</i>	<i>Data</i>
<p><b>Intervention services for victims (general expansion of intervention services, parenting education on child abuse/sexual assault, continuation of victim services hotline, general violence education)</b></p> <p><i>(This priority was addressed in the following counties' community plans: Angelina, Nacogdoches, Newton &amp; Jasper, San Augustine, Shelby, and Tyler)</i></p>	<p><b><u>2015 in Texas:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women killed: 158</li> <li>• Family violence incidents: 185,453</li> <li>• Adults sheltered: 23,311</li> <li>• Average stay in shelter: Just over 31 days</li> <li>• Adults denied shelter (due to lack of space): 15,869</li> </ul> <p><i>*Source: Texas Council on Family Violence</i></p>

*Potential Response to Problem*

**Continue support to maintain and grow victims' service programs to assist survivors of family violence and sexual assault in the DETCOG (Deep East Texas Council of Governments) region.**



# Law Enforcement Priorities

Priority # 1	
Problem Identified	Data
<p><b>Need for additional law enforcement officers and man power in all departments.</b> <i>(This is a priority that has been listed by almost all counties within the DETCOG Region)</i></p>	<p>The Bureau of Justice Statistics shows that in the areas with populations between 10,000 and 24,000, it recommends 2 officers per 1,000. Within these statistics the majority of the counties have a shortage of recommended officers. The 2015 Crime In Texas reports 818 commissioned officers for the deep east Texas region. Funding cuts resulting in reduced labor force cannot keep pace with rate in crime. Due to lack of funding officers are assigned to different types of crimes. The limited number of officers on call also presents a barrier to effective and efficient officer response time. It is necessary for additional personnel to adequately protect the citizens. Due to lack of funding, deputies and officers have to be cross trained across the board and very often an individual officer is not able to specialize in one field. Lack of specialization or lack of training in a particular area may impede the success of the officer working the case.</p> <p>The 2015 UCR documents 11,221 offenses of violent and property crimes.</p>
<p><i>Potential Response to Problem</i></p>	
<p>Involves needs of more professional support to aid law enforcement in effectively combating crimes throughout the region:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase of law enforcement/probation officers in all jurisdictions throughout the region to have better patrol coverage of the communities.</li> <li>• Increase in specialized officers to handle crimes that are highly committed (drugs, gang violence, violence against women, child abuse/sexual assault, abuse against the elderly and computer crimes)</li> </ul>	

Priority #2

*Problem Identified*

*Data*

**Additional resources for law enforcement officials** (equipment including patrol cars, training, drug courts, expansion of alcohol and drug abuse services, educational material for community)

Deep East Texas Council of Governments-Regional Law Enforcement Training

- In 2016, a total of 2,146 training contact hours was obtained through intermediate and advanced training courses.
- In 2016, a total of 114 commissioned officers received training through the Regional Law Enforcement program(s).

Cases involving burglaries and auto thefts require additional patrolling in all areas. This requires constant upkeep of equipment including patrol vehicles, radios and other law enforcement equipment.

*Potential Response to Problem*

- **Law enforcement officers must have up-to-date and affordable training and equipment to face perpetrators who have become increasingly more daring and violent towards Law Enforcement.**
- **Increase in funding for training and education of Law Enforcement and Probation Personnel, including specialized training indicative to certain types of offenses.**

# Mental Health & Substance Abuse Priorities

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Priority # 1	
<i>Problem Identified</i>	<i>Data</i>
<p><b>A need for additional mental health resources</b>  <i>(transportation, transitional housing, coordination of service providers, crisis stabilization, substance abuse services, facilities to hold mental health offenders after an arrest, medication assistance programs that will cover psychological drugs).</i></p>	<p><b>Burke Center is the primary treatment resource for mental health services. This organization is located in Angelina County which is approximately 30- 50 miles from other counties in the DETCOG service area.</b>  <b>In 2015, Burke provided services to 2,163 individuals</b></p>
<i>Potential Response to Problem</i>	
<p><b>Secure additional mental health resources such as:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Transitional housing for mental health patients</b></li> <li>• <b>Coordination of Service Provider to Patients</b></li> <li>• <b>Crisis Stabilization Services</b></li> <li>• <b>Additional mental health professionals in the rural areas</b></li> <li>• <b>Additional facilities to hold mental health offenders after an arrest to ensure their safety</b></li> </ul>	

