



Guadalupe County Community Plan

2009 - 2010

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Guadalupe County Community Planning Committee is to provide a venue for various agencies to communicate services to others. Through collaboration, agencies can identify gaps in their services and implement a plan that will suit the needs of our dynamic community members.

Goal Statement

The goals of the Guadalupe County Community Planning Committee is to increase our position in the community by giving our constituents services they value while identifying root causes of problems that challenge our community members.

- 100% Agency collaboration and attendance
- Communication of existing services through resource reports
- Gap analysis and development of a plan to enhance current services
- Continual monitoring for benchmarking purposes.

Geographic Areas Represented

Incorporated Communities: (see maps attached)

Cibolo	Santa Clara	Seguin
Marion	Schertz	Selma
New Berlin	Staples	

Unincorporated Communities: (see maps attached)

Geronimo	Kingsbury	McQueeney
Redwood	Schumannsville	Zorn

Independent School Districts:

Marion ISD	Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City	Seguin ISD
Navarro ISD	ISD	

County Demographics

- **GUADALUPE COUNTY** is ninety miles inland from the Gulf of Mexico in south central Texas and is bounded by Comal, Hays, Caldwell, Gonzales, Wilson, and Bexar counties. Cibolo Creek forms the border between Guadalupe and Bexar counties, and the San Marcos River separates Guadalupe and Caldwell counties. Seguin, the county seat and largest town, is on Interstate Highway 10 and U.S. Highway 90, with the county lines being twenty-five miles southwest of Austin and eighteen miles northeast of San Antonio.
- Guadalupe County has a total of 711.14 square miles and averages 125.2 people per square mile.
- Guadalupe County's estimated population from the April 1, 2000 census was 89,034. The estimated population from the 2008 census was 117,172, which reflects a 31.6% increase from the 2000 census figures.
- There is one major hospital. Guadalupe Regional Medical Center (GRMC) is a 125-licensed bed acute care facility, and committed to providing excellent healthcare services for the communities it serves. In January 2008, GRMC began a three-year \$102 million expansion project that will more than double the size of the Medical Center and enhance many patient services. Having earned the Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval™, GRMC is fully accredited. The Medical Center's active medical staff of more than 60 physicians, practicing in 30 specialties, and 700 employees serves the residents of Guadalupe and seven other counties. Jointly owned by the City of Seguin and Guadalupe County, GRMC is a not-for-profit community hospital offering comprehensive patient services. By providing state-of-the-art facilities, advanced technology, and expert clinical support, GRMC partners with physicians to provide superior healthcare. Last year, the hospital admitted 5,200 patients, handled 26,800 Emergency Department visits, 700 births, and performed more than 3,000 surgeries. GRMC contributes more than \$30 million per year to the local economy in salaries and benefits, more than \$7 million in services for those unable to pay for healthcare, and \$4.5 million in community benefits.
- According to the International Center for Education's last census in 2006-2007, there are 38 public schools and learning centers with an approximate enrollment of 20,017 students. In Seguin there are 4 private schools with an estimated enrollment of 369 students. Seguin is also the home of Texas Lutheran University who reports an estimated student population of 1,400.
- The Guadalupe County Jail holds a total of 598 prisoners and the Juvenile Detention Facility holds a total of 50 juvenile offenders.
- The three major industries in the county are manufacturing, trade and local government. The available labor force is estimated at 54,822 with an unemployment rate of 6.6%. Guadalupe County has seen significant changes in population and workforce dynamics over the last several years. It has gone from being a rural area with an agricultural base to a mostly suburban county supported by industry. We have seen a rise in the crime rates as well. Bordering on Bexar County and the San Antonio city limits, criminal activity is becoming more urban in nature.

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Identification of Community Problems

In each of the areas below, problems are identified and data is included that supports both the existence and severity of the problems as they are found in the County. Below is a discussion of the prioritized problems, data and statistics that explain the manner in which the problems are being reported, and strategically how responses to these community problems could be improved.

Juvenile Issues (listed in order of priority, greatest need first)

Priority 1:

Support Services for Juveniles to include counseling, tutoring, mentoring and social services. Safety and prevention programs to address mental illness, juvenile crime, family violence, substance abuse, academic failure, truancy, gang activity, teen pregnancy and homelessness.

Supporting Data:

Seguin Independent School District (SISD) reports that the student population during the 2008-2009 school year was 7,556 students. The Department of Attendance and Student Support made over 4,000 contacts during the 2008-2009 school year in an effort to keep students in school to be provided education and associated services to prevent drop outs. 299 truancy cases were filed against students and/or their parents for violating compulsory attendance laws. 81 students were referred to Juvenile Court, 182 17-year olds were referred to J.P. Court and 36 parents were referred to J.P. Court. There were 33 students and/or parents filed on for violating their court orders and continuing to be truant. Of the 81 students referred to juvenile court, 40 tested positive for marijuana. The dropout rate according to the most recent TEA records is 1.3%. SISD reports a District total of 3890 identified At-Risk students and 4825 Economically Disadvantaged students. SISD reports 80 migrant students and 134 homeless students served by the McKinney Vento Homeless Education Program for the 2007-2008 school year were serviced by SISD. SISD reports that during the last school year, 152 students received services from the on-campus parenting program to encourage academic success. Of those students, 110 were female and 42 were male. There were 53 of the students children receiving childcare services from the SISD parenting program's day care Mini-Mats that requires the parents to take parenting classes offered at SISD.

Schertz/Cibolo/Universal City Independent School District (SCUC ISD) reports that the student population during the 2008-2009 school year was 11,205 students. SCUC ISD sent out 2,693 warning letters from the Truancy Department, filed 274 truancy cases against students and 21 truancy cases against parents. The dropout rate according to the most recent TEA records is 1.0%. SCUC ISD reports that 46 pregnant/parenting program students received services from the Social Workers. There were 25 pregnant students, 6 female teen parents, 15 male teen parents and 2 repeat pregnancies. There were 152 identified homeless students and 9 immigrant students. The Social Workers with SCUC ISD served 718 students during the school year. There were 176 students seen by the In-District Counseling Center. There were 6 students reported as runaways. There were approximately 18 students who received residential treatment services.

