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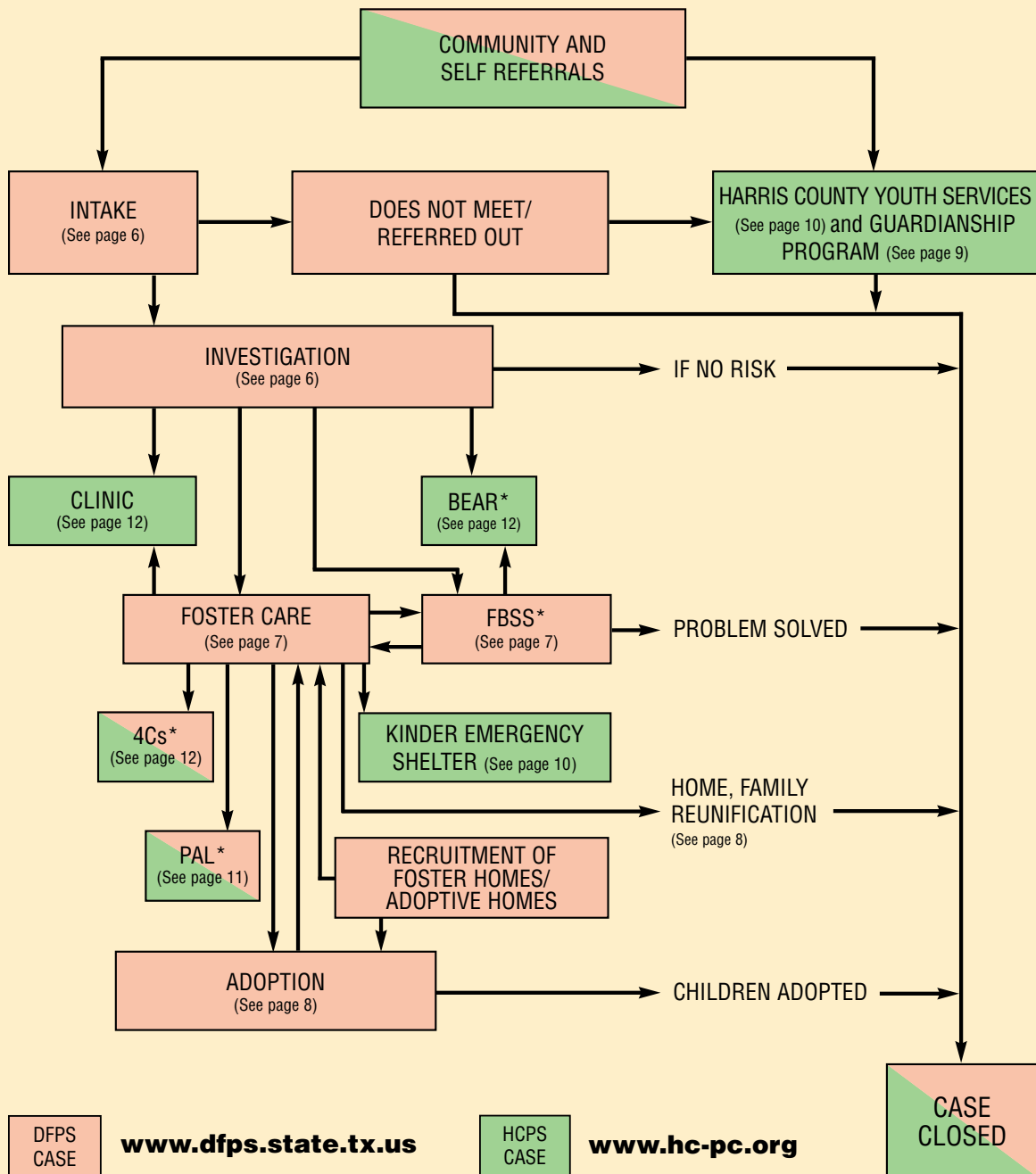


CPS IN HARRIS COUNTY

Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS)

Harris County Protective Services for Children and Adults (HCPS)

A child, youth, family or adult's path through the programs of CPS in Harris County.



*BEAR... BE A Resource for CPS Kids
 *FBSS, Family-Based Safety Services

*4Cs, Children's Crisis Care Center
 *PAL, Preparation for Adult Living



ON COVER: In 2005, DFPS began to use "Heart Galleries", a national movement involving photo exhibits of children waiting for adopting families. Through Heart Galleries, professional photographers volunteer their time to help find loving homes. Several of these waiting children appear in this report.

For more information on **Kayla & Kelsy** - ID# 15983 go to Child Search at www.adoptchildren.org

Letter to the Citizens of Harris County

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June 2006

CPS in Harris County is pleased to present our Annual Report. This report covers statistics, program highlights and funding for both Harris County Protective Services for Children and Adults (HCPS) and the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) for year 2005. The case flow and organizational charts as well as Board of Directors and Administrative Staff are up-to-date (midyear 2006) for the two entities that comprise CPS in Harris County.

