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SECTION 1

INTRODUCTION

I. Mission Statement

The Community Planning Group was established to help reduce crime in Willacy County to the best of its abilities and resources. The group's common goal is to access all available funding resources and programs and to maximize funding by making sure all funds earmarked for the Willacy County region are used and spent within the region.

II. The Community Planning Group

The Willacy County Planning Group was established in 1999 in response to the Governor's Office Criminal Justice Division's community plan requirements for grant applications. The purpose of this plan is to identify the community's criminal justice needs, and to develop goals and strategies to address them.

The group's membership is comprised of representatives from law enforcement, probation, and agencies dealing with education, health, and social services. The members all have extensive experience in their fields and have the expertise required to identify needs and offer solutions.

The Family Crisis Center serves as the lead agency in the development of the plan, but acquiesces to using the recommendations from the Community Planning Group.

The plan is revised each year and is still evolving. We believe that the plan is a true reflection of the community's criminal justice needs and that the implementation of the programs and services listed in the plan will enhance the quality of life in our community.

III. Planning Process

The Community Planning Group met once to review the plan and to update it for the coming year. As in previous years, the group has acted collectively. The five priority needs are listed below:

1. Violent Crime (such as)
 - Family Violence
 - Sexual Assault
 - Drug Related Crime
 - Child Abuse/Neglect
2. Gang Related Crime
3. Crime and Drug Prevention
4. Juvenile Crime
 - Crimes against person(s)
 - Property Crimes

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- Prevention programs
5. Technology and Equipment for Public and School Safety

At the planning group meeting, the group agreed for the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council and the Family Crisis Center, Inc. to coordinate and lead the discussion and to record the recommended changes. The group then submitted the proposed changes to the Family Crisis Center via email, for inclusion in the plan. The plan will be submitted for approval to the Willacy County Commissioners Court as soon as possible.

IV. Organization of the Plan

The plan is divided into sections, each one covering one of the needs designated as priorities by the group. Each section covers the following topics.

- Identification of Needs
- Identification of Resources
- Coordination of Resources
- Goals and Strategies
- Gaps in Services

V. Acknowledgments

The members of the planning deserve much thanks and praise for their hard work on behalf of their respective agencies and the community. They provided the substance of this plan and it is a result of their input that we feel this plan accurately sets forth the status of criminal justice needs in Willacy County.

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SECTION 2

COMMUNITY PROFILE

I. Willacy County

Willacy County was formed in 1911 from parts of and counties and originally included what is now; it was named for state senator John G. Willacy. Kennedy was split from Willacy in 1921, when the long-settled ranchers of the northern (Kennedy) part of the county sought to separate from the newly arrived farmers of the southern part.

Demographics

Using the census estimates for 2010, there are 20,395 people residing in Willacy County. There are 5,651 households in the county. The population density is 13/km² (34/mi²). There are 6,727 housing units at an average density of 4/km² (11/mi²). The racial makeup of the county is 96.47% White, 2.19% Black or African American, 2.40% Native American, 0.11% Asian, 0.03% Pacific Islander, 24.46% from other races, and 2.34% from two or more races. 86.6% of the population is Hispanic or Latino of any race.

There are 5,651 households out of which 33.2% have children under the age of 18 living with them: males 15 years old and over now married and females 15 years old and over now married. The average household size is 3.40 and the average family size is 3.97.

In the county, the population is spread out with 31.60% under the age of 18, 11.90% from 18 to 24, 26.60% from 25 to 44, 18.30% from 45 to 64, and 11.60% who are 65 years of age or older. The median age is 30 years. For every 100 females there are 105.20 males. For every 100 females age 18 and over, there are 104.90 males.

The median income for a household in the county is \$23,506 and the median income for a family is \$25,137. Males have a median income of \$32,710 versus \$23,298 for females. Out of the total population, 42.00% of those under the age of 18 and 29.90% of those 65 and older are living below the poverty line.

The area's crime related data reflects the effects of lack of economic opportunity, and the high incidence of poverty.

SECTION 3

DRUG RELATED CRIME

I. Identification of Needs

As a border community, Willacy County and the rest of the Rio Grande Valley are prime locations for drug trafficking activity. It has been estimated however; approximately **85%** of the Willacy County cases that have been prosecuted by the District Attorney's office have been drug crimes.

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The needs for funding for the following programs were identified under this category:

1. Train local law enforcement officers and the Raymondville Independent School and Lyford Consolidated Independent School Police Departments in drug interdiction, prevention and intervention;
2. Apprehend drug traffickers;
3. In-Patient Substance Facilities to treat substance abuse;
4. Programs to set up K-9 Units;
5. Programs to provide and/or share police and law enforcement equipment with police in small municipalities and rural areas;
6. Programs to establish a centralized clearinghouse for data collection and program evaluation
7. Programs to train and educate local law enforcement, juvenile authorities and school police departments on the prevention and intervention of gang activity within their jurisdictions.

II. Identification of Resources

Resource agencies that are addressing drug related crime include:

- Raymondville Police Department
- United States Border Patrol
- Willacy County Sheriff's Department
- Raymondville Independent School District
- Raymondville Independent School District Police Department
- Rio Grande Valley Council, Inc.
- Willacy County Juvenile Probation Department
- Lyford Consolidated Independent School District
- Lyford Consolidated School District Police Department
- Texas Department of Public Safety
- Drug Enforcement Agency
- Tropical Texas Behavioral Health
- Willacy County District Attorney's Office
- Cameron/Willacy County Adult Community Supervision & Corrections Department
- Raymondville I.S.D. Police Department
- Lyford Police Department
- LRGVDC Regional Police Academy
- ICE

III. Coordination of Resources

All federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies working together, sharing information that best serves the community.

