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TRAVIS COUNTY
HEALTH and HUMAN SERVICES

PURPOSE

Who we are:

A Department of Travis County that serves the community under the guidance of the Commissioner's Court

What we do:

Address community needs through internal and external investments and services

What we strive to accomplish:

Maximize quality of life for all people in Travis County

- Protect vulnerable populations
- Invest in social and economic well-being
- Promote healthy living: physical, behavioral, and environmental
- Build a shared understanding of our community

VALUES

We value helping people.

- We provide accessible, person-centered services with respect and care.
- We work to empower people through our service to them, always honoring the strengths and differences of the individuals and families of Travis County.

We value the accountability and integrity of our staff.

- We value the diversity of our staff and the experience each of us brings to HHS.
- We honor our collective service to the public, including the careful stewardship of public funds.
- We value the quality services we provide to the community in a spirit of shared responsibility.

We value cooperation and collaboration in the community at large and within HHS.

- We are interdependent and connected.
- We treat one another with respect and value effective communication and teamwork.
- We honor our partners in the community and engage with them to more efficiently and effectively serve our clients.

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Introduction

The Travis County Commissioners Court, through the Travis County Health and Human Services Department (HHS), annually invests nearly $22 million in community-based social service programs using one-time and ongoing funding structures. These Department investments align with and supplement our direct services to meet the needs of local residents. Community-based organizations are frequently geographically and culturally embedded in the communities they serve and are often best positioned to provide needed services.

Purpose of Report

The annual Community Impact Report provides an overview of HHS investments in health and human services. The *FY 2019 Community Impact Report* offers community context most pertinent to the services purchased, and details investment, programmatic, and performance information on the Department's social service contracts. This information allows policy makers, program managers, and others to better understand these investments, recognize accomplishments, identify areas for improvement, disseminate lessons learned, and highlight areas warranting further research.

Organization of Report

This report addresses nine issue areas—Access to Basic Supports, Behavioral Health, Child and Youth Development, Housing Continuum, Planning and Evaluation, Public Health, Safety Intervention Services, Supportive Services for Community Living, and Workforce Development—as well as pilot and one-time investments under Family Services. The Executive Summary aggregates financial, demographic, and geographic information for all issue areas, and offers a discussion of poverty as a framework for HHS investments. Each issue area section begins with community context and then provides performance highlights. Each program is classified into the issue area most closely aligned to its goals and objectives.

Although this report provides community context for individual issue areas separately, each issue area must be considered in a broader context. Community conditions related to a single issue area may have similar or related root causes and broad-level consequences. Current economic conditions also have a global impact on the community.

This report provides detailed information about each program covered by an issue area, including an overview of program goals, services provided, eligibility criteria, and funding. Also captured are each program's performance results, compared to its contractual performance goals, and explanations of notable variance (+/- 10%) between the performance results and goals.

Notes on Methodology

Community conditions discussed in this report reflect the most recent information available at the time of writing. The majority of the social service contracts included in the report followed a fiscal year calendar (October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019) unless otherwise noted. Program and performance highlights are drawn from contracts and reports provided by contracted service providers. Estimates from the American Community Survey have been tested at a 90% confidence level for reliability. In some cases, all noted, estimates were unreliable due to small sample sizes.

Considerations When Reading This Report

Performance results provide only a starting point for understanding the impact of these programs. These summary statistics are not necessarily an indication of the programs' overall performance, but rather a snapshot of their performance over a one-year period. Within these reports, service providers offer explanations for variance in performance, which provides context and meaning to summary results.

Performance results do not reflect programs' full value to and impact on the community. Therefore, it is important to keep the following considerations in mind when reviewing program performance.

Readers should use caution when comparing output and outcome results across programs, as participant characteristics can significantly influence a given program's performance goals and results. For example, performance results may be lower for programs with clients who face considerable challenges (e.g., serious mental illness or addiction issues) and have little social support.

Factors beyond the program's control may also impact the program's performance. For example, the relative scarcity or abundance of jobs in the local economy will impact client employment rates for a workforce development program, regardless of the quality of training and support provided. Without controlling for these factors, the true impact or efficacy of the program on outcomes cannot be discerned.

Readers should also use caution when examining outcome results for programs with less than 30 clients, in which the outcome of just a few clients can greatly affect the program's total outcome result. In these instances, examining percentages may be less helpful than examining raw numbers.