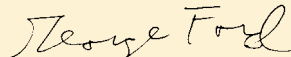
Additional information can be found on the agencies' web sites indicated throughout the report in www.hc-ps.org or www.dfps.state.tx.us

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2005 INCLUDE:

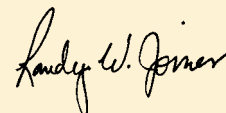
- In September, 2005 the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announced an award to HCPS of \$9.5 million over six years to provide for the transformation of Children's Mental Health Services. HCPS will provide administrative and fiscal management of the program.
- The Harris County Youth Services Center, a public/private partnership between Harris County and Houston's philanthropic community, is now a reality. The CARING FOR OUR KIDS CAMPAIGN raised 3.645 million dollars in private funding for the nearly \$14 million facility.
- Hundreds of improvements were begun in 2005, affecting every aspect of DFPS. These changes will strengthen investigations, improve management and accountability, reduce caseloads and support quality casework. This report contains some of those improvements. For more information on DFPS' renewal efforts, visit their web site.
- After Hurricane Katrina, staffs of HCPS and DFPS in Harris County rallied together to provide a variety of social services on eight-hour shifts around the clock at Reliant Complex and the George R. Brown Convention Center. DFPS staffed the "Lost Children's Area". The BEAR Program kept the area stocked with snacks, toys and children's items. 4Cs and TRIAD provided mental health assessments and crisis counseling. CYS Program provided social services to many of the 1,400 Katrina evacuee youth newly enrolled in local schools. The Guardianship Program made certain there was a plan in place for each of the wards that lived in an area subject to evacuation.
- As 2005 came to a close, DFPS was completing the process of outsourcing, as mandated in Senate Bill 6 in the Texas Legislature. This major child protection reform bill mandates outsourcing substitute care and case management services after investigation. This will begin with one Region in 2007, two more Regions in 2009 and the entire state by 2011.



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Executive Director, HCPS



Randy W. Joiner, LMSW-AP
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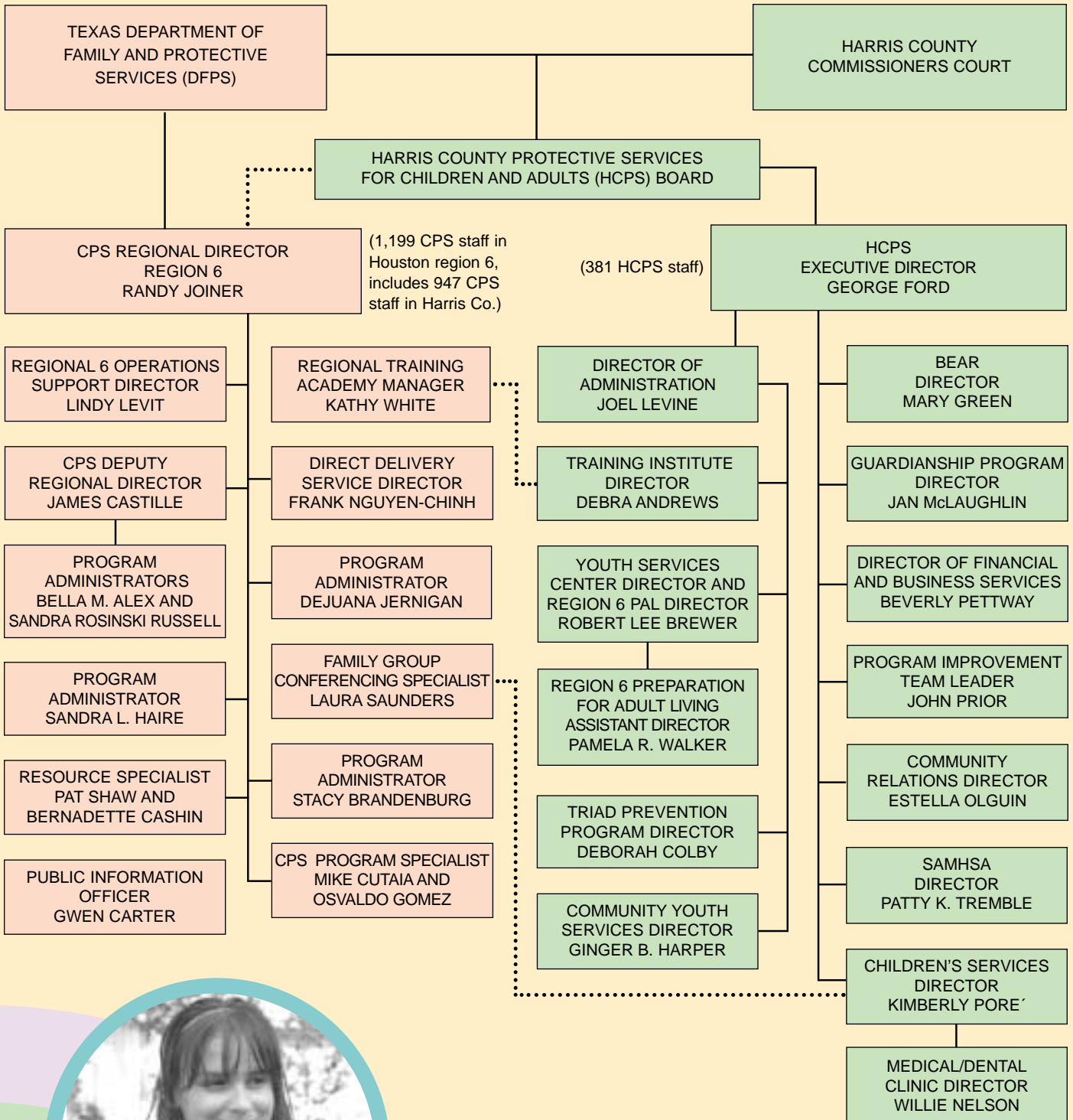
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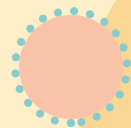
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CPS in Harris County Organizational Chart - 2006



For more information on **Mechelle** - ID# 30439 go to Child Search at www.adoptchildren.org
Lawrence Hitz, Photographer



Board of Directors & Administrative Staff - 2006

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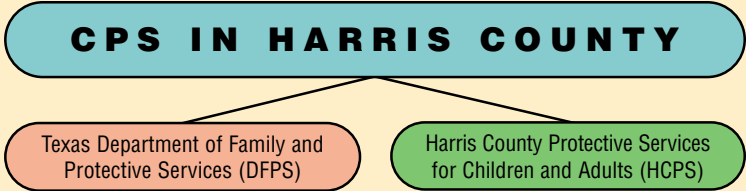

Kathy White, BSW, MA, *Training Academy Manager*

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While Child Protective Services (CPS) in Texas is a state-managed program through the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS), there has been a tradition of county-level involvement since 1966 in Harris County.