Priority #2

*Problem Identified*

*Data*

**Mental health professional support (increase of mental health professionals for treatment, case managers at mental health clinics, special mental health law enforcement officers, personnel to handle mental health emergencies, additional peer providers, specialized training for veterans with mental health issue).**

**Burke Center is the primary inpatient and outpatient treatment facilities/services in the COG service area. While Burk provides services to the entire 12-county most counties don't have on-site services and have to refer clients to Lufkin; in most cases this could be at least a 40-mile journey for clients.**

*Potential Response to Problem*

- **Seek and secure additional inpatient and outpatient treatment facilities within the COG service area**
- ***Increase the number of Mental Health Officers at each agency to provide skill in dealing with persons in crisis that encounter Law Enforcement Officers***
- **Increase Funding and Manpower for local Sheriff's Offices to deal with persons in crisis and still maintain Public Safety coverage for their jurisdictions**

# WHO IS DOING WHAT?

Included below are resources identified by the Deep East Texas Planning Team that are available to provide services that could potentially help in closing criminal justice gaps.

## JUVENILE JUSTICE:

Name of Agency	Agency Type	Description
Angelina County CSCD	Adult Probation	The CSCD provides community supervision services for the district and county courts of Angelina County
Lufkin Police Department	Law Enforcement	Law enforcement/awareness program and protection
Houston County Sheriff's Dept.	Law Enforcement	Law enforcement/awareness program and protection
Crockett Police Department	Law Enforcement	Law e/enforcement/awareness program and protection
Grapeland Police Department	Law Enforcement	Law enforcement/awareness program and protection
Lone Star Legal Aid	Legal/local	Local legal aid office/assist with civil cases for indigent plaintiffs & respondents.
Jasper County Sheriff's Department	Law Enforcement	Law enforcement/awareness program and protection
Newton County Sheriff's Department	Law Enforcement	Law enforcement/awareness program and protection
Jasper Police Department	Law Enforcement	Law enforcement/awareness program and protection
Newton Police Department	Law Enforcement	Law enforcement/awareness program and protection
Kirbyville Police Department	Law Enforcement	Law enforcement/awareness program and protection
San Augustine County Sheriff's Dept.	Law Enforcement	Law enforcement/awareness program and protection
San Augustine Police Department	Law Enforcement	Law enforcement/awareness program and protection
Shelby County Sheriff's Dept.	Law Enforcement	Law enforcement/awareness program and protection

Tyler County Sheriff's Department	Law Enforcement	Law enforcement/awareness program and protection
Woodville Police Department	Law Enforcement	Law enforcement/awareness program and protection
Polk County Sheriff's Department	Law Enforcement	Law enforcement/awareness program and protection
Boys & Girls Club of Nacogdoches	Non-Profit	Support for school aged children
Azleway	Non Profit	Support for troubled adolescent males
Nacogdoches Boy's Ranch	Non Profit	Support for troubled adolescent males
TJR Middle School	Local School	After-school support for kids
Solid Foundation	Non Profit	Educational support for at-risk youth
Juvenile Probation Department	Government	Support for youth on probation
Boys and Girls Club	Local	Recreational facilities; mentoring and after school programs
Camp Olylmpia	Local	Summer Camp for ages 7-16
Camp Cullen	Local	Summer Camp

## LAW ENFORCEMENT:

Name of Agency	Agency Type	Description
Angelina County CSCD	Adult Probation	The CSCD provides community supervision services for the district and county courts of Angelina County
Lufkin Police Department	Law Enforcement	Law enforcement/awareness program and protection
Houston County Sheriff's Dept.	Law Enforcement	Law enforcement/awareness program and protection
Crockett Police Department	Law Enforcement	Law enforcement/awareness program and protection
Grapeland Police Department	Law Enforcement	Law enforcement/awareness program and protection
Lone Star Legal Aid	Legal/local	Local legal aid office/assist with civil cases for indigent plaintiffs & respondents.
Jasper County Sheriff's Department	Law Enforcement	Law enforcement/awareness program and protection
Newton County Sheriff's Department	Law Enforcement	Law enforcement/awareness program and protection
Jasper Police Department	Law Enforcement	Law enforcement/awareness program and protection
Newton Police Department	Law Enforcement	Law enforcement/awareness program and protection
Kirbyville Police Department	Law Enforcement	Law enforcement/awareness program and protection

