



Travis County Juvenile Probation

Crossover Youth Practice Model

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The Crossover Youth Practice Model (CYPM) was developed by the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown University's Public Policy Institute in 2010 and lays out the critical steps for improving the handling of dually-involved youth based on best practices and promising practices applied across systems. The goal is to (1) Reduce the number of youth who crossover between child welfare and juvenile justice, (2) Reduce the number of youth in congregate care, (3) Reduce the length of stay and number of youth placed in out of home care and (4) Reduce disproportionate representation of children of color in child welfare and juvenile justice.

Travis County Juvenile Probation and Child Protective Services implemented the Crossover Youth Practice Model in 2010. A dedicated Crossover Unit was established at Travis County Juvenile Probation which includes a Casework Manager and three Juvenile Probation Officers. Two Child Protective Services caseworkers are also housed at juvenile probation in the Crossover Unit. Co-location promotes collaboration and allows for juvenile probation officers and caseworkers to conduct joint visits, maintain consistent communication and

address youth/family strengths, concerns and need as a unified team. In addition, the Crossover Docket was implemented in March 2012. CYPM and Crossover Docket Implementation teams continue to meet consistently to review procedures and additional strategies for implementation that will promote efficiency and effectiveness.

Since the inception of the program:

- 212 youth have been served by the Crossover Youth Practice Model
- 54% of Crossover Youth are identified during the Juvenile Justice intake process
- Only 26% of CYPM youth are detained at the time they are identified as CYPM
- The average age for youth initially identified as Crossover has increased throughout the years with the average age now being 14.6
- 91% of CYPM youth are identified as having high to Moderate needs
- Since the implementation of the Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT) in 2014, 83% of CYPM youth are identified as having a High to Moderate Risk to Re-offend
- 41% of CYPM youth are identified as having an indication of mental

- health needs requiring further follow-up
- 25% of CYPM youth are identified as having an indication of substance abuse needs requiring further follow-up
- Males make up 57% of the CYPM cases while females make up 43%
- Hispanic and African American youth each make up 42% of the CYPM cases
- 34% of CYPM youth are placed on Supervision – with 51% of those on Deferred Prosecution and 49% on Formal Probation
- 25% of CYPM cases are re-referred for a new offense within one year of identification

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