In a unique governmental collaboration, protective services for children and adults in Harris County are seamlessly provided by the state of Texas, acting through DFPS, and Harris County through Harris County Protective Services for Children and Adults (HCPS).

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES (DFPS)
WWW.DFPS.STATE.TX.US



HARRIS COUNTY PROTECTIVE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS (HCPS)
WWW.HC-PS.ORG

The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services serves the state's youth, families, elderly and people with disabilities. The DFPS mission is to protect children, the elderly and people with disabilities from abuse, neglect and exploitation by working with clients, families and communities. DFPS works to accomplish that mission through four programs: Child Protective Services, Adult Protective Services, Child Care Licensing, and Prevention and Early Intervention programs. DFPS is an agency of the Texas Health and Human Services System.

The responsibilities of the Child Protective Services (CPS) program of DFPS are to:

- Conduct civil investigations of reported child abuse and neglect,
- Protect children from abuse and neglect,
- Promote the safety, integrity and stability of families,
- Provide permanent placements for children who cannot safely remain with their own families.

The Vision of Harris County Protective Services for Children and Adults (HCPS) is to better the lives of children and adults in Harris County.

HCPS' mission is to:

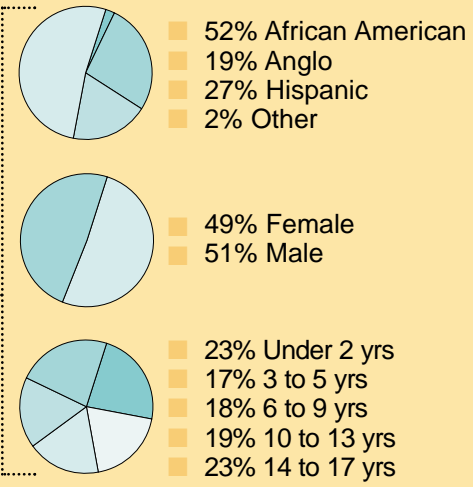
- Provide direct services to children not served by DFPS,
- Provide support services designed to enhance the efficiency of the DFPS program,
- Provide guardianship services to adults,
- Advocate for Harris County's children and adults.

HCPS, a county department advocating for Harris County children and adults, works to accomplish its mission through three programs: Guardianship Services; Youth Services, i.e. Kinder Emergency Shelter, Community Youth Services, Preparation for Adult Living and the TRIAD Prevention Program; and Children's Services, i.e. BEAR...BE A Resource for CPS Kids, Children's Crisis Care Center, Medical and Dental Clinic and the Training Institute.

TOTAL CHILDREN SERVED MONTHLY

Approximate number of children receiving services from CPS in Harris County per month in 2005, including those children serviced in DFPS and HCPS programs.

Completed investigations (children).....	3,800
Receiving Family-Based Safety Services (children).....	3,100
In Protective Custody (children).....	4,300
<i>(See Breakdown charts at right)</i>	
Receiving TRIAD Prevention Program Services (youth).....	4,000
Receiving CYS Services (youth).....	2,400
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Total (Approximate number of children served per month by CPS in Harris County)	17,600



Statistics for CPS in Harris County for 2005

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Harris County child population for year 2005: 1,042,168¹

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CPS) PROGRAM OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES (DFPS)

CPS PROGRAM OF DFPS 2005 ACTIVITIES¹ FY SEPTEMBER 1, 2004, THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2005

Intakes of child abuse and neglect assigned for investigation		25,856 ²
Completed investigations	families	20,976 ²
	alleged victims	33,675
	total children	46,326
Children adopted	in Region 6 ³	681
Children served in Family-Based Safety Services		9,774
Children taken into protective custody		2,283
Total children in protective custody	as of August 31, 2005	4,370
Foster and Foster/Adopt Homes	as of August 31, 2005	327

1 Source: DFPS Forecasting and Program Statistics.

2 The difference between Intakes and Completed investigations is the families currently under investigation or investigations merged or administratively closed.