Juvenile Issues - Supporting Data - CONTINUED

Marion Independent School District (MISD) reports the dropout rate according to the most recent TEA records is 1.3%. During the 2008-2009 school year, 436 students attended the High School. There were 20 students placed at the DAEP. There were 8 students and 4 parents filed on in the Court for truancy. 8 students were pregnant during the school year, 10 students were designated as ten parents, 1 student was homeless and 29% of the High School populations were economically disadvantaged.

Navarro Independent School District (NISD) includes four schools that serve 1507 students. The dropout rate from NISD according to TEA is 1.0%.

Guadalupe County Juvenile Services reports that 468 juveniles were detained, 57 juveniles were placed on Court-ordered probation, 104 juveniles were placed on Informal Probation and 17 juveniles were placed on Intensive Supervision Probation. 28 probation orders were modified and there were 3 commitments to the Texas Youth Commission. Of the juveniles served by GCJS, 36% were 16 years old, 30% were 15 years old and 15% were 14 years old.

Juvenile Drug Court reports that from September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009, there were 31 participants in the program, 20 juveniles graduated from the program, and 5 were discharged unsuccessfully. The juvenile drug court is a pre-adjudication drug court designed to reduce recidivism and substance abuse among juvenile offenders.

The **Guadalupe County Attorney's Office** reports that 157 new juvenile petitions were filed, 27 juveniles were court ordered to a residential placement, 3 juveniles were committed to the Texas Youth Commission, 696 detention hearings were held, and 276 juvenile cases were disposed of through adjudication or modification hearings.

The Department of Family and Protective Services reports that from Sept. 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007, there were 1320 initial reports to the CPS hotline of alleged abuse/neglect. Of those reports, 1002 investigations resulted in 415 cases being confirmed as child abuse/neglect. In Guadalupe County, 141 children were in CPS custody. The available resources include 1 foster home, 9 foster/adopt homes and 8 adoptive homes, which is not adequate.

Connections reports 42 youth participated in counseling for truancy, delinquency and runaway programs. Many youth were referred from the JP Court for truancy filings. Connections report 71 youth participants in their at-risk youth (STAR) program for family conflict. An additional 53 non-residential youth from Guadalupe County who are at risk for becoming "runaway homeless" who did not qualify for STAR were served. The Connections Substance Abuse Prevention Program and STAR served 226 youth through Life Skills groups and reached over 9,000 through Substance Abuse Prevention presentations. 1485 participants were served in parent education classes and presentations through STAR and Universal Child Abuse Prevention activities.

Seguin Youth Services reports that 117 youth participated in prevention programs for the 2008-2009 year. Of those youth, 100% of that group passed into the next grade level, 3 students attended summer school, 1 student attended the DAEP and no participating students were filed on for truancy.

Rural Area Parenting Program Services (RAPPS) reports that 155 referrals were received from CPS, Guadalupe County Probation Department and walk-ins. The services provided focus on parenting, anger management, and alcohol and tobacco awareness.

Proposed Objectives:

Develop and expand efforts to provide services to at-risk students including programs in the school and in the community. Implement programs that prevent truancy/dropping out of school and encourage graduation. Target elementary students who exhibit behavior problems with social services and counseling. Support the development of a local residential program and initiate prevention curriculums, such as life skills and vocational training.

To decrease teen pregnancy, we must educate and better prepare teen parents for success in completing an education and job related skills program. With the increasing population in Guadalupe County, additional services are necessary to address increases in family conflict, displaced families, and at-risk individuals and/or their families along with other related issues to better assist and improve the growing community. The rising population is monopolizing other existing service providers such as law enforcement and the Department of Family and Regulatory Services and is hampering progress as shown by fewer success cases. Surrounding counties have existing services with limited options for those in Guadalupe County, but there is still a high need for support options in this area.

Priority 2:

Parent Education of at-risk youth regarding parenting skills, anger management, substance abuse prevention, gang prevention, family violence prevention workshops, classes, and counseling.

Supporting Data:

The **Department of Family and Regulatory Services** reports an increase in confirmed investigations of child abuse/neglect from 217 to 415 children victims. There were 1320 reports to the CPS hotline, 1002 investigations, 1229 alleged victims of child abuse, and 191 Guadalupe County children in custody.

The **Connections** Substance Abuse Prevention Program and STAR Programs served 226 youth through Life Skills groups and reached over 9,000 through Substance Abuse Prevention presentations. 1485 participants were served in parent education classes and presentations through STAR and Universal Child Abuse Prevention activities.

SISD reports 31 parents had cases filed for Contributing to their Child's Failure to Attend School while student support officers worked closely with many families to prevent filing.

SCUC ISD reports 21 parents were filed on for contributing to their Child's Failure to Attend School.

RAPPS reports 48 parents completed a parenting program and 27 people completed a co-parenting class successfully.

Proposed Objectives:

Increase parent awareness, education, participation and active positive involvement in their child's life. Support and fund local efforts to provide parent-training classes, especially for at-risk youth and families. Educate parents about the realities of drug abuse, gang activity, and how to recognize the indicators of their child's involvement. Coordinate classes with a common goal and to utilize both recognized and new curriculums. Parent education and awareness foster the potential for improved outcomes and the reduction of child abuse and family preservation.

Priority 3:

Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) for students who are expelled from a school district for persistent misbehavior or for committing illegal behavior on a school campus.

Supporting Data:

There is no Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) in Guadalupe County.

SISD reports that 61 students participated in discipline hearings during the 2008-2009 school year. 58 students were expelled from the school district to the Discipline Alternative Education Program (DAEP). During the school year, the DAEP serviced 469 students. 1 student was expelled for discretionary reasons from the DAEP.

SCUC ISD reports that 12 students were referred to Bexar County's JJAEP in the 2008-2009 school year. The SCUC ISD DAEP served 205 students.

Proposed Objectives:

Develop a Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) that serves Guadalupe County students expelled from SISD, SCUC ISD, Marion ISD and Navarro ISD and any other participating school districts. Research has begun by the participating school districts on referral trends in Guadalupe County for the purpose of tracking programmatic and fiscal sustainability of a JJAEP serving our County. The assurance of safe and productive classrooms would be greatly improved by the removal of students whose behavior is either persistent misconduct or whose illegal behavior would constitute referral to a JJAEP or expulsion. To reduce delinquency, these juveniles would be provided instructional programming to support academic achievement and behavior change, while at the same time maintaining grade level. The JJAEP curriculum would focus on core areas to include Language arts, mathematics, science, social studies and self-discipline. Additionally, preparation for high school graduate equivalency diploma (G.E.D.) would be provided for identified juveniles. Currently, disruptive and dangerous students remain in the classroom, are referred to another class environment within the school district or are expelled. The State has enabled legislation for JJAEP's to be mandatory for counties with a population of 125,000 or above while allowing counties with a lower population the discretion to operate a JJAEP before reaching that population threshold.