IV. Goals and Strategies

The goals for dealing with drug related crime are as follows:

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1. To apprehend and prosecute drug offenders more effectively and efficiently;
2. To reduce drug trafficking and the incidence of drug-related crime;
3. To properly equip and train law enforcement agencies in small municipalities and rural areas;
4. To provide ongoing evaluation of local programs to improve program implementation;
5. To establish programs to treat substance abuse including in-patient treatment;
6. To provide for accurate and efficient data collection, data compilation, and data sharing.

The strategies for dealing with drug related crime are as follows:

1. Raise awareness of and involvement of drug related issues in the community, especially in the rural areas;
2. Establish programs to train local law enforcement agencies, juvenile authorities as well as the Lyford Consolidated Independent School District Police Department and the Raymondville Independent School District Police Department in drug interdiction;
3. Establish K-9 Units to aid in the apprehension of drug dealers and traffickers;
4. Enhance multi-agency drug enforcement task forces to apprehend drug offenders;
5. Enhance programs to provide and/or share police and law enforcement equipment with police in small municipalities and rural areas;
6. Enhance and implement drug prevention programs;
7. Enhance treatment programs to address alcohol and drug usage.

V. Gaps in Services

The existing gaps in services include funding for:

1. Training of local law enforcement agencies, juvenile authorities and school police departments with the Lyford Consolidated Independent School District and Raymondville Independent School District for the purpose of drug interdiction, prevention and intervention;
2. Operation of multi-agency drug enforcement task forces;
3. Purchase of equipment for local law enforcement agencies, including school police departments in Raymondville and Lyford to address public safety;
4. Establish alcohol and substance abuse treatment programs;
5. Set up of drug detectors and bomb K-9 Units for drug detections;
6. Hire a drug prosecutor.

SECTION 4

VIOLENT CRIME

I. Identification of Needs

According to local law enforcement agencies, there were 198 violent crime arrests which include elder abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault filed by the local police departments in Willacy County.

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According to the Integrated Tracking System one form of violent crime that is widespread in Willacy County is family violence. Victims of family violence and sexual assault receiving services from the Family Crisis Center beginning in January 2009 thru October 2009 thus far have totaled 1,361.

From November 01, 2009 to October 31, 2010, the Willacy County Juvenile Probation Department, which works with juveniles between the ages of ten to seventeen, received 2 referrals for robbery, 13 referrals for aggravated assault, 4 referrals for burglary, 5 referrals for weapons violations as well as 13 referrals for assaults and/or family violence. Dating violence and bullying are also becoming more and more evident within the juvenile aged population.

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children) of Cameron and Willacy Counties, Inc. has served children from Willacy County. Some of these children were removed from their homes because of abuse and/or neglect.

The need for funding for the following types of programs were identified under this category includes programs to:

1. Provide referrals for services, including treatment, to victims of violent crimes;
2. Provide services to victims of family violence and sexual abuse, elder abuse, dating violence, bullying, and anti-bullying.
3. Set up treatment for victims of sexual abuse;
4. Provide battery intervention, prevention, and treatment for perpetrators;
5. Increase legal advocacy staff;
6. Set up visitation centers for court ordered visitations;
7. Provide direct services, including treatment, to victims of violent crime;
8. To implement anger management, conflict resolution, and treatment for youth and adults;
9. Provide housing, emergency shelter, as well as employment opportunities for victims of family violence;
10. Address violence in the workplace;
11. Obtain funds to purchase workbooks, videos, and other materials used to counsel and educate victims of sexual assault and family violence;
12. Programs to train and educate law enforcement personnel to deal with on scene incidents of domestic disturbance or violence;
13. Provide legal advocacy to undocumented victims of abuse;
14. Educate the community by offering prevention and intervention services;
15. Establish a centralized clearinghouse for data collection and program evaluation;
16. Train forensic interviewers and specialized forensic personnel to assist with the investigation of crimes against children and adults.
17. Establish forensic laboratories.
18. Establish referral cards with hotline numbers for victims of sexual assault, elder abuse, dating violence, bullying, and anti-bullying.

II. Identification of Resources

Resource agencies that are addressing violent crime include:

- Raymondville Police Department

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- Family Crisis Center, Inc.
- Willacy County Sheriff's Department
- Willacy County District Attorney's Office
- LRGVDC Regional Police Academy and Training Center
- Willacy County Juvenile Probation Department
- Child/Adult Abuse Response Team – VBMC (CAART)
- Lyford Consolidated Independent School District
- Lyford Consolidated Independent School District Police Department
- Raymondville Independent School District
- Raymondville Independent School District Police Department
- Planned Parenthood-Cameron/Willacy Counties
- Willacy County Housing Authority
- Rio Grande Valley Council, Inc.
- Tropical Texas Behavioral Health
- Cameron and Willacy Counties-Community Projects Inc.
- Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (Adult and Child Protective Services)
- Information and Referral Resource Assistance Program (IRRA)
- Cameron and Willacy Adult Supervision and Corrections Department
- Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid
- Proyecto Libertad
- CASA
- Loaves and Fishes
- Lyford Police Department