3 Houston Region 6 includes Harris County and 12 surrounding counties.

Additional information can be found at www.dfps.state.tx.us/statistics

HARRIS COUNTY PROTECTIVE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS (HCPS)

HCPS 2005 ACTIVITIES JANUARY 1, 2005, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2005

BEAR...BE A Resource for CPS Kids ⁴	CPS children served in BEAR Necessities	14,000
	CPS children served in BEARing Gifts	6,000
	CPS children served in Back to School in-kind and cash contributions	4,000
		\$860,614.91
Children's Crisis Care Center (4Cs)	children evaluated	1,332
	families assessed	358
	Family Conferences	417
	Permanency Planning Team meetings	3,257 ⁵
Community Youth Services (CYS)	youth served	26,140
	parents and teens in Survival Skills	1,937
Guardianship Program	adult wards as of Dec. 31, 2005	1,363
Kinder Emergency Shelter	youth sheltered	395
Medical-Dental Clinic	children served	4,718
Preparation for Adult Living (PAL)	youth served in Region 6 ⁶	1,342
TRIAD Prevention Program	at-risk youth served	49,133 ⁷

4 Some children are served by multiple programs.

5 Special professional teams to ensure that children do not linger in foster care.

6 PAL served youth during DFPS fiscal year.

7 Refer to page 11 for breakdown

Additional information can be found at www.hc-ps.org



CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CPS) PROGRAM OF DFPS

For more information on services go to www.dfps.state.tx.us/child_protection

INTAKE:

DFPS administers a toll-free, 24-hour statewide hotline located in Austin, Texas for reporting suspected abuse and neglect of children, disabled persons, and the elderly at 1-800-252-5400. In 2005, the general public took advantage of the new option for reporting through a secured web site at www.txabusehotline.org

In FY 2005, CPS in Harris County assigned 25,856 intakes of child abuse and neglect for investigation.

INVESTIGATIONS:

In 2005, DFPS reorganized its central administration and regional structure by creating offices of investigation. This realignment strengthened:

- the program's focus on investigating allegations of child abuse and neglect;
- relations with law enforcement;
- oversight by management; and
- overall support for caseworkers.

When an intake report is assigned, CPS workers interview children, parents and others with knowledge of the family. These interviews help determine if child abuse or neglect has occurred and assess the risk of further harm to the child. Law enforcement may investigate at the same time to determine if criminal charges will be filed.

The Child Protective Services Point of Entry, located at the Harris County Youth Services Center, helps to coordinate investigations for victims of physical abuse or neglect 24 hours per day, seven days per week. Victims of sexual abuse are referred to The Children's Assessment Center for investigation by CPS staff, law enforcement, medical professionals, specialized interviewers and therapists.

During FY 2005, 7,037 children were confirmed to have been abused or neglected in Harris County. The rate of confirmed abuse/neglect victims in Harris County was 6.8 per 1,000 children. In Texas, 9.8 children per 1,000 were confirmed as child abuse/neglect victims.

COMPLETED CPS INVESTIGATIONS IN HARRIS COUNTY

FY 2001

intakes	18,666
families	15,313
alleged victims	24,169
total number of children	37,580

FY 2002

intakes	20,120
families	16,429
alleged victims	24,093
total number of children	36,262

FY 2003

intakes	20,342
families	17,007
alleged victims	26,855
total number of children	38,188

FY 2004

intakes	22,706
families	18,509
alleged victims	29,288
total number of children	40,399

FY 2005

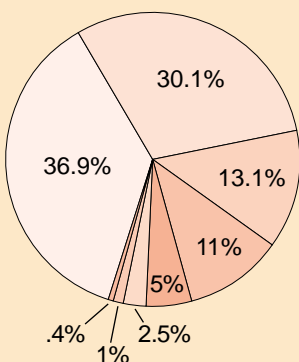
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Intakes of abuse/neglect assigned for investigation have increased 27.8% in five years.

The difference between Intakes and Completed Investigations is the families currently under investigation or investigation merged or administratively closed.

BREAKDOWN OF TYPES OF ABUSE/NEGLECT OF ALLEGED VICTIMS IN COMPLETED INVESTIGATIONS

The total exceeds 33,675 alleged victims in completed investigations in 2005 since children may have more than one type of abuse/neglect allegation.



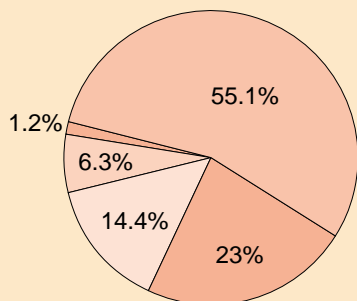
- Neglectful Supervision 17,197 (36.9%)
- Physical Abuse 14,051 (30.1%)
- Sexual Abuse 6,114 (13.1%)
- Physical Neglect 5,145 (11%)
- Medical Neglect 2,323 (5%)
- Emotional/Verbal Abuse 1,182 (2.5%)
- Refusal to Assume Parental Responsibility 466 (1%)
- Abandonment 184 (.4%)



During FY 2005, 20,976 family investigations were completed.

FINDINGS OF ALLEGATIONS IN FAMILIES IN COMPLETED INVESTIGATIONS

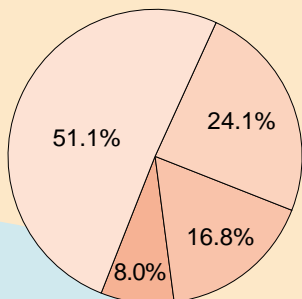
- Ruled Out 55.1%
- Reason to Believe (Confirmed) 23%
- Unable to Determine 14.4%
- Unable to Complete 6.3%
- Moved 1.2%



CPS investigations help determine if child abuse or neglect has occurred and assess the risk of further harm to the child.