Finally, this report captures a selection of performance measures, which may not reflect the program's full impact on participants and their families, peers, and neighborhood. Performance measures may not all be equal in importance or value to the community.

Investment Overview

Community Context

Introduction

The Safety Intervention Services issue area framework encompasses a spectrum of services for individuals who are impacted or potentially impacted by crime. Travis County's focus for investment in this issue area includes services for individuals who are victims of crime, who are at risk of victimization, and who have committed crimes. Children and adults who experience abuse, violence, and assault are among the most vulnerable in our community. Given the modest investment in this issue area, the Department has prioritized services for victims, and currently only funds this service area, supporting its purpose of protecting vulnerable populations. Travis County's current investment in Safety Intervention Services focuses predominantly on victims of child abuse and neglect, family violence, and sexual assault. This includes a range of services that promote the safety and well-being of those individuals that have experienced victimization, loss, and/or harm.

Poverty and Risk of Victimization

Poverty is associated with experiences of violence, and pertains to both child abuse/neglect and family violence/sexual assault. Poverty is often considered the single best predictor of child maltreatment. The most recent report on the national incidence of child abuse and neglect found that children from households with annual incomes below $15,000 were 22 times more likely to experience maltreatment than children from households with annual incomes above $30,000.[1] In the case of family violence and sexual assault, poverty is cited as a community risk factor for such experiences.[2] While the Department recognizes the association between poverty and experiences of violence, services provided under the Safety Intervention Services framework are offered to all individuals that have experienced violence, regardless of poverty or income status. For more information on poverty in Travis County, visit the Executive Summary of this report.

Child Abuse and Neglect

Child abuse and neglect is a serious issue which includes all types of abuse and neglect of a child under the age of 18 by a parent, caregiver, or another person in a custodial role that results in harm, potential for harm, or threat of harm to a child.[3] In 2018, Child Protective Services (CPS) completed 5,915 investigations[4] on 12,227 allegations[5] of child abuse and neglect in Travis County, of which 2,286 were confirmed.[6] The number of allegations of child abuse or neglect decreased by 17% from 14,706 allegations in 2017. Confirmed allegations decreased by 2% from 2,336 in 2017.

Confirmed Allegations of Abuse/Neglect
Travis County, 2018

Type of Allegation	*Confirmed Allegations*
Neglectful Supervision	1,760
Physical Abuse	237
Sexual Abuse	190
Physical Neglect	27
Refusal to Accept Parental Responsibility	26
Medical Neglect	25
Emotional Abuse	11
Abandonment	8
Sex Trafficking	2
Total	2,286

Created by: Travis County HHS, Research & Planning Division, 2019
Source data: Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Data Book, 2018

Child fatalities are the most catastrophic consequence of abuse and neglect. Statewide, 211 children died because of abuse or neglect in 2018, an increase from 172 abuse or neglect related child fatalities in 2017.[7] Three of these deaths occurred in Travis County, a decrease from seven which occurred in the County in 2017.[8]

Family Violence and Sexual Assault[a]

Family Violence: In 2018, there were 191,346 known incidents of family violence[b] across Texas, a 2% decrease from the number of incidents in 2017 (195,487).[9] Travis County saw an 5% decrease in family violence incidents, from 7,464 in 2017 to 7,072 in 2018.[10]

Family violence data for the state shows that in 2018, nearly three-quarters (72%) of the victims whose sex was known were female, and the 25-29 age groups had the highest numbers of victims for both sexes.[11] The relationship of the victim to offender varied among these incidents: 33% had a marital relationship;[c] 16% had a parental/child relationship, and 50% were other family.[12,d]

Sexual Assault: There were 19,899 known incidents of sexual assault[e] in Texas in 2018, a 7% increase from 2017 (18,584).[13] Travis County had a 3% increase in sexual assault incidents, from 504 incidents in 2017 to 517 incidents in 2018.[14]

Sexual assault data for the state shows that in 2018, 88% of victims whose sex was known were female.[15] The age group with the highest number of victims was 10-14 years for females and under 10 years for males.[16] Regarding the victim-to-offender relationship, 11% were romantic, 15% were parental/child, 19% were other family, and 55% were some other relationship.[17,f]

Local Reporting by Agency: The Austin Police Department (APD) reported the vast majority of all family violence incidents (90%), and nearly half of reported sexual assaults (49%) in Travis County. The Travis County Sherriff's Office reported the second highest percentage of family violence incidents (5%) sexual assaults (34%) in Travis County.