III. Coordination of Resources

Agencies work together by sharing information and making referrals being the most common forms of coordination. The following are some examples of existing coordination:

1. The Family Crisis Center, Inc., and Proyecto Libertad work closely with each other, as well as with the Willacy County District Attorney's Office and local police departments, hospitals, schools, Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid, Adult (APS) and Child Protective Services (CPS), Department of Human Services and Rio Grande Valley Trafficking Coalition.
2. CASA provides court representation as guardian ad-litem of children currently in foster care due to abuse and/or neglect. It coordinates services with Child Protective Services (CPS), Family Crisis Center, Inc., School Districts, and Willacy County Judge's Office.
3. The LRGVDC Regional Police Academy and Training Center provides on-going criminal justice programs to law enforcement agencies throughout the Willacy County area.
4. The Willacy County Adult and Juvenile Probation Department work with the District Attorney and the District Court to adjudicate adults and youth involved in acts of violence. Once on supervision, either residential or non-residential services are provided to offenders as part of the rehabilitation process.
5. Local law enforcement agencies with community support to organize programs about bullying, cyber bullying, and dating violence.

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IV. Goals and Strategies

The goals for dealing with violent crime are as follows:

1. To raise community awareness of family and dating violence;
2. To reduce the number of homicides, assaults, rapes, and kidnappings in Willacy County;
3. To provide assistance and services, including treatment, to victims of violent crime;
4. To raise community awareness of child abuse through prevention programs;
5. To provide assistance to child and adult victims of sexual abuse, family and dating violence;
6. To reduce the number of family and dating violence perpetrators;
7. To provide legal services to victims of violent crime;
8. To provide supervised visitation centers for court ordered visitation;
9. To expedite the processing of protective order hearings by the court system;
10. To provide anger management and conflict resolution counseling services, especially for youth;
11. To create more employment, housing opportunities and emergency shelter for victims of sexual assault and family violence;
12. To provide legal assistance to undocumented victims of violent crime;
13. To provide individual counseling and support groups for adults and children who are victims of sexual assault, family and dating violence;
14. To provide for locally relevant, ongoing evaluation of programs to improve program implementation;
15. To provide for accurate and efficient data collection, data compilation, and data sharing.
16. Establish a Willacy County District Court and County Court at Law, solely for the Willacy County prosecutions.

The strategies for dealing with violent crime are as follows:

1. Hire additional law enforcement officers and prosecutors to combat violent crime(s);
2. Strengthen working relationship between family/dating violence assistance centers, the law enforcement community and hospital districts;
3. Establish parenting skills programs for young parents;
4. Establish intervention programs for abusive households such as BIPP, anger management counseling, etc.
5. Conduct public information and education campaigns to raise public awareness of family and dating violence;
6. Advertise the availability of programs dealing with violent crime to the public;
7. Set up visitation centers for court ordered visitation;
8. Set up anger management programs;
9. Set up career training and job placement centers for victims of violent crime;
10. Set up centers to provide legal assistance to undocumented victims of abuse;
11. Establish individual counseling and support groups for adult and child victims of sexual assault, family and dating violence;
12. Establish a working relationship with the Office of the Attorney General's Office Crime Victim's Compensation Fund Division;
13. Establish housing programs for victims of family and dating violence;

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14. Set up a centralized clearinghouse for data collection and program evaluation.

V. Gaps in Services

The existing gaps in services include:

1. Funding for programs that provide direct and referral services, including treatment, to victims of crime;
2. Funding for programs that target adult and child victims of sexual abuse, family and dating violence;
3. Funding for programs that provide housing and emergency shelter for victims of family and dating violence;
4. Funding for programs that provide counseling services to victims and perpetrators of sexual assault, family and dating violence;
5. Funding for public information and education programs to promote awareness of family and dating violence, elder abuse, bullying and anti-bullying.
6. Funding for organized crime units that would investigate homicides, assaults, rapes, etc.;
7. Funding for programs that provide job training and job placement services for victims of family and dating violence;
8. Funding for prevention programs that provide battery intervention;
9. Funding to hire legal staff to assist victims of violent crime;
10. Funding to set up visitation centers for court ordered visitation;
11. Funding for programs providing individual and/or group counseling services to victims of sexual abuse and family violence;
12. Funding to set up a centralized clearinghouse for data collection and program evaluation;
13. Funding to establish a Willacy County District Court and County Court at Law, solely for Willacy County Prosecutions.

SECTION 5

JUVENILE CRIME

I. Identification of Needs

Gang activity, which was slow to surface in this area, is now on the rise. With the resulting large juvenile caseload, the County's law enforcement agencies need more personnel and funds to properly handle juvenile matters. In addition, juvenile services providers are hard pressed to adequately provide services to the growing juvenile population.