Identify all trends, problems, and gaps in resources not mentioned in this section:

The current level of resources within Guadalupe County continues to fall short of addressing the increased needs within our county due to the growth in population. Additional services are required to address needs that include delinquency prevention programs, gang activity, counseling, tutoring, mentoring, recreational programming, mental health, teen pregnancy, teen parenting skills, family intervention programs, runaway and substance abuse.

The juvenile population in Guadalupe County has an increased need for behavior intervention earlier in their adolescent lives to support pro-social behaviors before they reach the levels of dysfunction that require formalized intervention. Early, alternative interventions such as the Guadalupe County Juvenile Services Drug Court reflect the type of initiative that will be required to reach juveniles before their at-risk behaviors transform into lifelong consequences. Such efforts should be expanded to address the issues identified above.

Juvenile Issues – Trends, Problems & Gaps - CONTINUED

The juveniles in Guadalupe County are presenting more pressing and extreme behaviors that are not directly connected to their formal referring offenses. The rise in misdemeanor referrals to the Juvenile Probation Department has increased the actual workload of the department due to the higher need for services with these juveniles. The strain on resources for a higher needs juvenile is greatly impacting the schools and the community. The higher needs juveniles represent a higher complexity when trying to address parenting skills, truancy, school discipline and Mental health issues.

The greatest problem facing this County is a combination of the complexity of the issues impacting our juveniles and their families possessing the lack of resources to address these needs. Due to location, infrastructure and work force issues, many of the resources required to properly address these issues still remain inaccessible to our families or the agencies attempting to help them.

The service gap that is primary concerns parental involvement and accountability. Many parents in our community facilitate their children's failure or passively ignore it. Education needs to better focus on this component to improve the life skills of these at-risk families. Improvement needs to be made in providing the tools of communication, anger management, social skills, and reduced drug and alcohol abuse in the family unit.

Identify Achievements:

Various Guadalupe County agencies are forging new collaborations or methodologies to attempt to address these issues. The Juvenile Drug Court has incorporated an alternative judicial element to address juveniles with first time substance abuse referrals to the Juvenile Probation Department. Other collaborations have focused on providing the appropriate public support of each agency to better inform the community of the issues that are impacting our juveniles. By representing a common theme of need, the County is made aware of why juvenile issues in our community must be addressed as well as the associated costs should interventions not be implemented. Other agencies expanding programs include: SISD with truancy intervention and Seguin Youth Services with expanded outlets to get kids off the streets and involved in other activities.

Victim Issues (listed in order of priority, greatest need first)

Priority 1:

Crisis Intervention and Counseling services (includes counseling for substance and alcohol abuse, sexual abuse, domestic violence, child abuse and mental health issues. Financial assistance and aid in completing and filing Texas Crime Victims Compensation claims and legal advocacy. Barriers to attaining services.

Supporting Data:

The **25th Judicial District Attorney's Office** mission is to adequately prepare felony cases and prosecute them in a timely manner. It is our goal to reduce victim and witness apprehension about participation in the prosecution of a case and to increase client's willingness and ability to testify effectively, without fear. The 25th Judicial District Attorney's Victim Advocate will provide compassionate and effective services to victims of crime and will protect their rights. The victim advocate will provide victims with assistance in filing Crime Victim Compensation Applications, Victim Impact Statements, court accompaniment and will help with court preparation, utilizing community referral services and other community resources to ensure the victims safety and well being.

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- The 25th Judicial District Attorney's Office, received 1259 cases in 2008. The above totals are victims of sexual assault, family violence, crimes against child and elderly abuse cases. Of the 1259 cases filed 271 cases are of the above target group. The 25th Judicial District victim advocate assisted 441 new victims, 928 continuing victims with a total of 1369 victims for the year.
- 60 victims applied for Crime Victims Compensation.
- 51 victims and family members received accompaniment to court
- 284 victims received information and referrals.
- 509 victims received follow-up information relating to their case.

The 25th Judicial District Attorney's Office recognizes Victims Issues as a priority within the community. The above documentation data supports the low percentage of victims applying for Crime Victims Compensation benefits. The necessity for victim assistance support within our community is apparent. The 25th Judicial District Attorneys' office is ready to assist any victim of crime.

The **Guadalupe County Attorney's office** prosecutes misdemeanor cases which include driving while intoxicated, theft, worthless checks, drug offenses, assault & assault family violence cases and traffic violations. Staff members provide professional knowledge and sensitivity when dealing with our victims and assist them through the legal process by providing advocacy, protective orders, and referrals for counseling, alcohol treatment, family violence and substance abuse programs as well as assistance in applying for Crime Victim Compensation.

Victim Services - Supporting Data - CONTINUED

From January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008, the **Guadalupe County Attorney's office** sent out 720 Victim Impact Statements with 211 of those returned. Of the 720 sent out, 237 were for Assault crimes and 481 were related to other types of crimes. A total of 97 Protective Orders were requested. From January 1, 2009 through October 29, 2009, 555 Victim Impact Statements were sent out and 177 have been returned. Of the 555 sent out, 177 were for Assault Crimes and 367 were related to other types of crimes. A total of 76 Protective Orders were requested and 13 were granted.

The **Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter (GVFVS)** aided in the submission of 74 applications for Crime Victims Compensation (CVC). GVFVS aided victims of domestic violence and sexual assault by applying for 26 protective orders. GVFVS provided 1108 hours of onsite intervention to 159 victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and elder abuse originating from Guadalupe County.

The **Guadalupe Regional Medical Center (GRMC) Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE)** program completed 51 (including adults and children) sexual assault exams with respect to sexual assault victims of Guadalupe County during 2008.

The **Guadalupe County Children's Advocacy Center** reports interviewing 309 child victims of sexual assault, physical abuse, drug endangered children and child witnesses during fiscal year 2008 (September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2008). The Guadalupe County Children's Advocacy Center provided 939 counseling hours to victims, siblings and non-offending caregivers. The Guadalupe County Children's Advocacy Center reports assisting 159 clients (families of children affected by child abuse/neglect) with Crime Victims Compensation applications during fiscal year 2008.

