

"Saved By the Bell"

Delinquency Reduction Program

"Saved By The Bell" is a program that began in 2008 funded with a Texas Criminal Justice Division grant. The goal of this innovative program is to apply pro-active casework management strategies together with meaningful sanctions in order to address truancy issues and ultimately reduce delinquency.

These juvenile probation officers act as liaisons to coordinate and provide follow up with the judicial system, but also work with school truancy officers, counselors and community resources to address the social factors behind trancies. The direct correlation between truancy and delinquent activity during school hours tracked and further studies of the program should demonstrate the need for this program to be implemented in all of the schools in Fort Bend County.



Special points of interest:

- From February 2008 through December 31, 2009 361 juveniles have completed the program, 324 successfully (89.75%)
- The 361 kids, while in the program, experienced:
 - ∞ 84.04% decrease in school suspensions;
 - ∞ 98.48% decrease in overall discipline referrals;
 - ∞ 222 improved their GPA;
 - ∞ 47.32% were 16 Years Old;
 - ∞ 34.27 were 15 Years Old;
 - ∞ 51.38% were males;
 - ∞ 40.51% were at least 1 year behind in grade level;
 - ∞ 28.24% fell below the 2008 Federal Poverty Level;
 - ∞ The 361 students attended class 14,809 days out of a possible 15,643 (95.59%) which equaled \$399,843.00 in ADA money to the school districts.