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a The Texas Department of Family Protective Services updates incident count data for family violence and sexual assault on an ongoing bases, even for prior years. All data cited herein represents incident counts as of November 21, 2019.

b Texas Family Code defines family violence as an act by a member of a family or household against another member that is intended to result in physical harm, bodily injury, assault, or sexual assault, or that is a threat that reasonably places the member in fear of imminent physical harm, bodily injury, assault, or sexual assault. For full definitions, see https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/FA/htm/FA.71.htm.

c Marital relationship includes: husband, wife, common-law husband, common-law wife, ex-husband, and ex-wife.

d Other family includes: grandfather, grandmother, grandson, granddaughter, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, male roommate, female roommate, male in-law, female in-law, other male family member, and other female family member.

e Sexual assault is any type of sexual activity or contact that happens without consent, including rape and sexual coercion. Sexual assault can happen through physical force, threats of force, or if the attacker gave the victim drugs or alcohol as part of the assault. Source: https://www.womenshealth.gov/relationships-and-safety/sexual-assault-and-rape/sexual-assault.

f Romantic relationship includes: husband, wife, common-law husband, common-law wife, ex-husband, ex-wife, boyfriend, and girlfriend, homosexual male, and homosexual female. Parental/child relationship includes: father, mother, son, daughter, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, grandfather, grandmother, grandson, and granddaughter. Other family includes: brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, male in-law, female in-law, other male family member, and other female family member. Other relationship includes: friend-male, friend-female, acquaintance-male, acquaintance-female, neighbor, babysitter, employer, employee, otherwise known-male, otherwise-known female, stranger-male, stranger-female, unknown-male, and unknown-female.

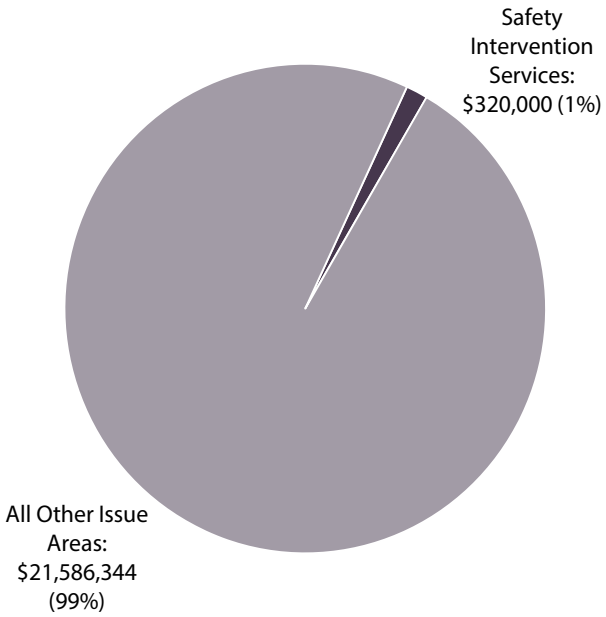
Family Violence and Sexual Assault Incidents by Agency Travis County, 2018				
	Family Violence		*Sexual Assault*	
Agency	*Number*	*Percent*	*Number*	*Percent*
Austin Community College Police Department	0	0%	0	0%
Austin Independent School District Police Department	3	0.04%	18	3%
Austin Police Department	6,365	90%	253	49%
Bee Cave Police Department	11	0.2%	1	0.2%
Jonestown Police Department	9	0.1%	1	0.2%
Lago Vista Police Department	45	0.6%	3	0.6%
Lakeway Police Department	32	0.5%	11	2%
Manor Police Department	47	0.7%	4	0.8%
Mustang Ridge Police Department	0	0%	1	0.2%
Pflugerville Independent School District Police Department	7	0.1%	1	0.2%
Pflugerville Police Department	188	3%	40	8%
Rollingwood Police Department	1	0.01%	0	0%
Sunset Valley Police Department	7	0.1%	0	0%
Travis County Sheriff's Office	349	5%	177	34%
University of Texas at Austin Police Department	4	0.1%	7	1%
West Lake Hills Police Department	4	0.1%	0	0.00%
Total	7,072		517	

Created by: Travis County HHS, Research & Planning Division, 2019
Source data: Texas Department of Public Safety, 2018

Safety Intervention Services Goals and Services

The full spectrum of the Safety Intervention Services issue area encompasses Crime Prevention, Victim Services, and Community Restoration. Due to funding allocations, services purchased under this issue area fall under the Victim Services category only. Programs and services within this issue area promote the safety and well-being of individuals, families, and populations that have experienced victimization, loss, and/or harm. The focus of these programs/services includes: services and interventions for individuals and families who are victims of or committed an act of domestic violence, abuse and/or neglect of a child; trauma informed services to promote healing and resilience; crisis and transitional housing; counseling; educational/psycho-educational groups; case management; individual and systems advocacy; and information and referral.