The Department of Family and Protective Services (CPS) division reports 773 investigations of 1,296 alleged victims of child abuse/neglect that resulted in 348 confirmed victims of child abuse/neglect during fiscal year 2008 (September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2008). Of the 348 confirmed victims of abuse/neglect, 25 children were taken into CPS legal custody. There was an average of 149 children in custody throughout the year.

Connections Individual and Family Services reported 42 youth from Guadalupe County participated in counseling for truancy, delinquency or runaway programs. 71 youth participated in services to at-risk youth through the STAR program for family conflict. Connections Substance Abuse Prevention Program served 226 youth through Life Skills groups. Over 1400 participants were served in parent education classes and presentations through the STAR program and Universal Child Abuse Prevention Activities.

Victim Services - Supporting Data - CONTINUED

CASA of Central Texas reports serving 55 children in Guadalupe County who were victims of child abuse/neglect in 2008 with a staff of 23 volunteers. During 2008 the volunteers logged 861 hours and 8,298 miles in personally operated vehicles (POV). Unfortunately, this still leaves 94 children who were unable to obtain CASA services in 2008.

All agencies agree that a major portion of the victims they serve face challenges to obtaining services (barriers). The cost of transportation, lack of personal transportation or resources to obtain transportation has been cited as the most common barrier. Additionally, lack of childcare (including fiscal resources) was noted as a barrier. There is very little quantitative data to back-up this claim and agencies agreed that this is a statistic that should be tracked. Lack of widespread public transportation is an issue in all areas of Guadalupe County. Unfortunately, we lack the technical and fiscal resources to track these barriers at this time.

Proposed Objectives:

There are various programs available in Guadalupe County to assist victims of crime, including sexual assault (child and adult), domestic violence and family violence. However, due to limited staff at each organization available to provide assistance, it is almost impossible to give victims one-on-one attention to address their individual needs. More educational presentations are needed to make the public aware of the services available in the community and to change social and cultural beliefs of abuse being acceptable. Collaboration of professional mental health services will continue to exist among agencies.

Raising awareness of Crime Victims Compensation benefits and other services require training persons who have initial victim contact on the various services available and have them disperse written materials at the crime scene. Police departments, hospitals, shelters or other local agencies working with victims of crime need to receive proper training. Also, by increasing the number of trained advocates, victims could be provided more individualized services that would address their short and long-term needs.

Continued planning on how to track the barriers is mentioned in the supporting data section.

Priority 2:

Shelter and Residential treatment for crime victims and special population (adult and children) and secure onsite services.

Supporting Data:

The Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter assisted 159 residents and non-residents of Guadalupe County. The shelter was used 1871 nights during calendar year 2008. The shelter provided 1108 hours of onsite intervention in 2008.

Connections Individual and Family Services provided 141 shelter service days (Count = 1 victim for 1 night- served concurrent and/or sequentially for multiple nights) to 9 youth of Guadalupe County.

Victim Services - Supporting Data - CONTINUED

Connections Individual and Family Services reported 42 youth from Guadalupe county participated in counseling for truancy, delinquency or runaway programs and 71 youth participated in services to at-risk youth through the STAR program for family conflict. Connections Substance Abuse Prevention Program served 226 youth through Life Skills groups. Over 1400 participants were served in parent education classes and presentations through the STAR Substance Abuse Prevention programs and Universal Child Abuse Prevention Activities.

St. Jude's Ranch for Children reported their Emergency Shelter provided services for 4 children from Guadalupe County and served these children for 132 shelter days.

Proposed Objectives:

Limit the amount of referrals to other counties due to temporary lack of space. Make services more efficient and alleviate the long stay problem. Continue collaborative efforts in providing victim services amongst agencies so that a holistic experience can be provided to the victim.

Priority 3:

Prevention programs that address domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse/neglect. Provide parenting skills classes in addition to suicide prevention and hotline operators with information on victim services, information and referral assistance.

Supporting Data:

Texas Child Protective Services (CPS) reports 1,346 hotline calls from Guadalupe County residents. CPS also reports 1 foster home, 11 foster/adopt homes and 5 adoptive homes in 2007.

Texas Child Protective Services (CPS) staff conducted 12 presentations (approximately 482 people) to various community organizations or groups (including students, educational staff, medical staff, law enforcement officers, church members and community organization groups) regarding child abuse and neglect.

Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter provided 58 Parenting Skills classes open to victims in a secure location for the victim's safety. Crisis Intervention staff received 515 hotline calls from victims in Guadalupe County. GVFVS staff provided Guadalupe County residents with 79 presentations about bullying, domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and victim's services, prevention and dynamics.

Connections Individual and Family Services reported over 1400 participants were served in parent education classes and presentations through the STAR Substance Abuse prevention program and Universal Child Abuse Prevention Activities.

CASA of Central Texas reported conducting 12 presentations to Guadalupe County citizens about CASA and child abuse awareness during 2008.

Victim Services - Supporting Data - CONTINUED

Rural Area Parenting Program Services (RAPPS) reported having 136 participants attending the various courses/programs available, including Parenting, Co-Parenting and Anger Management. RAPPS has also conducted 155 classes to individuals through the various courses/programs available, including Parenting, Co-Parenting, Anger Management, Alcohol Awareness and Tobacco Awareness from January 1, 2009 through September 2009. There are an additional 160 individuals registered to attend the above-mentioned courses/programs for the remainder of 2009. Many referrals are from Guadalupe County area CPS agencies, Guadalupe County Probation Department and local civil court judges.

The Guadalupe County Children's Advocacy Center reports conducting 25 presentations with various organizations regarding child abuse/neglect and services to children and families affected by abuse/neglect.

All agencies agree that a major portion of the victims they serve face challenges to obtaining services (barriers) either due to a complete lack or a severely limited staff. There is also limited amount of funding for agencies to provide material relating to awareness and prevention programs.

Proposed Objectives:

Increase prevention by offering more presentations to community groups that in-turn raise awareness of available community resources. Presentations will also change social and cultural beliefs in the long term, that abuse, assault and neglect is acceptable in our communities.

Encourage community and county/city participation in seeking and dispersing additional funding from federal, state, county and city grant resources. Dispersing includes providing funds to agencies in our county that serve victims.

