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<p>The Community Academic Partnership (CAP) Program - a Team of Students, Parents & Community Resources – is an early intervention program with the goal of preventing students between the ages of 6 and 12 years of age from becoming involved in the “gateway crime” of truancy and ultimately, the juvenile justice system.</p> <p>The Fort Bend County Juvenile Probation Department will work with Lamar Consolidated ISD’s Truancy/Dropout Program and Judge Gary D. Janssen, Justice of the Peace.</p> <p>Parents who have cases filed against them because of their children’s low school attendance will be ordered by Judge Janssen to attend The Parent Project, a program designed for parents of strong-willed children.</p> <p>Participating students will be paired with a mentor who provides positive support and tutoring through weekly visits and they will receive encouragement and support through regular contact with the CAP Coordinator.</p> <p>Numbers to be served: 140 students, 140 parents.</p>			
Target Population			



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A Team of Students, Parents & Community Resources

Target Population:

Data for the Prevention and Intervention School Attendance Improvement Demonstration Plan (Grant T) from Fort Bend County Juvenile Probation Department was gathered from the Lamar Consolidated ISD in the western part of Fort Bend County, the Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace courts and the Juvenile Probation Department's 2012 Annual Report.

With this data, we are demonstrating the rationale behind the identification of our target audience for this early intervention program. We feel that it is important to start at a point of early identification of problems, specifically "Parents Contributing to Non-Attendance" and their child who has poor attendance in school. The severity of the problems contributing to these issues continues to escalate by the time it reaches the point of involvement in the juvenile justice system.

2012-2013 LCISD

Entry level of problem: # of "Parents Contributing" Cases 258
Next step of problem: # of "Failure to Attend" (older students) 330
Juvenile Justice system involvement: 2012 Referrals on Status Offenses* 1,307
*Number of Status Offenses (Truancy & Runaway) in the 10-17 age range. This is a 29% increase over 2011.

There will be two target groups: the parent who is not being responsible and/or lacks the parenting skills necessary to get their child to school; and their child(ren) between the ages of 6 to 12 years of age who has low school attendance along with behavior problems and unsatisfactory grades.

Five schools from Lamar CISD have been chosen for this pilot program. The five schools chosen are Travis Elementary, Taylor Ray Elementary, Deaf Smith Elementary, Navarro Middle School and Wessendorff Middle School. These predominately Hispanic schools are Title I schools and are located in a suburban area.

In the 2012-2013 school year, these five schools had a combined total of 108 cases filed for Parent Contributing to Non-Attendance. These parents along with their low-attendance child(ren) who are 6 to 12 years of age will be referred to the program. The children must have a history of non-attendance, low grades and behavior issues.

For fiscal year 2014, 60 youth and 60 parents will participate in the program.

For fiscal year 2015, 80 youth and 80 parents will participate in the program.

Program Goal

There are three goals of the Community Academic Partnership (CAP) program.

- The first goal is to prevent young students between the ages of 6 and 12 from becoming involved in the "gateway crime" of truancy and ultimately "graduating" to the juvenile justice system.



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- The second goal is to provide the parents with the parenting tools that they need to successfully support their child in his or her academic journey.
- The third goal is to provide the community surrounding the target schools with the opportunity to get involved in the solution by volunteering to mentor program students through a special visitation program in the schools.

The short-term outcomes will be measured in the following ways:

Number of parents referred to the program;
Number of students referred to the program;
Number of community volunteer mentors recruited, screened and trained.

The intermediate outcomes will be measured by the following:

The number of days in school for each participating student during the program;
The number of school incidents during the program;
The number of juvenile justice referrals during the program;
The number of parents involved in the Parent Project classes;
The number of volunteer mentors working in the program.
The participating students' grades will be monitored throughout the program.

The long-term outcomes will be measured by the following:

The number of students served.
The number of parents served.
The number of juvenile justice referrals six (6) months after completing the program.
The number of days in school six (6) months after completing the program.
The number of school incidents six (6) months after completing the program.
The number of parents completing the Parent Project program.
The number of volunteers retained for the next school year.

Program Activities

The goals of the Community Academic Partnership (CAP) program are supported by programs that have already been successfully implemented by the Fort Bend County Juvenile Probation Department.

In 2008, Fort Bend County Juvenile Probation implemented a program aimed at reducing truancy in Fort Bend County schools. This program, "Saved By The Bell", has proven to be successful each year since its inception. In this program, there is a partnership of the Juvenile Probation Department, designated schools primarily in Fort Bend ISD and a centralized Truancy court.

Of the 534 youth in the "Saved By the Bell" program during the 2012-2013 school year, 343 successfully completed, 125 carried over to the 2013-2014 school year and 66 were unsuccessful. The results were significant! The number of school disciplinary incidents was reduced from 4,550 to 927. In-school suspensions fell from 1,317 to 253. Out-of-school suspensions were reduced from 437 to 130.



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The other program to be used for the Community Academic Partnership (CAP) program is Parent Project®, Inc. The Parent Project is a nationally acclaimed parent training program designed specifically for parents of strong-willed or out-of-control children and adolescents. Thirteen years in development, the Parent Project is the only course of its kind, providing activity-based instruction, support groups, and curriculum addressing the most destructive adolescent behaviours.