San Augustine County Sheriff's Dept.	Law Enforcement	Law enforcement/awareness program and protection
San Augustine Police Department	Law Enforcement	Law enforcement/awareness program and protection
Shelby County Sheriff's Dept.	Law Enforcement	Law enforcement/awareness program and protection
Tyler County Sheriff's Department	Law Enforcement	Law enforcement/awareness program and protection
Woodville Police Department	Law Enforcement	Law enforcement/awareness program and protection
Polk County Sheriff's Department	Law Enforcement	Law enforcement/awareness program and protection
Nacogdoches County Sheriff's Office	Law Enforcement	Law enforcement/awareness program and protection
Nacogdoches Police Department	Law Enforcement	Law enforcement/awareness program and protection
Garrison ISD Police Department	Law Enforcement	Law enforcement/awareness program and protection
Nacogdoches ISD Police Department	Law Enforcement	Law enforcement/awareness program and protection
Cushing ISD Police Department	Law Enforcement	Law enforcement /awareness program and protection
Woden ISD Police Department	Law Enforcement	Law enforcement/awareness program and protection
Deep East Texas Council of Gov.	Regional Services	Law enforcement training
Groveton Police Department	Law Enforcement	Law enforcement /awareness program and protection
Trinity Co Sheriff's Office	Law Enforcement	Law enforcement /awareness program and protection
Trinity County Jail	Law Enforcement	Law enforcement /awareness program and protection
Trinity County Constable Pct 3	Law Enforcement	Law enforcement /awareness program and protection
Trinity Police Department	Law Enforcement	Law enforcement /awareness program and protection
Trinity County Constable Pct 1	Law Enforcement	Law enforcement /awareness program and protection
Trinity County Constable Pct 4	Law Enforcement	Law enforcement /awareness program and protection

## VICTIM SERVICES:

Name of Agency	Agency Type	Description
Kalin's Center/Houston & Trinity Co. Children's Advocacy Center	Non-Profit	Provides forensic interviews and other direct services for abused/neglected children.
Child Protective Services	State	Services for abused/neglected children.
Adult Protective Services	State	Services for abused/neglected adults
Houston Co. Attorney	Government	Victim Assistance support and advocacy through the justice system

Clark Psychological & Family Crisis Center of East Texas	For Profit Organization Non Profit	Counseling Services Consultation Services Emergency housing and other direct services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and their families. Also provide transitional housing Provides trained volunteers to speak in court for child victims of abuse and neglect
CASA	Non Profit	Provides direct services to anyone in need Victim Assistance support and advocacy through the justice system
Care & Share Trinity County Attorney	Faith Based Government	Provides emergency shelter, transitional housing and other direct services to victims and their families
Janelle Grum Family Crisis Center	Non Profit	Provides support to child victims of sexual and physical abuse and their families through forensic interviewing, medical exams and counseling services.
Harold's House	Child Adv. Center	Provides victim assistance coordination Supplies clothing needs for victims of family violence and residents of the Pineywoods Safehouse
Tyler County Criminal Prosecutor Christine's Place	District Attorney Family Services	Supplies clothing needs for victims of family violence and residents of the Pineywoods Safehouse
Hospice Resale	Family Services	Offers education to the victims of family violence and to the residents of the Pineywoods Safehouse
Adult Learning Center	Education	Provides emergency shelter, transitional housing and other direct services to victims and their families.
Walker County Family Violence Ctr.	Non Profit	Emergency financial assistance Children's Advocacy Center Finance various community resources
Love Inc. Methodist's Children's Home United Way	Non Profit Non Profit Non Profit	

## MENTAL HEALTH

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## WHO CAN WORK WITH WHOM?

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**With the coordination of a Multi-Disciplinary Team, representatives from each of the 12 counties, DETCOG Region, will continue seek programs which provided a continuum of care that can be implemented to Crime Victims, Juveniles, and others who enter the Criminal Justice System.**

## WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

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The Deep East Texas Planning Team works in conjunction with other planning jurisdictions throughout the region to ensure a regular exchange of ideas and information. Individuals active in the planning process generally serve on many of these committees and share mutual concerns.

The Deep East Texas 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 year but agency and community representatives are encouraged to review local plans and submit suggestions and changes via telephone and e-mail throughout the year to the Planning Coordinator.

Drafts and annual updates of the Regional 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 Regional Planning Group to improve outcomes and close gaps for Deep East Texas families struggling with problems described in the Plan's focus areas. Efforts are being made by Deep East Texas agencies and organizations to address issues with local funding as well as grant funding from multiple State and Federal resources. To the extent that these funds be available, the Regional Planning Team will continue to encourage jurisdictions to provide programming that addresses the outlined focus areas and close the gaps that exist throughout the region.



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