Priority 4:

Victim sustainability issues. Post victimization, many victims have sustainability issues such as being or becoming unemployed, lack of transportation, lack of marketable job skills, lack of financial income resulting in failure to obtain/maintain basic needs (i.e. food, shelter, utilities).

Supporting Data:

Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter notes that 30% of their adult clients do not have a G.E.D. or High School Diploma. The agency also notes that over 75% of their adult clients are living below poverty. In addition, most clients do not have transportation or the resources to obtain it.

The **EATS Foundation** reported providing 57,321 pounds of food to 1173 families, serving 3758 individuals (including physically disabled, mentally disabled, elderly, chronic physical illness and transient homeless) in Guadalupe County from August through October 2009. It should be noted that the number of individuals served doubled in September 2009 to 316 families from the 147 families served in August 2009. Program staff expects the number to increase for October 2009 as well.

Proposed Objectives:

Encourage city leaders to adopt policies that include plans for creating or expanding affordable public education facilities, creating public transportation or jobsite transportation and establish needs-based childcare facilities.

Identify all trends, problems, and gaps in resources not mentioned in this section:

The **Guadalupe County Children's Advocacy Center** noted a 34% increase in victims in the first six months of 2009 compared to the first six months of the two previous years.

Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter (GVFVS) continues to note ongoing illegal and prescription drug abuse at a higher rate than in previous years. Prescription drug abuse is more common in their victim population and attributes to higher rates of ongoing self-medicating.

Lack of public transportation continues to be a barrier to obtaining resources in Guadalupe County. Much of the victim population falls within the poverty level of income and do not have transportation or means to obtain transportation, resulting in the failure to seek or follow through with victim services.

There is an observable lack of financial assistance (rent and utility) to victims of crime/abuse who no longer have the assistance of primary income provider no longer being in the home due to crime/abuse. There are limited victim advocates to provide immediate assistance to the victims of crime/abuse.

There is a lack of local foster placements and treatment centers for victims of abuse/neglect, which results in children being placed farther away from family support, schools and principal medical providers, further limiting contact/relationship with family members.

There are observable geographical gaps in counseling services due to the large landmass of rural Guadalupe County (no services outside of larger municipalities) resulting in lack of services received or financial struggles for families that do seek services.

Identify Achievements:

The county was able to secure a grant-funded crime victim liaison for the Seguin Police Department for a 12-month term to address the overwhelming demand of immediate services to victims of crime (primary and secondary victims).

Creation of Child Fatality Team to review local child fatalities and address any trends noted during child death reviews for Guadalupe County.

The Guadalupe County Community Real Early Childhood Intervention Board of Directors donated a building to the EATS foundation. The EATS foundation is now able to provide food and case management services to low income families and individuals (many of whom are primary or secondary victims of crime).

Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter increased security of the facility by adding a new privacy fence around the entire perimeter of the facility and with a new security system with updated cameras and monitoring system.

Victim Services - Achievements - CONTINUED

Guadalupe County provided CASA with office space for staff to support awareness and recruit more volunteers in Guadalupe County.

RAPPS was able to secure a facility to provide a permanent location for services to families in need.

**Criminal Justice Issues (law enforcement, courts, corrections)
(listed in order of priority, greatest need first)**

Priority #1:

Funding for needed equipment and technology for local law enforcement agencies: Crime Scene Vehicle (with equipment) desktop & laptop computers, computers and docking stations (or other laptops designed for use in automobiles), digital video cameras, tasers, night-vision equipment, automated external defibrillators (AEDs), radios and other communications equipment, vehicles, ballistic shields, and other special equipment for highly dangerous operations including the necessary training required to use equipment safely and effectively.

Supporting Data:

The law enforcement agencies in Guadalupe County are lacking the technology and equipment necessary to address the needs of a growing region. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Guadalupe County is the third-fastest growing county in the Alamo Area Council of Governments region with an estimated population increase of 31.6 percent. The Census Bureau shows a population increase (estimate) of 117,172 from the 2000 estimate of 89,034 in Guadalupe County, which is a significant change in 2008. It is vital that local law enforcement agencies are equipped with the necessary technology to serve and protect this fast-growing region. In Seguin within the last twelve months, there has been a 40% increase in robberies and a 20% increase in sexual assaults. One reason for the increase in robberies may be attributed to the same reason as the national trend-the dip in the economy. Experts believe that the overall increase in sex crimes is due to a much-improved reporting environment for the victims.

Proposed Objectives:

The continued advancements in technology have enabled law enforcement agencies across the nation to enhance their capabilities in many ways. For example, the use of computers in patrol cars increases efficiency and improves response times. By purchasing needed, high-quality equipment, the law enforcement agencies in Guadalupe County aim to better serve and protect the region.

Priority #2:

Funding to sustain existing crime prevention and intervention programs. Train additional sexual assault and victim services investigators and provide more school resource officers.

Supporting Data:

In 2008, five local Law Enforcement Agencies in Guadalupe County reported crime data to the Texas Department of Public Safety under the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program. These agencies are the Guadalupe County Sheriff's Office, Cibolo PD, Marion PD, Schertz PD and Seguin PD. According to this report, the overall index crime rate (per 100,000 population) has increased throughout the County even though two Police Departments showed a decrease as follows:

Agency	Rate for 2007	Rate for 2008	Percent of Increase/Decrease
Guadalupe County	1,755.2	2,026.6	15.4 % increase
Marion PD	2,202.6	1,830.9	16.8 % decrease
Schertz PD	2,324	2,424	4.3 % increase
Seguin PD	5,090.6	5,856.3	15 % increase
Cibolo PD	1,212.4	1,201.4	.09 % decrease

Crime prevention in Guadalupe County is a very important tool utilized by Law Enforcement Agencies. More time is spent with younger citizens in our county. Obtaining specialized equipment to better communicate with children is a priority so the intended message is understood (stay off drugs/know your surroundings). In addition, the amount of training for investigators who work sexual assaults and the individuals that work with the Guadalupe County Children's Advocacy Center must be increased to make this program as effective as possible.