In 2010, the Willacy County Juvenile Probation Department received 95 formal referrals. An additional 31 unofficial referrals were accepted as crisis interventions and if needed, referred to applicable community resources. Of the total formal referrals, 23 were gang related with 29 involved in drug usage and 96% involved juveniles of minority descent. The number children referred during the reporting period totaled 98. (**Table IV**)

The need for funding for the following types of programs identified under this category programs to:

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1. Hire juvenile law enforcement officers, crime investigators, juvenile probation officers, juvenile correction officers and juvenile warrant officers.
2. Enhance alternative centers and schools.
3. Enhance local schools and community facilities to address truancy, dropouts, drug abuse, and family crisis issues, and teen pregnancy;
4. Set up law enforcement networks to deal with gang activity and other juvenile crime;
5. Hire legal staff to deal with juvenile crime cases;
6. Set up emergency shelters and residential services for youth;
7. Set up centers for entrepreneurship to increase employment opportunities, including after school and summer employment for youth;
8. Set up after school educational and recreational programs;
9. Hire after school mentors to address truancy and drug abuse;
10. Provide counseling for youth and families with special needs, such as mental health issues;
11. Train and educate school personnel and families about behavioral disorders and juvenile issues;
12. Increase access to behavioral and mental health evaluations for youth;
13. Develop programs to track sex based crimes (restructured access);
14. Enhance programs providing vocational training for youth;
15. Enhance programs for teaching life skills to youths;
16. Enhance programs to educate juveniles about family and dating violence;
17. Programs to establish a centralized clearinghouse for data collection and program evaluation.
18. Provide training for magistrate courts on dealing with Class “C” misdemeanors and status offenses.

II. Identification of Resources

Resources agencies that are addressing juvenile issues include:

- Raymondville Police Department
- Lyford Consolidated Independent School District
- Lyford Consolidated School District Police Department
- Raymondville Independent School District
- Raymondville Independent School Police Department
- Willacy County Juvenile Probation Department
- Willacy County Sheriff’s Department
- Rio Grande Valley Council, Inc.
- Tropical Texas Behavioral Health
- IRRA Charter School
- Willacy County District Attorney’s Office
- Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid
- Lyford Police Department

III. Coordination of Resources

Many of these agencies work together as matter of course, with sharing information and making

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referrals being the most common forms of coordination. The following are some examples of existing coordination:

1. The Willacy County Juvenile Probation Department works closely with the Willacy County District Attorney's Office, local law enforcement, school districts and numerous community resources and social services within the county.
2. Rio Grande Valley Council provides counseling services for the prevention and treatment of substance abuse, prevention of gang association, and addresses school drop-outs. It coordinates its services with Child Protective Services (CPS), Family Crisis Center, Inc., the State of Texas Mental Health Mental Retardation Department, and Juvenile Probation Department.
3. The Willacy County Juvenile Probation Department through the "Why Try Program" provides a 10 session life skills/positive decision making skills curriculum to all youths referred to the department.

IV. Goals and Strategies

The goals for dealing with juvenile crime are as follows:

1. To reduce gang participation by juveniles;
2. To provide increased services to juveniles, e.g., residential/non-residential services;
3. To provide psychological evaluations, alternative schools, counseling, and after school mentoring;
4. To reduce and ultimately eliminate the incidence of serious and recidivism of juvenile related crime, drug use, and delinquency;
5. To reduce the truancy and dropout rate in area schools;
6. To handle the juvenile violent crime caseload more effectively and efficiently;
7. To provide emergency shelter and residential services for juveniles;
8. To increase employment opportunities for youth;
9. To promote and maintain safety of school students by purchasing a K-9 Unit for use in life threatening situations on school campuses;
10. To reduce the amount of drugs on school campuses by making available a K-9 Unit to local school police department;
11. To train and educate school personnel and families about behavioral and mental health disorders and juvenile issues;
12. To provide assistance for youth and families with special needs such as mental impairment and learning disabilities;
13. To reduce juvenile caseloads;
14. To establish a program to track sex based crimes;
15. To provide vocational training for youth;
16. To prevent the incidence of family and teen dating violence as well as sexual assaults.

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17. To provide for locally relevant, ongoing evaluation of programs to improve program implementation;
18. To provide accurate and efficient data collection, data compilation, and data sharing;
19. To establish programs to deal with cyber crimes with the use of internet, mobile communications, and social networks;
20. Enhance treatment programs to deal with juvenile sex offenders.

The strategies for dealing with juvenile crime are as follows:

1. Establish anti-gang programs in the community;
2. Hire additional juvenile probation officers, juvenile law enforcement officers, juvenile correction officer, juvenile warrant officers and truant officers.
3. Establish one or more juvenile residential service centers in Willacy County;
4. Enhance parental involvement programs in area schools and youth organization/programs;
5. Enhance “Just Say No”, “DARE”, “Stay in School”, “Expect Respect”, and other prevention programs in area schools and communities;
6. Set up law enforcement networks to deal with gang activity and other juvenile crime;
7. Maximize use of existing community centers, schools, and other facilities in the community;
8. Enhance K-9 Units on school campuses;
9. Establish school-based and community-based mentoring, educational, and recreational programs;
10. Establish counseling centers and support groups for youth and families to deal with behavioral disorders, mental health issues and other juvenile issues;
11. Develop a system of service delivery to bring desperately needed mental health services to youth in a family-driven, culturally competent, and strength-based approach to service planning;
12. Establish programs for tracking sex-based offenses;
13. Establish vocational training programs for youth;
14. Establish programs that provide life skills for youth;
15. Establish programs that educate youth about family and teen dating violence;
16. Set up a coalition to address juvenile issues or concerns;
17. To establish a centralized clearinghouse for data collection and program evaluation;
18. To establish programs to deal with cyber crimes with the use of internet, mobile communications and social networks.