OUTCOME OF RISK ASSESSMENT OF CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT IN FAMILIES IN COMPLETED INVESTIGATIONS

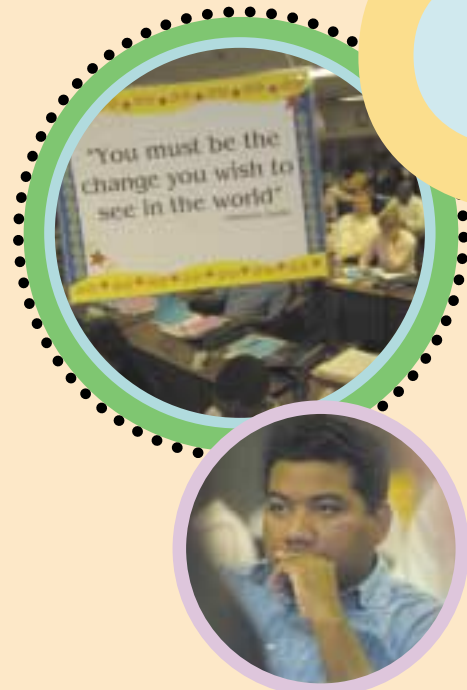
- Risk factors controlled Child no longer at risk of abuse/neglect 51.1%
- No significant risk factors were identified 24.1%
- Risk of further abuse indicated 16.8%
- Risk assessment could not be completed 8.0%



FAMILY-BASED SAFETY SERVICES (FBSS)

When child safety can be reasonably assured, CPS provides in-home services to help stabilize the family and reduce the risk of future abuse or neglect. Services provided include family counseling, crisis intervention, parenting classes, substance abuse treatment and childcare.

In FY 2005, 9,774 children in Harris County received family-based safety services, including purchased services, in their own homes. Most children served by FBSS continue to live at home while the agency works with their families. In other cases, children may live elsewhere temporarily, usually with relatives or family friends, until the home becomes safe enough for them to return.



FOSTER CARE

When it is not safe for children to live with their own families, CPS petitions the court to remove the children from their home. They may be placed temporarily with relatives, a verified foster family or an emergency shelter.

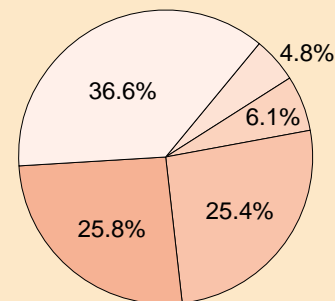
For more information on foster care go to: www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child_Protection/Foster_Care

When children are removed from their homes and placed in the state's custody, a special team of CPS staff and other professionals work together to develop a written plan to address the factors that caused the abuse/neglect. They also review the progress made in the case plan on a regular basis. The goal is to ensure that children live in stable, nurturing environments and do not remain in foster care. In the Houston Region 6, either through Family Group Decision-Making or a Permanency Planning Team, this coordination is by the Children's Crisis Care Center (page 12).

LOCATION OF CHILDREN IN DFPS PROTECTIVE CUSTODY IN HARRIS COUNTY

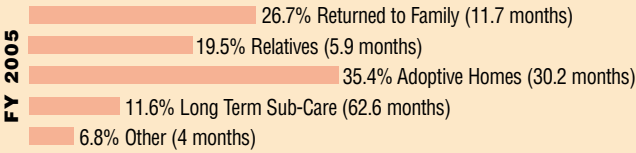
At the end of FY 2005, 4,370 children were in the state's Managing Conservatorship (custody) in Harris County.

- In Foster Care 2 yrs. or less 1,599 (36.6%)
- In Relatives' Homes 1,128 (25.8%)
- In Foster Care more than 2 yrs. 1,109 (25.4%)
- With Own Family 266 (6.1%)
- In Adoptive Homes 209 (4.8%)



FAMILY REUNIFICATION

During FY 2005, 1,388 children in CPS custody in Harris County were placed in a permanent living arrangement.



The average length of time children were in state custody in Harris County until placed in a permanent living arrangement during FY 2005 was 22.5 months

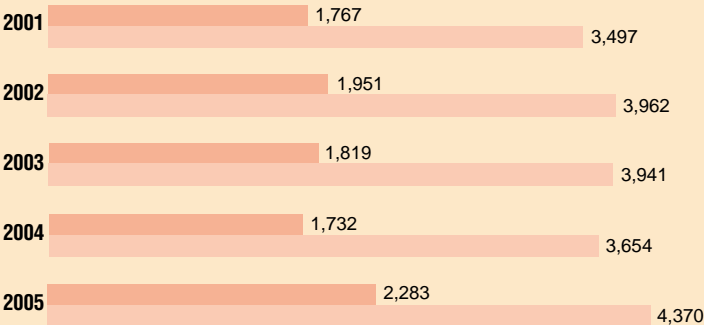


Comparison of total average length of time children in custody 2001 - 2005

In 2005, DFPS began to address systemic factors and identify improvements in practices to address the disproportionate representation and disparate outcomes for African-American children and their families within the CPS system. Those include all phases of service, such as investigation, removal, placement and emancipation. CPS dedicated specific staff to this initiative and has begun to work with Casey Family Programs and a community advisory group in Houston.

Children taken into protective custody during fiscal year

Children in protective custody at end of fiscal year



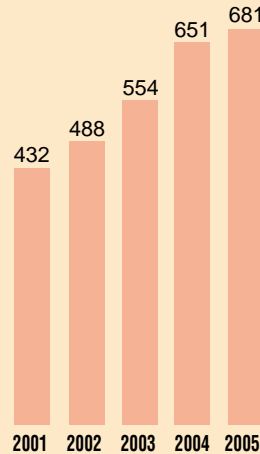
Source: DFPS Forecasting and Program Statistics

ADOPTION

When it is not possible for a child to return home, the court may terminate the parents' rights and legally make the child available for adoption. DFPS completed 681 adoptions in the Houston Region 6 (Harris County and the 12 surrounding counties) in 2005. DFPS contracts with licensed private child-placing agencies to increase the number of adoptive homes available to adopt foster children.