Proposed Objectives:

Local law enforcement agencies are working to decrease crime in Guadalupe County, including the crime in local schools. According to the UCR, Seguin has the highest crime index rate in Guadalupe County. Though the crime rate has consistently dropped since 2003, it is still higher than the State's crime index rate. Crime rates in Marion and Cibolo have decreased slightly from 2007 to 2008, but the UCR data shows an increase in crime from 1,755.2 to 2,026.6 in Guadalupe County. With a continued effort to increase the number of programs and staff in Guadalupe County, local law enforcement agencies strive to decrease crime and provide the residents with a safer place to live, work, and attend school.

Priority #3:

Funding is needed in Guadalupe County to support existing adult drug courts and to establish full-time Misdemeanor and Felony Drug Courts for adult offenders on community supervision. Funding is needed for the personnel and equipment required to successfully operate these much-needed programs, as well as funds for the use of intervention and monitoring tools, such as: Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitor (SCRAM), Ignition Interlock devices, DNA/Hair analysis drug screens, portable breath specimen units (to detect alcohol use), and GPS units for house arrest. Funding is also needed for treatment services to include Intensive Outpatient Treatment, Supportive Outpatient Treatment, Substance Abuse Evaluations, and Aftercare Treatment.

Supporting Data:

Drug Courts Decrease Recidivism

According to a study released by the National Institute of Justice in 2003 from a sample of 17,000 drug court graduates nationwide, within one year of program graduation, only 16.4 percent had been rearrested and charged with a felony offense (Roman, Townsend, and Bhati, 2003). A 2000 Vera Institute of Justice report concluded, "the body of literature on recidivism is now strong enough, despite lingering methodological weaknesses, to conclude that completing a drug court program reduces the likelihood of future arrest" (Fluellen and Trone, 2000).

Drug Courts Save Money

A state taxpayer's return on the upfront investment in drug courts is substantial. A study of six drug courts reports that "a county's investment in drug courts pays off through lower crime rates among participants and graduates" (Washington State Institute for Public Policy 2003). The study estimates that the average drug court participant produces \$6,779 in benefits that stem from the estimated 13 percent reduction in recidivism (Washington State Institute for Public Policy, 2003). Those benefits are made up of \$3,759 in avoided criminal justice system costs paid by taxpayers and \$3,020 in avoided costs to victims (Washington State Institute for Public Policy 2003).

In many instances crime and drug and alcohol abuse are so intertwined that it is often difficult, given limited resources, to deal with repeat criminal activity where drugs and alcohol are a contributing factor. An increase in monitoring and treatment for alcohol and drug abusers who commit crimes will lower recidivism rates and create a lasting solution. Problem solving courts such as drug courts are necessary to divert offenders from incarceration and towards treatment. In not addressing issues of substance abuse in the community these crimes and dependencies go unmonitored.

CURRENT DRUG COURT AND PROBATION SUPERVISION DATA:

A High Risk Probation (HRP) Court was established in September 2005, by the Guadalupe County CSCD and Judge W.C. Kirkendall. This court is a hybrid Drug Court or Sanctions Court, for felony offenders being supervised on probation in the community. Since September 2005, the court has had 78 participants (23 currently active). Fifty (50) of these 78 participants experienced serious substance abuse problems during their participation, with Forty (40%) percent (31 of 78) requiring residential substance abuse treatment, while an additional twenty four (24%) percent (19 of 78) were referred for out-patient substance abuse counseling. There have been 17 successful graduates, and 14 of the 17 (82%) have avoided a new arrest or criminal charge.

The Guadalupe County CSCD and Judge Linda Z. Jones established the current Achieve Misdemeanor Drug Court, in late 2008. This drug court (for misdemeanor offenders only) has already had 1 successful graduate, with 2 others in the final phase of the program for graduations estimated in December 2009. There are another 5 participants that have begun the program since May 2009, with referrals expected to increase as we further establish and develop the drug court as an integral part of the local criminal justice system.

At least one additional felony Drug Court is being considered for the upcoming year, with hopes for another Court specifically designed for DWI offenders within two years.

Law Enforcement - Supporting Data - CONTINUED

PROBATION DATA:

There are presently (Oct. 2009) 932 offenders living in Guadalupe County that are on adult community supervision for felony and misdemeanor offenses. Forty-five (45%) percent, or 424 of these offenders, have been placed on probation specifically for a drug offense or a DWI offense. These numbers do not include other offenses, which we know are often associated or related to substance abuse, such as theft, burglaries, and assaults. It is estimated that close to 75% of our offenders at any given time, have significant substance abuse issues that have impacted their life or contributed to the criminal offenses they have committed.

This number (932 Guadalupe county residents on probation, above) does not include an additional 180 pre-trial supervision cases that we supervise for the courts for bond supervision or pre-trial diversion supervision. A majority of these cases are also alcohol and substance abuse related offenses that require treatment services and monitoring

For fiscal year 2009 (9-1-08 to 8-31-09), the adult Probation Department has completed 283 substance abuse evaluations (SAEs), conducted by a licensed chemical dependency counselor, for our felony and misdemeanor offenders on probation. Fifty-eight (58%) percent of these SAEs, or 165 of these assessments recommended either outpatient treatment services (135 or 48%) or in-patient treatment (30 or 10%).

For fiscal year 2009 (9-1-08 to 8-31-09), the adult Probation Department had to file 375 Violation reports with the courts for felony and misdemeanor offenders that had seriously violated their conditions of community supervision. 143 of these violation reports (38%) were filed primarily due to subsequent offenses that were committed during probation, and 139 of these reports (37%) also cited continued substance abuse during the supervision term. It is estimated that a high percentage of these new offenses were directly related to continued substance abuse, and that the substance abuse percentages cited above are being under-reported.

Proposed Objectives:

Guadalupe County desires to strengthen and enhance existing drug courts for adult offenders, and establish additional full time Drug Courts to more effectively impact the serious substance abuse problems of the offenders on community supervision.

The Courts provide required treatment, which leads to reduced recidivism, reduced cost, and better clinical outcomes through accountability. The Courts also emphasize community collaboration by utilizing the Community Supervision and Corrections Department, The District Attorneys Office, the County Attorney's Office, Local Law Enforcement at the City and County Level, Texas Workforce, private treatment providers, and other community and political leaders.

The purpose of drug courts is to channel the non-violent substance abuser, which has met eligibility requirements, into a comprehensive and coordinated program of drug and rehabilitation services. The goals of the drug court programs are to enhance public safety by providing a judicially supervised regimen of treatment and innovative case management for drug related offenders, and reduce recidivism. The premise of the drug courts changes the manner in which the non-violent drug addicted defendants are processed through a regular court.