Investment in Safety Intervention Services and Other Issue Areas, FY 2019



Funding Summary

The FY 2019 Funding Amount reflects 12–month funding (October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019) unless otherwise noted.

Agency Name	Program Name	FY 2019 Funding Amount
CASA of Travis County	Child Advocacy	$85,000
The SAFE Alliance	Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services	$185,000
The SAFE Alliance	Emergency Care Program	$50,000

Safety Intervention Services Client Demographics

The table below summarizes the demographics for clients served across Safety Intervention Services service providers. Note that clients participating in more than one program are counted multiple times

Gender	Num.	Pct.
Female	2,504	65%
Male	1,344	35%
Other	12	0.3%
Unknown	5	0.1%
Total	*3,865*	*100%*

Ethnicity		
Hispanic or Latino	1,863	48%
Not Hispanic or Latino	1,805	47%
Unknown	197	5%
Total	*3,865*	*100%*

Age	Num.	Pct.
Under 5	829	21%
5 to 11	971	25%
12 to 14	348	9%
15 to 17	358	9%
18 to 24	228	6%
25 to 39	683	18%
40 to 54	356	9%
55 to 64	71	2%
65 to 74	15	0.4%
Unknown	6	0.2%
Total	*3,865*	*100%*

Race	Num.	Pct.
American Indian and Alaska Native	13	0%
Asian	21	1%
Black or African American	855	22%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	2	0.05%
White	2,172	56%
Some other race	200	5%
Two or more races	311	8%
Unknown	291	8%
Total	*3,865*	*100%*

Income	Num.	Pct.
<50% of FPIG	933	24%
50% to 100%	206	5%
101% to 150%	95	2%
151% to 200%	74	2%
>200%	83	2%
Unknown	2,474	64%
Total	*3,865*	*100%*

Note: Percentages may not total to 100% due to rounding.

See Appendix for specific income guideline levels.