ADOPTIONS COMPLETED IN HOUSTON REGION 6

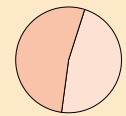
36.5% increase in five years



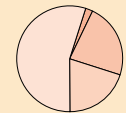
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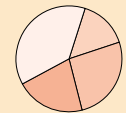
766 Children in the Houston Region are waiting to be adopted. Additionally, 181 children are expected to be adopted by relatives and 152 children are expected to be adopted by foster parents.



53% Male 47% Female



55% African American
20% Anglo
23% Hispanic
2% Other or Mixed Race



38% birth to 5 yrs. of age
21% 6 to 10 yrs. of age
26% 11 to 14 yrs. of age
15% 15 to 17 yrs. of age



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For more information on **Jermaine & Jeffery** ID# 14964 go to Child Search at www.adoptchildren.org
Karen Sachar, Photographer

GUARDIANSHIP SERVICES



The Harris County Guardianship Program developed new initiatives to better meet the needs of its 1,363 court-appointed wards in 2005. New initiatives in 2005 to the program included:

- **Clinical Unit & Respite Staff** Specialized case managers handle high-risk wards and alleviate staff workload issues.
- **Customer Satisfaction Survey** Wards, vendors, outside professionals and court officials expressed 94% overall satisfaction with the program in 2005.
- **Resource Room** Donated new clothing and everyday necessities are collected to meet clients' emergency needs.
- **Ward Mentor Program** A grant from the Health and Human Services Commission funds an upcoming community support program.

The Guardianship Program also enjoyed continued success with existing projects including the CARE initiative, which facilitates wraparound services with several other social service agencies, and the annual holiday project, which solicits and coordinates holiday gift donations for the wards from community partners.

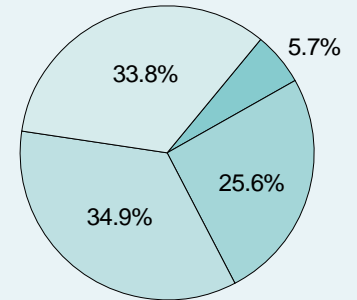
Additionally, the Harris County Guardianship Program, in partnership with the Harris County Hospital District, has developed a pilot program to streamline the eligibility process to obtain medical treatment for wards.

For more information on the Guardianship Program go to: www.hc-ps.org



INCAPACITIES

- Developmental Disability 25.6%
- Mental Deterioration 34.9%
- Mental Illness 33.8%
- Physical Incapacity 5.7%

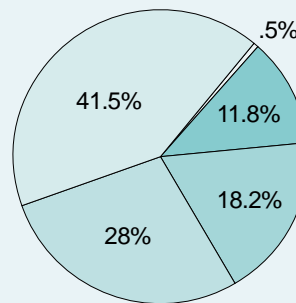


NUMBER OF WARDS SERVED AT THE END OF 2005: 1,363

- 53% Male
- 47% Female

WARDS BY AGES

- .5% - 18 to 21 yrs
- 18.2% - 22 to 39 yrs
- 41.5% - 40 to 59 yrs
- 28% - 60 to 79 yrs
- 11.8% - 80 yrs and over



YOUTH SERVICES

The Harris County Youth Services Center (YSC) became a reality in 2005. The YSC, located at 6300 Chimney Rock, is a "hub" of support services for children and youth needing help. The new facility allows the various agencies housed at the YSC to better coordinate the many services they offer.

Located in the building are staff from HCPS (Kinder Emergency Shelter, CYS, TRIAD Prevention Program, Medical/Dental Clinic and BEAR), the DFPS' Child Protective Services Point of Entry, Harris County Juvenile Probation Department, DePelchin Children's Center and some staff of the Preparation for Adult Living Program.

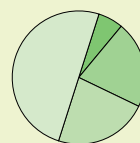


KINDER EMERGENCY SHELTER

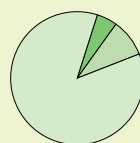


During 2005, 395 youth, ages 12-17 that required emergency short-term residential care, were placed in the 24 bed Nancy and Rich Kinder Emergency Shelter by case-workers from DFPS, CYS and the TRIAD Prevention Program.

THE DIVERSITY OF THE YOUTH SHELTERED INCLUDED 58% FEMALE AND 42% MALE.



- 50% African American
- 23% Anglo
- 21% Hispanic
- 6% Other Races



REFERRAL SOURCE:

- 86% DFPS
- 9% TRIAD
- 5% CYS

COMMUNITY YOUTH SERVICES



During 2005, staff served 26,140 youths.

CYS, a crisis intervention and case management program, with 90 staff members, offers free, voluntary assistance to at-risk children and youth and their families. For more information go to www.hc-ps.org

Seventy-four of the CYS staff members have a unique shared funding partnership with 17 school districts as well as the Pasadena Police Department, the Educational Services Division of the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department, Communities In Schools-Houston and the Community Education Partners Charter School. The goal of this program is to prevent at-risk youth from becoming victims of child abuse, running away, dropping out of school or from entering into delinquent behavior.

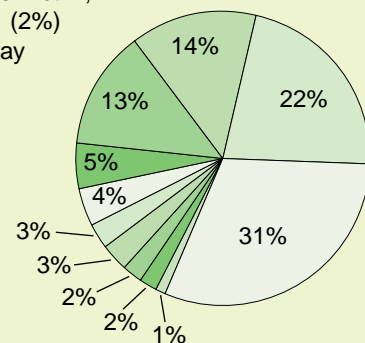
Additionally, CYS develops host families and offers a Parent/Teen Survival course. During 2005, 1,937 parents and teens attended these sessions.