Law Enforcement – Proposed Objectives - CONTINUED

Instead of handling cases in a strictly punitive manner, drug courts contemplate treating the participants for the addiction, which is the primary reason for their involvement within the criminal justice system. The utilization of Drug Courts in Guadalupe County will break the cycle of drugs and crime by substituting an effective treatment alternative that is based on mandatory attendance, accountability to the Court, and monitored abstinence rather than incarceration.

The Probation Data cited above reflects the great need for improved intervention efforts by the courts to impact the serious substance abuse problems in our community, and increase drug court participation for more of our offenders. Additional funding is necessary for the success and expansion of existing drug courts, and the development of new drug and alcohol court programs.

Identify all trends, problems, and gaps in resources not mentioned in this section:

Trends:

Perhaps the most relevant trend affecting law enforcement needs in Guadalupe County is the population increase. As noted previously, Guadalupe County is the third-fastest growing county in the Alamo Area Council of Governments region. The County's population has grown from 64,873 in 1990 to an estimated 117,172 in 2008- an impressive 80.6 percent increase in less than twenty years. The most significant population increases in the County have occurred in the cities of Schertz and Cibolo. The population of Schertz has increased from 18,694 in 2000 to an estimated 30,669 in 2008. The population of Cibolo has exploded from a population of 3,035 in 2000 to 14,555 in 2008. As the county and the cities within grow, so must the capabilities of local law enforcement agencies.

Problems:

Statistics provided in the 2000 Census by the U.S. Census Bureau indicate a per capita income of \$19,617 in Texas while the per capita income in Guadalupe County is \$18,430. The cities of Seguin and Marion are significantly lower than the state level. According to the 2000 Census, the per capita income in Seguin is \$13,740 and the per capita income in Marion is \$13,302. The 2000 data also shows that 17.2% of the population in Seguin is below the poverty level compared to 15.4% in the State of Texas. Though the demographics vary throughout the county, the need for funding is widespread. Further exacerbating the problem, the amount of federal funding available for law enforcement has declined in the past years, making it difficult for communities outside of large urban areas to purchase needed equipment. Local law enforcement agencies require funding assistance to continue providing essential services in Guadalupe County.

Service Gaps:

Some form of a law enforcement agency currently serves all of the areas in the county, whether it is a municipal police department or the County Sheriff's department. However, as the population of the county increases, the potential for crime will increase. Law enforcement agencies must be fitted with the proper manning, equipment, and skills required to keep up with the needs of the county. Also, response times must be improved to ensure that regions being developed on the outskirts of the local communities continue to receive adequate protection. This can be accomplished with advanced equipment, sufficient training, and qualified personnel.

Adding to the local police departments and the Sheriff's department lack of funding for essential equipment, the county's justice departments also lack funding for needed programs and require additional staff. Currently, Guadalupe County is lacking a proper court system required to channel non-violent substance abusers into coordinated drug rehabilitation programs. Special drug courts are needed to assure proper treatment of drug related offenders.

Law Enforcement – Trends, Problems & Gaps - CONTINUED

Currently, Guadalupe County is lacking the proper funding required to effectively channel non-violent substance abusers into optimally supported and funded Drug Court programs. These Drug courts are needed for the proper treatment of drug and alcohol abuse related offenders on community supervision.

Requests for state and federal funding assistance to support the existing HRP Court and the Achieve Misdemeanor Drug Court have been unsuccessful to date. Without the additional funding, the financial burden to support these courts has been placed on the local community justice agencies. This lack of funding negatively impacts the drug courts by limiting the utilization of alternative sanctions and substance abuse monitoring interventions (ignition interlock devices, SCRAM patch monitoring, etc.), or having to pass on the costs of these interventions on the individual participants. These participants, trying to rehabilitate and regain control of their lives, that included financial irresponsibility and new legal fees for their criminal behavior, are often unable to pay for the costs of these sanctions and interventions, so they are not utilized.

Without funding for additional personnel to serve these courts, the Adult Probation Officers that are assigned to these courts are required to also perform their regular duties with the probation department. Most Drug Court models recommend full-time personnel specific to the Drug Court operations and development.

A key component of a successful Drug Court is the close monitoring of substance abuse for the participants and an immediate response to any continued substance abuse. These responses or sanctions should include increased monitoring of the participant and increased treatment efforts. However, many of the enhanced monitoring tools (ignition interlock device for the auto or portable device for home, SCRAM patch for detection of alcohol abuse, and the Hair/DNA drug testing services) are not feasible without additional funding.

Identify Achievements:

During the past year the Guadalupe County used a Homeland Security Grant to help purchase an armored vehicle. The Guadalupe County SWAT team for high-risk warrants and SWAT call outs, which will increase the safety of the officers, will use this vehicle. The teams consist of Cibolo PD, Schertz PD, Seguin PD and Guadalupe County Sheriffs Office.

In the development and implementation of the Drug Courts, we have secured the necessary treatment providers in the community for the substance abuse evaluations, psychological assessments, outpatient substance abuse treatment, and outpatient counseling services. In securing these services, these providers have agreed to reduced rates for services in order support the Drug Courts and the community effort to impact the substance abuse problems. What we need is the funding to pay for these treatment services, so that we can freely utilize them for more offenders, rather than restricting or limiting the services to those who can pay or based on how much the probation department is able to subsidize.

Homeland Security (listed in order of priority, greatest need first)

Priority 1:

Support Emergency Operations in Guadalupe County with a Joint Emergency Operations Center to serve all Incorporated and Unincorporated communities within the County. The Joint EOC would support Guadalupe County and the cities of Cibolo, Marion, New Berlin, New Braunfels, San Marcos, Santa Clara, Schertz, Seguin, Selma, Staples and Luling as well as the entire region in the case of a wide spread event.

Supporting Data:

All areas of the nation are prone to some type of natural disaster. Guadalupe County, like all counties in this region, has a history of experiencing drought, tornados, thunderstorms, and hurricanes. In addition, some areas are particularly susceptible to extreme flash flood danger.

While our most frequently occurring threat is a natural disaster, as the county continues to grow so does the possibility of a manmade hazardous event. Guadalupe County is home to two interstate highways, several large diameter natural gas pipelines, regional power generation plants, a railroad, high power transmission lines, several major manufacturing facilities (including an explosives manufacturer), and we have a major population base within the inundation zone of an large upstream dam.