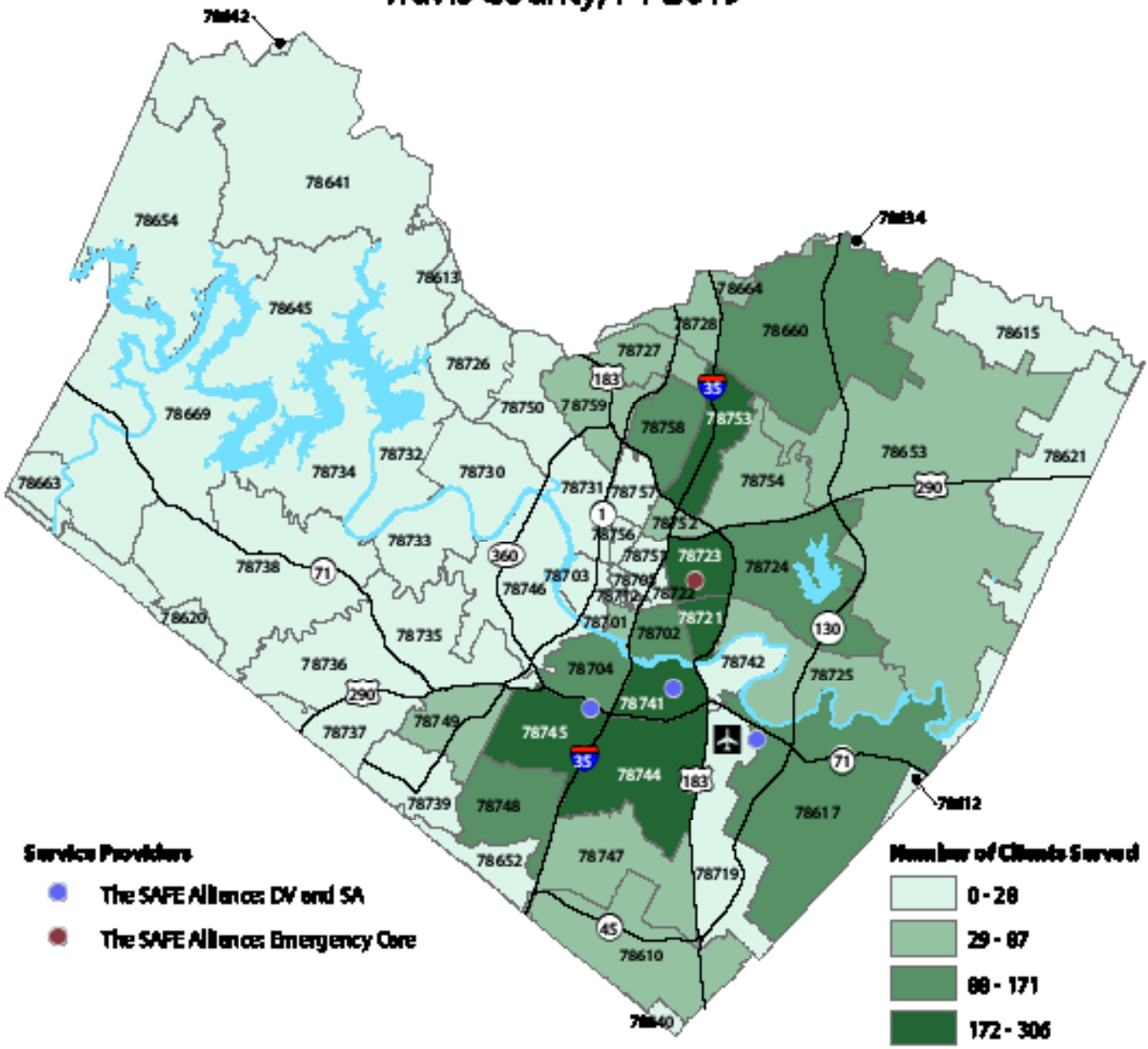
Performance Summary

The table below aggregates performance into roll-up measures that draw from programs in this issue area. These roll-up measures align with the goals for the issue area and are intended to provide a more global picture of the Department's progress towards these goals. Readers should note two considerations regarding methodology: 1) most roll-up measures do not reflect all programs in the issue area, but rather a subset of programs that apply to that measure, and 2) roll-up measures, individually and as a whole, may not reflect the entire service continuum of the issue area.

Roll-up Performance Measures	Issue Area Performance
Outputs	
Number of unduplicated clients served	3,865
Number of shelter bednights provided	37,159
Outcomes	
Percent of children and youth who exit program into permanent living situations	90%
Percent of of clients making progress toward their trauma adjustment goals	97%
Percent of clients who exit shelter to a location that does not include the person who was previously abusive	98%

Safety Intervention Services

Service Provision Locations and Clients Served by ZIP Code
Travis County, FY 2019



Service Providers

- The SAFE Alliance: DV and SA
- The SAFE Alliance: Emergency Care

Number of Clients Served

- 0 - 28
- 29 - 87
- 88 - 171
- 172 - 306

Service provision locations are not included for Court Appointed Advocates (CASA) of Travis County as services can be accessed anywhere the client is located.

Note: This map shows 3,374 clients by ZIP code. 491 clients (13% of the total) from all service providers were not included because their ZIP codes were unknown or outside of Travis County boundaries or they were homeless.

Source data: Contracted service providers, FY 2019.
This map was created using ArcGIS Online shapefiles.

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Court Appointed Special Advocates of Travis County

Child Advocacy

Program Description

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Travis County's goal is to provide guardian ad litem services and advocate for the best interest of children in Travis County who have experienced abuse and neglect. This is achieved by training and professionally supervising community volunteers to provide free, long-term, individualized support and advocacy in court as well as in educational, medical, and social settings so that these children may live in safe, permanent, and loving homes. A CASA volunteer guardian ad litem will spend an average of 20 hours per month getting to know a child or family of children, researching the details of the case, and advocating for the child(ren)'s legal, placement, medical, educational and therapeutic needs in order to present clear, detailed reports to the judge on behalf of the child(ren)'s best interest.

Funding

The total HHS investment in the Child Advocacy program from October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019 was $85,000. This investment comprised 1.6% of the total program budget.

Eligibility Criteria

CASA advocates are appointed to abused or neglected children ages 0-18 (and older if they are in college or other educational pursuit, as allowed by state law) who reside in Travis County and have legal cases in the Travis County child welfare court brought by Child Protective Services. Eligibility is determined by the Travis County judge who determines that children have been abused or neglected or are at risk for the same. Travis County judges only have jurisdiction over children residing in Austin and Travis County who are involved in Child Protective Services cases.