V. Gaps in Services

The existing gaps in services include:

1. Funding for local agencies to hire additional school district officers, juvenile law enforcement; officers, juvenile probation officers, juvenile correction officers, juvenile warrant officers and truant officers.
2. Funding to construct juvenile residential service centers in Willacy County;
3. Funding for community outreach programs that target local youth;
4. Funding to purchase juvenile services, e.g., counseling, residential services, etc.

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5. Funding for parental involvement programs;
6. Funding for “Just Say No”, “DARE”, “Stay in School”, “Expect Respect”, and other similar programs;
7. Funding for setting up law enforcement networks to deal with gang activity and other juvenile crime;
8. Funding for gang and juvenile violent offender prevention programs;
9. Funding for after school mentors to address truancy and drug abuse;
10. Funding to set up K-9 Units;
11. Funding to establish after school educational and recreational programs;
12. Funding for programs to train and educate school personnel and families about behavioral disorders and juvenile issues;
13. Funding for programs that provide employment opportunities for youth;
14. Funding for programs to track sex based offenses;
15. Funding for programs to teach youth vocational skills;
16. Funding for programs to teach youth life skills;
17. Funding for programs to teach youth about family violence, dating violence, bullying and anti-bullying.
18. Funding to set up a centralized clearinghouse for data collection and program evaluation;

19. Funding for the purpose of purchasing of the local and school police equipment and law enforcement equipment.

SECTION 7

CRIME AND DRUG PREVENTION

I. Identification of Needs

Crime and drug prevention issues are of great concern in Willacy County. There are many reasons for the high incidence of criminal activity, which includes illegal drug use, underage drinking and prescription drugs, but one reason cited most often is the County’s proximity to the Mexican border; for those seeking to evade the law, Mexico serves as a means of escape and a place of refuge. Some thieves and robbers regard it as a market for their stolen goods.

According to the Texas Department of Public Safety’s Uniform Center Reporting Bureau, the 2008 crime index for Willacy County reflects a total of 310 arrests as reported by the local law enforcement agencies. There was 1 for murder, 2 for sexual assault, 5 for robbery, 85 for aggravated assault, 20 for burglary, 42 larceny incidents, and auto theft with 0 incidents.

In an effort to prevent sexual abuse crimes and the re-victimization of young children, the Family Crisis Center offers an educational/prevention program entitled “Yellow Dino”. This program targets pre-K through fifth grade student who are taught the difference between appropriate and inappropriate kinds of touches, who to tell if someone is hurting them and how to recognize dangerous situations.

The following needs were identified under this category:

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1. Resources to set up crime watch and crime stoppers programs;
2. Programs to provide drug/alcohol prevention and education;
3. Programs to implement/promote community awareness of existing resources to address criminal justice issues;
4. Programs to provide training for crisis management in public schools;
5. Programs to provide Community education on domestic violence and sexual assault prevention;
6. Programs for structured education on domestic, dating violence and sexual assault;
7. After school programs to address underage drinking and youth related substance abuse; and
8. Programs to provide evaluation and a data clearinghouse.

II. Identification of Resources

Resource agencies that are addressing crime and drug prevention include:

- Raymondville Police Department
- Raymondville Independent School District
- Lyford Consolidated School District Police Department
- Family Crisis Center, Inc.
- Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Police Academy
- Lyford Police Department
- Raymondville I.S.D. Police Department
- Willacy County Sheriffs Office
- Willacy County Juvenile Probation Office
- Willacy County Child Protective Services
- Willacy County District Attorney's Office
- Rio Grande Valley Council, Inc.
- Cameron/Willacy County Adult Supervision and Corrections Department

III. Coordination of Resources

Many of these agencies work together as matter of course, with sharing information and making referrals being the most common forms of coordination. Collaborative grant proposals have also been a common practice for most agencies. The creations of boards, incorporating all service providers, address not just one specific issue but all of the projects goals and objectives.

The following are some examples of existing coordination:

1. The Rio Grande Valley Council coordinates its services with all police departments, schools, and municipal and justice courts in Willacy County;
2. The Exodus Project Counseling Center coordinates its services with the Cameron-Willacy Adult Probation Departments and the Buckner Children's Center;
3. The Family Crisis Center, Inc. works with all agencies to provide prevention and treatment services for victims of domestic and sexual abuse, bullying, anti-bullying,

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and elder abuse.

4. The Willacy County Juvenile Probation department through the “Why Try Program” provides a 10 session life skills/positive decision making curriculum to youths ages 10-17. This program is provided to all youths referred to the department as well as to those assigned to the DAEP Programs within the Raymondville and Lyford School Districts.

IV. Goals and Strategies

The goals for dealing with crime and drug prevention are as follows:

1. To reduce the incidence of assaults, burglaries, robberies, and theft in the community;
2. To reduce the incidence of alcohol and substance abuse in the community;
3. To inform the public of existing resources to address criminal justice needs;
4. To help law enforcement agencies to solve crime cases by receiving assistance from the public;
5. To provide school personnel with the skills to deal with crisis situations;
6. To reduce the incidence of domestic violence and sexual assault, bullying, anti-bullying, and elder abuse.
7. To reduce the incidence of underage drinking and youth related substance abuse;
8. To provide for locally relevant, ongoing evaluation of programs to improve program evaluation;
9. To provide accurate and efficient data collection, data compilation, and data sharing.