The Parent Project is the largest court mandated or juvenile diversion program in the country, with programs being run in 42 states. "The Parent Project® gives parents much more than communication skills. It teaches proven strategies which powerfully influence children to change even the most destructive behaviours, including drug use, gang affiliation, truancy, family conflict, violence and running away. To date, more than one half million parents have completed our award-winning program."

Loving Solutions, also known as "Parent Project, Jr.", is a guide for parents with young children, ages 5 to 11. This program utilizes the same principles found in the successful Parent Project Sr., adapted to the needs of young children.

The CAP Program Coordinator will act as direct liaison with the Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Court, the targeted schools in Lamar Consolidated ISD, the contracted certified Parent Project Educator, the parents of the low school attendance students, the students themselves and the volunteer mentors.

Specific program activities:

- LCISD Truancy/Dropout Program staff will identify students who have at least 3 unexcused absences in a 4-week period or 10 unexcused absences within a 6 month period.
- Parent(s) and the identified child will be referred to the Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace court, the Honorable Gary Janssen presiding, in order to file "Parent Contributing to Non Attendance" cases.
- The CAP program Coordinator will be notified regarding the docket, court date and time, etc. in order to be present at the hearings to be held three or four times a month.
- Judge Janssen will place the parent(s) on probation and order them to attend the Parent Project.
- The CAP Coordinator will work with the Parent Educator to complete all pre-class communication with referred parents.
- The Parent Project Educator will conduct 9-weeks of classes for referred parents. These classes will meet once a week for 3 hours in the evening. During the grant period, a total of seven (7) sessions will be presented. The maximum attendance in each class will be 20 parents, for a total of 140 parents for the grant period.
- The CAP Coordinator will visit each child at his or her school at least weekly.
- The CAP Coordinator will assign a screened and trained volunteer mentor to each child in the program.
- The volunteer CAP mentor will visit each child at his or her school weekly.
- The CAP Coordinator will maintain all documentation of cases and data collection for program evaluation.

Timeline:

Deadline for submission of proposal: November 1, 2013

Notification of successful applicants: November 22, 2013

Pre-grant period activities: November 25, 2013 – January 5, 2014



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(Identification of program participants in the designated schools, referrals to Justice of the Peace Court 1; Truancy docket hearing where parents are ordered to attend Parent Project.)

Grant start-up: January 6, 2014

(CAP coordinator will visit referred students in their schools to explain the CAP program.)

Sustainability of proposed program:

It is our very strong feeling that the evaluation of all aspects of the pilot program will result in Fort Bend County, the Lamar Consolidated school district and the juvenile probation department determining to work together to financially support the CAP (Community-Academic-Partnership) Program in the future. In addition, we feel that this "dimensional" early intervention program will be replicated in other Fort Bend County school districts.

Data Collection Requirements:

The Fort Bend County Juvenile Probation Department has the commitment and the ability to meet all TJJD's data collection requirements. The CAP Coordinator will collect all data from the school district, the JP court and the volunteer mentors. This information will be entered into JCMS and a spread sheet developed specifically for the program prior to monthly submission reports to TJJD. Signed parental consent forms will be stored in the CAP coordinator's office and/or the JP Court and school.

Budget Information

Salaries and Fringe

\$115,071.00

Project Coordinator (20 months salary with benefitis beginning January 1, 2014)

100% of this personnel's time will be spent on the duties and responsibilities associated with the grant.

This School Initiative Coordinator will be responsible for the following:

- Acts as a direct liaison with the Justice of Peace Court, selected schools in Lamar Consolidated ISD in Fort Bend County, the contracted Parent Project Educator and the families of low school attendance students and the students themselves.
- Work with the representatives from Lamar Consolidated ISD and the Precinct 1 Place 1 Justice of the Peace Court to obtain referrals on parents and students for the program.
- Work with the Parent Project Parent Educator to contact the referred parents for all pre-class communication and coordination between parents and the program to ensure maximum parent participation in the classes.



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain all documentation of cases for the Probation Department as well as data collection for program evaluation. <p>(FY14) - 32,461 (13,567) benefits = 46,028 (FY15) - 48,692 (20,351) benefits = 69,043</p>	
Travel and Training Cost	\$5,560.00
<p>Training for Parent Project Coordinator: \$2,000 (FY14) - -0- (FY15)</p> <p>40-hour Certification course is taught in California. Tuition is \$750; hotel \$600; and airfare \$650.</p> <p>Program travel to and from participating schools and J.P. court:</p> <p>70 miles per week x 90 weeks x \$.565 per mile = \$1,175 (FY14) \$2,385 (FY15)</p>	
Operating Expenses	\$3,780.00
<p>Parent Project classes are held from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. A light meal is provided for the parents @ \$3.00 per person x 9 weeks of class x 140 total parents = \$1,620 (FY14) \$2,160 (FY15)</p>	
Inter-County Contracts	\$0.00
External Contracts	\$40,000.00
<p>Fort Bend County will have a vendor Contract with the Certified Parent Educator. Contract period: January 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015 Contract amount: \$2,000 per month x 20 months = \$13,200 (FY14) \$26,800 (FY15)</p>	
Total Budget Amount	\$164,411.00