CASA of Travis County: Child Advocacy

Performance Goals and Results

The Child Advocacy program met or exceeded all of their performance goals for this year within an acceptable ten percentage point threshold. Staff reported low outcome results in the second quarter due to some children remaining in the program longer than expected, but perfomance for the fiscal year rounded out through the third and fourth quarters.

Performance Measure	Total Program Performance Results	Total Program Performance Goals	Total Program Performance Goal Achieved
Outputs			
Number of unduplicated children and youth served	1,988	2,220	90%
Number of volunteers completing training	256	250	102%
Number of volunteers assigned to a case	809	750	108%
Outcomes			
Percentage of unduplicated children and youth who exit the program into permanent living situations	90% (648/718)	88% (616/700)	103%
Percentage of unduplicated children and youth who have been assigned a volunteer advocate and not paired with a CASA staff member	78% (1,546/1,988)	85% (1,870/2,200)	91%

The SAFE Alliance

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services

Program Description

SAFE's mission is to end sexual assault and exploitation and domestic violence through prevention, intervention, and advocacy for change. The goals of the program are to provide shelter and counseling services to people in Austin and Travis County who have experienced rape, sexual abuse, domestic violence, and/or trafficking in order to meet their immediate needs for safety, help them heal from trauma, and support their efforts to build a healthy, self-sufficient life free of violence.

The program includes shelter and counseling services. The shelter assists survivors with basic needs including food, clothing, personal care, and household items. The staff provide around the clock support and assistance to survivors with cooperative living issues and de-escalation and crisis intervention. The program provides 18 hours per week of counseling to clients outside the shelter with individual, group, and family counseling, play therapy, trauma symptom management, assessment and referral for psychiatric services, safety planning, and crisis intervention.

Funding

The total HHS investment in the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services program from October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019 was $185,000. This investment comprised 7.7% of the total program budget. HHS also funds the Emergency Care program, which is described later in this report.

Eligibility Criteria

The SAFE Alliance serves adults and children in Austin/Travis County who have been victimized by domestic and/or sexual violence or exploitation (such as human trafficking). SAFE serves all genders and ages. Clients are eligible for services based on the fact that they or at least one member of the family has experienced domestic violence or sexual assault and currently has safety concerns. Eligibility is not based on income level.

The SAFE Alliance: Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services

Performance Goals and Results

The SAFE Alliance Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services program met all performance goals for the year, within and exceeded their goal for the second outcome below. Staff reported that all SAFE counselors have been trained in Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR). EMDR is an evidence-based modality with guidelines for treating post-traumatic stress disorder. This modality has been used in sessions to decrease trauma symptoms which resulted in exceeding the outcome target for the percentage of adult counseling clients who reported an increased ability to manage the effects of trauma. Staff also reported slighty greater than expected attendance at onsite and offsite support groups, which resulted in more couseling hours provided than what was projected (see the fifth output). Finally, while the goal for the fourth outcome was met, staff noted that an improved survey methodology contributed to exceeding the targeted number of exit forms returned by over 400.

Performance Measure	Total Program Performance Results	Total Program Performance Goals	Total Program Performance Goal Achieved
Outputs			
Number of unduplicated clients served	1,754	1,700	103%
Number of shelter bed nights provided	32,799	34,000	96%
Number of shelter clients served	590	600	98%
Number of counseling clients served	1,260	1,250	101%
Number of counseling hours provided	8,804	8,000	110%
Outcomes			
Percentage of unduplicated clients who exit shelter and complete an anonymous exit form who report leaving to a location that does not include the person who was previously abusive.	98% (502/510)	90% (90/100)	109%
Percentage of unduplicated adult counseling clients surveyed who indicate an increased ability to manage the effects of trauma	100% (259/260)	90% (238/265)	111%

The SAFE Alliance

Emergency Care Program

Program Description

The overarching goal of SAFE's residential programs and services is to provide victims of child abuse and neglect (ages 0-22) access to immediate, safe housing under the least restrictive supervision and support. Intermediate and long-term goals are to stabilize the children and youth and prepare them for their next placements or for self-sufficiency and independent living, while also helping them to heal from their traumatic histories and establish healthy and supportive relationships with peers and adults.