The strategies for dealing with crime and drug prevention are as follows:

1. Establish a neighborhood watch in community neighborhoods;
2. Initiate public information and education programs on alcohol and substance abuse;
3. Initiate programs to inform the public of existing resources to address criminal justice needs;
4. Enhance Crime Stoppers programs;
5. Set up crisis management training for school personnel;
6. Establish programs to educate the community about domestic violence and sexual assault prevention, including structural education on domestic violence and sexual assault;
7. Establish after school programs to inform students of the dangers of underage drinking and substance abuse;
8. Establish a centralized clearinghouse for data collection and program evaluation;

V. Gaps in Services

The existing gaps in services include:

1. Funding for the purchase of school police and local police department equipment;
2. Funding to operate crime watch and crime stoppers programs in the County;
3. Funding for anti-drug use information and education programs in the community;
4. Funding for programs to promote community awareness of existing resources to address criminal justice issues;

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5. Funding for programs that provide crisis management training for school personnel;
6. Funding for programs that educate the community about domestic violence and sexual assault, bullying, anti-bullying, and elder abuse;
7. Funding for programs to educate students about the dangers of underage drinking;
8. Funding to set up a countywide data clearinghouse for data collection and program evaluation;
9. Funding to hire prosecutors.

SECTION 8

TECHNOLOGY/PUBLIC SAFETY

I. Identification of Needs

There is a compelling need for technological equipment for the County's smaller law enforcement agencies. Computer hardware and software for law enforcement offices, radio communications equipment and lap top computers and printers for patrol units are greatly needed.

The needs for funding for the following types of programs were identified under this category:

1. Programs to purchase law enforcement equipment for public and school district police departments;
2. Programs to computerize criminal imaging, fingerprint, and mug shot systems;
3. Programs to equip law enforcement vehicles with heart defibrillators;
4. Programs to install Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Systems in all law enforcement departments;
5. Programs to computerize criminal justice record systems;
6. Programs to purchase courtroom programs and equipment for prosecution;
7. Programs to equip law enforcement agencies with computer hardware & software to solve cases.
8. Programs to establish a centralized clearinghouse for data collection and program evaluation;
9. Programs to purchase up to date school security cameras and recording equipment such as scan cards, raptor system, and remote access for schools;
10. Programs to purchase security cameras and recording equipment as well as remote access for school districts as well as governmental offices (i.e. local domestic violence office).

II. Identification of Resources

Resource agencies that are working to address technological needs include:

- Raymondville Independent School District/Police Department
- Lyford Consolidated School Police Department
- Willacy County Sheriff's Department
- Willacy County District Attorney's Office

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- Willacy County Juvenile Probation Department
- Lyford Police Department
- Raymondville Police Department

III. Coordination of Resources

Many of these agencies work together as a matter of course, with sharing information and making referrals being the most common forms of coordination. The following are some examples of existing coordination:

1. Local law enforcement input information used for entire criminal justice system.
2. Criminal imaging, fingerprint, and mug shot used for identification and prosecution.

IV. Goals and Strategies

The goals for addressing technological needs are as follows:

1. Automation of criminal justice record systems.
2. Automation of imaging, fingerprinting, and mug shot systems.
3. Provide portable defibrillators to help reduce the number of cardiac arrest incidents where the law enforcement officer is the first to respond.
4. To provide standard law enforcement equipment as well as computer software and hardware to law enforcement agencies.
5. To link separate local law enforcement computer systems.
6. To purchase courtroom programs and equipment for prosecution.
7. To provide accurate and efficient data collection, data compilation, and data sharing.
8. To provide for locally relevant, ongoing evaluation of programs to improve program implementation;
9. Establish a centralized clearinghouse for data collection and program implementation;
10. Purchase security cameras for local governmental offices (i.e., local domestic violence office).

The strategies for addressing technological needs are as follows:

1. Work towards setting up a database to link local law enforcement agencies together and eventually, with other agencies nationwide.
2. Work towards computerizing imaging, fingerprint, and mug shot systems in Willacy County jails.
3. Install heart defibrillators in as many law enforcement vehicles as possible.
4. Establish infrastructure to promote information sharing among agencies to facilitate planning.
5. Install CAD Systems in all law enforcement departments.
6. Work towards increasing equipment budgets for law enforcement departments.
7. Work towards linking separate local law enforcement computer systems.
8. Install hardware and software for courtroom presentation of evidence.

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9. Establish a centralized clearinghouse for data collection and program implementation.
10. Purchase security cameras, recording devices and remote access for local governmental offices and school districts (i.e., local domestic violence office).

V. Gaps in Services

The existing gaps in services include:

1. Funding to purchase hardware and software to automate criminal justice records and to link separate local law enforcement computer systems;
2. Funding to provide personnel to operate criminal justice information system;
3. Enhance training for law enforcement officers to use computerized imaging, fingerprint, and mug shot systems in Willacy County jails;
4. Funding to purchase heart defibrillators;
5. Funding to purchase and install CAD Systems in all law enforcement departments;
6. Funding to purchase standard law enforcement equipment as well as computer hardware and software for law enforcement agencies;
7. Funding to purchase hardware and software for courtroom presentation of evidence;
8. Funding to establish a centralized clearinghouse for data collection program
9. evaluation;
10. Funding to purchase security cameras for school districts and local governmental offices (i.e., local domestic violence office).

