

BACK-UP MATERIAL

Early Intervention Truancy Program

Summary of Item:

To formally ratify the submission of an application to Houston Endowment, Inc. for three (3) years of funding for the Early Intervention Truancy Program in the amount of \$237,312.

Target Populations:

1. Truant students attending three (3) targeted Lamar Consolidated ISD elementary schools and two (2) middle schools (6th grade); ages 6 – 12; males and females; referred to Precinct 1 Place 1 Justice of the Peace court for truancy by LCISDC's Truancy/Dropout Program; placed on probation by the Justice of the Peace Court; have low grades and/or discipline issues.
2. Parents of truant students who have been filed on for "Contributing to the Non-Attendance of a Student" by the Justice of the Peace Court; have been ordered by the Court to attend The Parent Project/Loving Solutions Parent Training Program.

Program Emphasis:

Truancy is the "gateway crime" into the juvenile justice system and beyond. The goals of this early intervention are to focus in on the younger elementary-age students who are being truant from school. Even at this young age they are developing patterns of non-attendance that will only get worse if not addressed.

At the same time, these students' parents are not always being responsible in ensuring that their children get to school and are not placing enough importance on their children's education during these formative years. They need specialized parent training to break generational patterns of ineffective parenting.

Timeline:

If awarded, this grant period will begin approximately on September 1, 2014 and end the three (3) years of funding on August 30, 2017.

Budget Synopsis for 1st year (100% from Houston Endowment)

Personnel – Project Coordinator	\$69,043
Travel & Training	2,057
Operating Expenses	3,780
Contract for Parent Educator	<u>24,000</u>
Total for 1 st year	\$98,880

2nd year: 80% from Houston Endowment \$79,104

3rd year: 60% from Houston Endowment \$59,328

Total from Houston Endowment \$237,312

No Match Required from Fort Bend County. Deficit funding for years 2 & 3 will be secured from other outside funding sources.