Funding

The total HHS investment in the Emergency Care Program program from October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019 was $50,000. This investment comprised 2.3% of the total program budget. HHS also funds the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services program described earlier in this report.

Eligibility Criteria

SAFE's residential programs primarily serves youth, in and around Travis County, who have experienced trauma and were removed from their homes due to physical, sexual, and/or emotional abuse, sexual assault, neglect, family violence, and/or substance abuse. To be eligible for services, individuals must be between the ages of 0 and 22, in the conservatorship of Child Protective Services or referred from juvenile probation, and have experienced abuse and/or neglect.

The SAFE Alliance: Emergency Care Program

The SAFE Alliance Emergency Care Program had mixed results across performance goals for the year. The program fell short of their output goal for number of shelter bed nights provided (the second output below), and exceeded outcome goals for client progress in both life functioning and trauma adjustment.

Staff reported experiencing delays with refilling vacant positions in due to changes to the Department of Family Protective Services (DFPS) background check process and requirements for new hires. This resulted in a lower census of youth in emergency care to ensure that child to staff ratio requirements were met, which negatively impacted the numer of shelter bed nights provided in the second and third quarters. Staff vacancies were filled prior to the fourth quarter, after which point shelter bed nights provided greatly increased.

The Emergency Care program exceeded the first outcome below through improved service planning with a clinical focus and a higher than expected percentage of youth actively engaging in their service planning to make progress in life functioning. Regarding the second outcome, more youth were able to be evaluated because of approved extensions for placement beyond 90 days, allowing SAFE to better evaluate progress for more clients. This is an indicator of youth benefiting from the services offered through the program. More opportunities for evaluation as well as a higher level of youth participation in therapeutic services resulted in the program exceeding its annual goal for trauma adjustment (see second outcome below).

Performance Measure	Total Program Performance Results	Total Program Performance Goals	Total Program Performance Goal Achieved
Outputs			
Number of unduplicated clients served	123	136	90%
Number of shelter bed nights provided	4,360	9,000	48%
Outcomes			
Percentage of clients making progress in 5 or more areas of life functioning	98% (46/47)	80% (52/65)	122%
Percentage of clients making progress toward their trauma adjustment goals	83% (39/47)	74% (26/35)	112%

Appendix

2019 Federal Poverty Income Guidelines

Most HHS contracts require programs to serve participants with household incomes at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Income Guideline (FPIG) level. Some programs have chosen to follow a more stringent threshold. The following table presents the federal poverty thresholds by household size and income.

Household Size	Income Limits by Household Size				
	50%	100%	125%	150%	200%
1 person	$6,245	$12,490	$15,613	$18,735	$24,980
2 persons	$8,455	$16,910	$21,138	$25,365	$33,820
3 persons	$10,665	$21,330	$26,663	$31,995	$42,660
4 persons	$12,875	$25,750	$32,188	$38,625	$51,500
5 persons	$15,085	$30,170	$37,713	$45,255	$60,340
6 persons	$17,295	$34,590	$43,238	$51,885	$69,180
7 persons	$19,505	$39,010	$48,763	$58,515	$78,020
8 persons	$21,715	$43,430	$54,288	$65,145	$86,860

For families/households with more than 8 persons, add $4,420 for each additional person.

Data source: "2019 Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia," Office of The Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, January 11, 2019, https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines.

2019 Austin Median Family Income Guidelines

Some programs may also use Austin MFI guidelines when measuring client incomes. The following table presents the median family income limits established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Austin-Round Rock, TX Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA).

Household Size	Income Limits by Household Size		
	Extremely Low*	Very Low (50%)	Low (80%)
1 person	$19,900	$33,150	$52,850
2 persons	$22,750	$37,850	$60,400
3 persons	$25,600	$42,600	$67,950
4 persons	$28,400	$47,300	$75,500
5 persons	$30,700	$51,100	$81,550
6 persons	$34,590	$54,900	$87,600
7 persons	$39,010	$58,700	$93,650
8 persons	$43,430	$62,450	$99,700

*The FY 2014 Consolidated Appropriations Act changed the definition of extremely low-income to be the greater of 30/50^{ths} (60%) of the Section 8 very low-income limit or the poverty guideline as established by the Department of Health and Human Services, provided that this amount is not greater than the Section 8 50% very low-income limit.

Data source: "Austin-Round Rock, TX MSA FY 2019 Income Limits Summary," U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il/il2019/2019summary.odn.

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