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Willacy County Social Characteristics	Estimate	Percent	U.S. Margin of Error	
Average household size	3.41	(X)	2.61	+/-0.18
Average family size	3.97	(X)	3.20	+/-0.23
Population 25 years and over	12,008			+/-137
High school graduate or higher	(X)	53.0	84.5%	(X)
Bachelor's degree or higher	(X)	10.8	27.4%	(X)
Civilian veterans (civilian population 18 years and over)	1,014	7.0	10.1%	+/-279
With a Disability	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Foreign born	2,782	13.6	12.5%	+/-410
Male, Now married, except separated (population 15 years and over)	4,042	51.4	52.2%	+/-393
Female, Now married, except separated (population 15 years and over)	3,208	41.8	48.2%	+/-405
Speak a language other than English at home (population 5 years and over)	N	N	19.6%	N
Household population	19,278			+/-435
Group quarters population	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Economic Characteristics - show more >>	Estimate	Percent	U.S. Margin of Error	
In labor force (population 16 years and over)	N	N	65.2%	N
Mean travel time to work in minutes (workers 16 years and over)	17.9	(X)	25.3	+/-1.8
Median household income (in 2008 inflation-adjusted dollars)	23,506	(X)	52,175	+/-2,700
Median family income (in 2008 inflation-adjusted dollars)	25,137	(X)	63,211	+/-4,405
Per capita income (in 2008 inflation-adjusted dollars)	10,897	(X)	27,466	+/-1,765
Families below poverty level	(X)	38.7	9.6%	(X)
Individuals below poverty level	(X)	43.6	13.2%	(X)

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Housing Characteristics - show more >>	Estimate	Percent	U.S.	Margin of Error
Total housing units	7,183			+/-126
Occupied housing units	5,651	78.7	88.0%	+/-330
Owner-occupied housing units	3,906	69.1	67.1%	+/-332
Renter-occupied housing units	1,745	30.9	32.9%	+/-362
Vacant housing units	1,532	21.3	12.0%	+/-296
Owner-occupied homes	3,906			+/-332
Median value (dollars)	40,500	(X)	192,400	+/-5,504
Median of selected monthly owner costs				
With a mortgage (dollars)	912	(X)	1,508	+/-102
Not mortgaged (dollars)	329	(X)	425	+/-21
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ACS Demographic Estimates - show more >>	Estimate	Percent	U.S.	Margin of Error
Total population	20,485			*****
Male	10,455	51.0	49.3%	+/-155
Female	10,030	49.0	50.7%	+/-155
Median age (years)	31.4	(X)	36.7	+/-0.8
Under 5 years	1,832	8.9	6.9%	+/-59
18 years and over	14,401	70.3	75.5%	*****
65 years and over	2,580	12.6	12.6%	+/-59
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One race	N	N	97.8%	N
White	N	N	74.3%	N
Black or African American	N	N	12.3%	N
American Indian and Alaska Native	N	N	0.8%	N
Asian	N	N	4.4%	N
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	N	N	0.1%	N
Some other race	N	N	5.8%	N
Two or more races	N	N	2.2%	N
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Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	N	N	15.1%	N

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Willacy County			2010 Calendar Year Offenses Reported for Criminal Justice Grant Funding Plan Year 2012												
City	Last Name	First Name	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny/Theft	Auto Theft	Family Violence	Hate Crime	Total	Months Reported	Date Received	
1 Lyford ISD	Orozco	Jesse				1	3	4							
2 Lyford PD	Campbell	Paul	0	0	3	3	31	30	1	18	0	86	12	12.14.2010	
3 Raymondville	Zamora	Uvaldo	2	15	8	57	189	270	7	131	0	679	11	11.18.2010	
4 Raymondville ISD	Gutierrez	Lauro	0	0	0	0	4	25	0	2	0	31	11	12.15.2010	
5 Willacy County SO	Spence	Larry	0	7	1	20	142	142	8	180	0	500			
			2	22	12	81	369	471	16	331	0	1296			

Willacy County			2010 Calendar Year Victim Services Offenses Reported for Criminal Justice Grant Funding Plan Year 2012												
Agency	Sexual Assault (Adult)	Sexual Assault/Abuse (Child)	Sexual Assault/Abuse (Elder)	Family Violence	Physical Abuse/Neglect (Child)	Physical Abuse/Neglect (Elder)	Assault	Survivors of Homicide Victims	Hate/Bias Crimes	Other Victims of Violent Crime	Unknown Type of Victimization	Total	Months Reported	Date Received	
1 Family Crisis Center	21	2	3	242	6	2	242	0	0	0	0	518	11	12.9.2010	
2 Willacy Co. DA's Office	3	8	0	70	5	2	65	0	0	35	0	188	11	11.16.2010	
			24	10	3	312	11	4	307	0	0	706			

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District Court Cases Filed Jan-Nov 2010