In 2005, to help students and families, CYS entered into a unique partnership with the Houston Department of Health and Human Services at Kashmere High School and MHMRA at Houston ISD West Region and Spring ISD. This unique coordination of multiple agencies will secure services to children and their families to keep them in school.

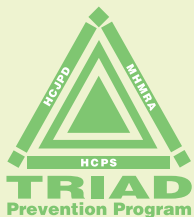
REASONS FOR NEW REFERRALS TO CYS

During 2005, staff served 23,517 new youth referrals

- Financial Problems 7,372 (31%)
- School Related 5,147 (22%) (truancy, classroom behavior, skipping)
- Family Problems/Violence 3,116 (14%)
- Adolescent Development Issues 3,012 (13%)
- Grief Counseling 1,233 (5%)
- Health Problems 991 (4%)
- Child Abuse/Neglect 755 (3%)
- Mental Health Problems 765 (3%) (emotional disturbance, suicide)
- Drugs 542 (2%)
- Gang, Crime Victim, Police 451 (2%)
- Running Away 133 (1%)



TRIAD



During 2005, 49,133 at-risk youth were served.

TRIAD Prevention Program is a consortium of three county agencies working

together to coordinate their resources to serve at-risk youth. The three public agencies are HCPS with 37 staff, Harris County Juvenile Probation Department with 12 staff and Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority of Harris County with seven staff.

The Prevent Baby Abandonment Hotline staffed by TRIAD, received 215 calls during 2005. The Universal Child Abuse Prevention project provided prevention information to over 41,200 children and families during 2005.

For more information on the specific programs that help change children at risk into youth of promise, go to www.hc-ps.org



For more information on **Hailey** - ID# 25339 go to Child Search at www.adoptchildren.org

TRIAD PREVENTION PROGRAM AT-RISK YOUTH SERVED IN YEAR 2005

JP Court Program	41,508
Truancy Learning Camp	271
Services To At-Risk Youth	559
Intake/Diversion	3,162
Mental Health Services.....	268
Community Youth Development	3,180
Alliance Staffings.....	185

TOTAL 49,133

PAL



Houston Region 6 PAL program, with sixteen HCPS and eight DFPS staff members, helps make the transition to adulthood successful for youth in foster care. PAL services include independent living assessment; time-limited

financial help; and training in such areas as money management, job skills, educational planning and interpersonal skills.

In 2005, 1,342 youths, ages 14 through 20, participated in the PAL program in the CPS Region 6. Through funds of the federal Chafee Foster Care Independence Act, PAL provided aftercare room-and-board assistance and case management services for young adults ages 18 through 21 who have exited foster care.

In July, 2005, the new Houston Alumni and Youth Center (HAY) was opened at 2103 N. Main in Houston to provide a one-stop transition center for foster youth and former foster youth still in need

of employment, education or support. Since the opening there has been increased youth participation, housing opportunities, and job availability for PAL youth. PAL serves as the lead agency for the project with Texas Workforce Commission and funding from the U.S. Department of Labor.



For more information on **Angel, Cameron & Derrick** - ID#18084 go to Child Search at www.adoptchildren.org

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CHILDREN'S SERVICES

THE CHILDREN'S CRISIS CARE CENTER



The Children's Crisis Care Center (4Cs)

is a community collaboration focused on meeting the unique needs of each physically abused and neglected child entering CPS custody. This service is only available to children referred by DFPS.

The Children's Crisis Care Center, with 30 staff and 22 contracted professionals, is structured into three program teams: Children's, Family and Permanency Planning.

During 2005:

Children evaluated	1,332
Families assessed	358
Permanency Planning Team meetings	3,257
(For each custody child in Region 6)	
Family Group Decision-Making conferences	417

For complete information on 4Cs and its programs go to: www.hc-ps.org

REGION 6 TRAINING INSTITUTE



The Houston Region 6 Training Institute is a specialized training program for all HCPS and Region 6 DFPS personnel. During 2005 the Training Institute, consisting of five

HCPS employees and seven DFPS employees, provided 167 workshops with 4,451 staff participants.

In 2005, DFPS and the Region 6 Training Institute revised its training for new staff in accordance with Senate Bill 6 from 6 weeks to 13 weeks and retrained supervisors on how families are assessed to determine a risk of abuse or neglect. A total of 261 new caseworkers and 12 interns were trained in 2005.

For career opportunities with CPS in Harris County go to: www.hc-ps.org

HCPS CLINIC

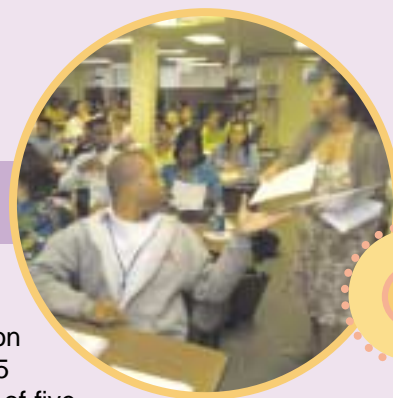


HCPS Clinic, which was relocated to the Youth Services Center in late 2005, is available to all child clients of DFPS and HCPS and operates with the University of Texas Medical School.

During 2005, 4,718 children were provided services at the HCPS Clinic. Services included helping caseworkers identify suspected child abuse/neglect, providing medical and dental services to children in foster care and the Kinder Emergency Shelter, as well as various medical presentations and trainings.

During 2005 the Clinic began performing drug screens with adult clients at the caseworkers' request.