Offense

Felony Possession of Marihuana	37
Unauthorized use of a Motor Vehicle	3
Evading Arrest w/ motor vehicle	9
Aggravated Assault w/ deadly weapon	14
Burglary of a Building/Habitation	14
Failure to Register as Sex Offender	1
Unlawful Poss. of a Firearm by a felon	6
Possession of a Controlled Substance	44
Felony DWI	16
DWI w/ child passenger	5
Retaliation	3
Assault against a Public Servant	4
Felony Theft	7
Indecency w/ a child	3
Manslaughter	1
Sexual Assault	6
Robbery	5
Capital Murder	1
Assault family violence	3
White collar crime	7
Other violent crime	7

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Misdemeanor Cases Filed Jan. 2010 -Nov. 2010

Offense

Reckless Driving	3
Burglary	9
Evading Arrest	25
Resisting Arrest	21
Assault	17
Assault Family Violence	19
Deadly Conduct	3
DWI	76
Theft	20
Criminal Trespass	6
Criminal Mischief	5
Possession of Marihuana	62
Failure to ID	3
Possession of Controlled Substance	3
Possession of a Dangerous Drug	4
Prohibited Weapon	6
Accident Involving Damages	2
Interference w/ Public Duties	1
Theft by Check	32
Terroristic Threat	4
Interference w/ 911 call	1

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WILLACY COUNTY
Statistical Report
11/01/2009 to 10/31/2010

WILLACY COUNTY

Table 1: Summary Information

Item 1. Total number of FORMAL referrals:	95
Item 2. Number of Juveniles referred (formal only):	78
Item 3. Total number of PaperComplaints:	0

Table 2: Supervision Workload

Item 1. Juveniles Supervised on Probation

	<u>Beginning of Period</u>	<u>Added to Supv During Period</u>	<u>Left Supv During Period</u>	<u>End of Period</u>	<u>Unsuccessful Terminations</u>
Cases	12	57	20	49	0
Juveniles	10	49	18	41	0

Item 2. Juveniles Supervised on Deferred Prosecution

	<u>Beginning of Period</u>	<u>Added to Supv During Period</u>	<u>Left Supv During Period</u>	<u>End of Period</u>	<u>Unsuccessful Terminations</u>
Cases	22	28	41	9	12
Juveniles	22	27	40	9	11

Item 3. Juveniles Supervised Prior to Disposition (Conditional Release and Temporary)

	<u>Beginning of Period</u>	<u>Added to Supv During Period</u>	<u>Left Supv During Period</u>	<u>End of Period</u>
Cases	36	64	69	31
Juveniles	34	47	56	25

Item 4. Parolees Supervised Under TYC Contract

	<u>Beginning of Period</u>	<u>Added to Supv During Period</u>	<u>Left Supv During Period</u>	<u>End of Period</u>
Cases	0	0	0	0
Juveniles	0	0	0	0

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WILLACY COUNTY
 Activity Summary
 11/01/2009 to 10/31/2010

Report for All Counties

All REFERRALS

REFERRALS: 126 referrals 98 unique children

CRISIS INTERVENTION	26
FORMAL	33
INTERSTATE COMPACT	1
MUNICIPAL COURT/JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	4
PAPER FORMALIZED	62

	Felonies	Class A&B	Class C	Status	%
Sex					
Male	25	49	19	1	75%
Female	9	13	9	1	25%
Race					
Asian	0	0	0	0	0%
Black	0	0	0	0	0%
Hispanic	34	61	25	1	96%
American Indian	0	0	0	0	0%
Other	0	0	0	0	0%
White	0	1	3	1	4%
Age					
< 10	0	0	0	0	0%
10	0	0	1	0	1%
11	0	2	2	0	3%
12	4	4	5	0	10%
13	3	6	6	0	12%
14	7	7	1	0	12%
15	12	13	8	0	26%
16	8	29	5	2	35%
17 +	0	1	0	0	1%

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Family Crisis Center Willacy County Statistics: January-November 2010

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Family Crisis Center	21	2	3	242	6	2	242	0	0	0	0	519	11	
Willacy Co. DA														

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Family Crisis Center 2010 Statistics January-November

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
# of Resident Clients	28	27	22	18	32	24	25	18	15	23	26		258
Adults	11	8	7	9	14	9	8	10	9	12	12		109
Children	17	19	15	9	18	15	17	8	6	11	14		149
# of Non-Resident Clients	85	112	100	102	94	50	53	91	89	90	112		978
Adults	60	75	74	65	68	49	52	73	57	63	69		705
Children	25	37	26	37	26	1	1	18	32	27	43		273
# of Sexual Assault Clients	24	26	22	21	18	14	16	10	13	19	23		206
Adults	21	23	15	16	15	13	16	7	10	16	18		170
Children	3	3	7	5	3	1	0	3	3	3	5		36
# of Community Ed. Presentations	10	23	4	15	5	6	2	2	3	17	18		105
# of Peo.Attending Comm.Ed.Pres.	301	413	104	475	146	123	82	1,150	79	1,126	622		4,621
# of Structured Ed. Presentations	35	30	22	0	1	18	4	0	53	47	17		227
# of Peo.Attending Struct. Ed. Pres.	918	699	714	0	12	164	205	0	1,322	979	539		5,552

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# of Professional Trainings	2	2	1	3	3	0	1	3	2	1	5		23
# of Peo.Attending Pro.Trainings	72	6	3	12	25	0	1	9	61	30	239		458
Hotline Calls-DV	74	70	99	109	106	103	111	110	103	81	64		1,030
Hotline Calls - SA	25	6	35	38	51	66	59	43	51	62	42		478