During the year, 12,477 drug screens were performed on 2,705 clients. Ten percent of the tests revealed positive results. Nineteen percent of the parents refused or altered one or more of the tests.



BEAR



BEAR, which stands for BE A Resource for

CPS Kids, offers help and hope for abused and neglected children and the caseworkers who protect them. BEAR is a 501(c)(3) public/private partnership that provides goods and services to children under the care of CPS in Harris County.

During 2005 BEAR Necessities, an emergency supply room, served 14,000 children and BEARING Gifts, which provides holiday gifts to CPS kids, served over 6,000 children. BEAR Back to School provided school uniforms and supplies to 4,000 children. Some children are served by all programs.

BEAR's "Change is Good" event in October, 2005 received proceeds that were used to provide school uniforms, backpacks and school supplies to CPS children. More than \$50,000 in proceeds was generated by this event and children donated over \$3,000 in change.

For more information about BEAR and opportunities to get involved, go to: www.bearesourcehouston.org

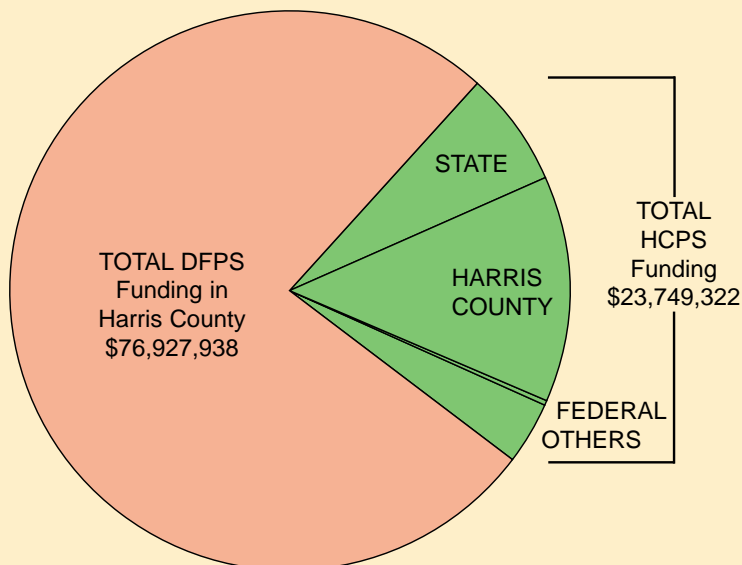


CPS in Harris County 2005 Funding

	DFPS*	HCPS**					COMBINED FUNDING IN HARRIS COUNTY
	DFPS FUNDS IN HARRIS CO.	STATE	HARRIS COUNTY	FEDERAL	OTHERS	TOTAL HCPS	
Staff Salaries, Benefits and Travel	\$24,712,636	\$2,918,312	\$10,323,108	0	\$3,432,997	\$16,674,417	\$41,387,053
Children's Foster and Institutional Care	45,148,386	274,422	621,063	0	0	895,485	46,043,871
Children's Services Contract	4,447,848	2,174,265	563,452	200,000	35,904	2,973,621	7,421,469
Children's Medical Services	0	140,000	205,397	0	0	345,397	345,397
General and Administrative	2,619,067	1,302,006	1,487,532	0	70,864	2,860,402	5,479,469
TOTAL	\$76,927,938	\$6,809,005	\$13,200,552	\$200,000	\$3,539,765	\$23,749,322	\$100,677,260

* DFPS fiscal year: September 1, 2004 - August 31, 2005
DFPS Funding sources: state and federal government

** HCPS fiscal year: March 1, 2005 - February 28, 2006
HCPS funding sources: state, county, federal government and other sources such as grants and foundations.



For more information on **Vanessa** - ID #28059 go to Child Search at www.adoptchildren.org

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Agency Phone Numbers

Texas Abuse Hotline (children & adults)	1-800-252-5400
Prevent Baby Abandonment Hotline	1-877-904-SAVE
BEAR...BE A Resource for CPS Kids	713-940-5296
Child Protective Services (DFPS) Point of Entry	713-295-2650
Clinic	713-295-2570
Community Youth Services	713-295-2530
Foster and Adoption Inquiry Line	1-800-233-3405
Gulfton Youth Development Program	713-314-3551
Guardianship Program	713-363-2300
PO Box 20605, Houston, TX 77225	
Harris County Protective Services	
for Children and Adults	713-394-4000
Harris County Youth Services Center	713-295-2500
6300 Chimney Rock , Houston, TX 77081	
Houston Alumni & Youth (HAY) Center	713-600-2800
2103 N. Main, Houston, TX 77009	
Preparation for Adult Living	713-295-2741
Pasadena Youth Development Program	713-473-8393
Services to At-Risk Youth (STAR)	713-664-3459
Texas Department of Family and Protective Services	512-438-4800
TRIAD Prevention Program	713-295-2600

Agency Web Sites

Harris County Protective Services	
for Children and Adults	www.hc-ps.org
Texas Department of Family	
and Protective Services	www.dfps.state.tx.us
To Report abuse on a secure web site	www.txabusehotline.org
Child Abuse Prevention.....	www.itsuptoyou.org
BEAR...BE A Resource for CPS Kids	www.bearesourcehouston.org
Texas Adoption Resource Exchange	www.adoptchildren.org
To Volunteer	www.volunteerdfps.org



CPS IN HARRIS COUNTY

2525 Murworth Drive ■ Houston, Texas 77054
713-394-4000

To report abuse and neglect: 1-800-252-5400