Proposed Objectives:

Guadalupe County lies between San Antonio and Austin, bordering Interstate Highway 35 and between Houston and San Antonio on Interstate Highway 10. In addition to the major highways, there is also major rail traffic. There are eleven incorporated and three unincorporated communities as well as 10 school districts that the Guadalupe County Office of Emergency Management serves. Any emergency could affect many, if not all of the communities and school districts. Currently there is not a properly equipped facility available to bring county, city and school district emergency management personnel together should the need arise. A Joint Command Center would enable all parties to work cohesively together in one facility and allow a unified command system to work effectively.

The Guadalupe County Office of Emergency Management works closely with the Guadalupe County Commissioners Court, Sheriff's Office, area Fire Departments, Hospitals, Schools, and other city and regional entities to constantly refine and practice the elements of the county disaster plan. It is critical to have a centralized and unified command center to bring together the decision-makers to coordinate the principles of [emergency preparedness](#) and [emergency management](#). A Joint EOC would ensure the EMC could facilitate a rapid and coordinated response and maximize resources and information sharing.

Guadalupe County has a three-story building currently being used as the Office of Emergency Management. Since it was originally built as the County jail, it is constructed with twelve-inch thick concrete walls and has the ability to be totally secured. Renovations to this building would allow the County to use its existing property to convert to a Joint EOC saving the County and Cities considerable funds.

Priority 2: Stream Gauges

Supporting Data:

Guadalupe County has a number of areas that are susceptible to flooding during heavy rains. Over 60,000 acres (approximately 13%) of Guadalupe County is designated as being in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). Properties along the Guadalupe River, Cibolo Creek, Geronimo Creek and a number of other creeks and tributaries have been particularly susceptible to flooding. Heavy rains in 1932, 1952, 1972, 1973, 1998, 2002, and 2004 caused major flooding and significant damage in these areas. According to FEMA Flood Insurance Statistics, claim information from 1/1/78 to 7/31/09 shows total payments of \$80,169,474.00 for Guadalupe County. In 1998 alone there were 5 deaths, 3,450 structures destroyed or heavily damaged with FEMA and SBA assistance amounting to \$43,820,009.

The Guadalupe River flows through 135 miles of Guadalupe County and has many businesses and thousands of residents located on its banks. The flow of the river can currently be tracked by only two automated USGS gauges – one located upstream in a neighboring county and one deep in Guadalupe County. The main weakness of the USGS gauges is timely results. The results are not given in “real time” and are updated only once every 60 or 240 minutes. By the definition of flash flooding, rapidly rising water, a 60 or 240-minute delay does not provide adequate warning for downstream residents. Aside from these two gauges there are no other automated monitoring devices and we are forced to rely on reports from observers to track floodwater.

In addition to the inflow for the Guadalupe River above Guadalupe County there are numerous creeks inside Guadalupe County, which flow into the Guadalupe River including Long, Geronimo, Walnut, Youngs, Deadman, Cottonwood, Cibolo and Cibolo Tributary 13 & 16, Krams, Dietz, East Dietz, and Town Creek. There are no monitoring devices of any kind on these creeks to track floodwater. During the flood of July 2007 there was twice as much flow into the Guadalupe River from these unmonitored creeks as there was upstream flow from the Guadalupe River itself. This created a very dangerous situation for the residents as the upstream USGS gauge indicated safe conditions when in reality many areas were experiencing critical flood conditions. Simply put Guadalupe County must have automated gauges installed in areas with intervening flow to be able to adequately alert the citizens of the County.

Proposed Objectives:

In order to effectively identify and track the progress of flood conditions Guadalupe County is in need of a network of automated stream gauges for the major creeks and rivers within the county. The stream gauges should frequently report current conditions, which will give officials the ability to act in a timely manner to warn citizens of impending disaster so as to reduce the loss of life, and property, which will increase the safety of citizens and first responders alike.

Priority #3:

Need funds to purchase supplies and equipment for the City of Schertz Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Supplies are necessary in the event of emergency affecting residents of the City, school district and neighboring cities.

Supporting Data:

No city is immune from emergencies. When a disaster occurs, the most effective way to exercise control and provide support is to open the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). This site is where coordination of activities ensures that all tasks are accomplished with the highest probability of success. It is a place where many emergency and city workers may have to spend many hours, under stressful conditions and where a work-friendly environment is absolutely essential. The EOC must be properly staffed and have available all necessary supplies/equipment.

The three broad categories of hazards that create risks for our city include natural, technological and domestic threats. The hazards such as floods, wildfires and extreme weather/storms are the most common. Second would be the technological hazards such as transportation emergencies (railroad or large trucks), hazardous materials and biological or chemical agents. Lastly would be the domestic threats such as civil unrest and terrorism.

The City of Schertz is approximately 30 sq. miles and stretches into three counties (Guadalupe, Comal and Bexar). The most common disaster facing the City of Schertz is some type of natural disaster such as severe storms or flooding. Guadalupe County has experienced a two-year drought and is now facing a very wet winter as predicted by National Weather Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Although we cannot predict if flooding will occur, we can take actions now that will lessen the physical and financial impact to the City and to our citizens.

The Cibolo, Dietz, Dry Comal and Woman Hollering Creeks run through several areas and have caused extensive flooding in the past. Heavy rains caused flooding damage to many properties and buildings in the city in 1998, 2002 and 2004. Red Cross and FEMA were called on for assistance during these floods. Some improvement to the drainage and roads in Schertz have been made, but conditions still exist for flooding in low areas making travel unsafe and evacuations in some neighborhoods necessary. Approximately 1/3 of the City of Schertz has flood areas. The latest FEMA flood insurance rate maps (11/02/07) have shown more homes in Schertz to be effected by the flood plain.

In addition to weather emergencies, the City is located on the IH35 corridor where there is often heavy traffic flow to include intra and interstate trucking. The Union Pacific RR operates on two sets of tracks running through the City both night and day. There is a large amount of freight traffic on the interstate and the rail lines; some of the freight transported through the City includes hazardous materials. Amtrak shares the same tracks and routes, all of which could present a potentially disastrous situation (i.e. truck crashes, train derailments, hazardous material leaks or explosions, etc.). Exxon Mobil also has a 6" gas pipeline running through the south Schertz area from the Cibolo Creek at the Guadalupe/Bexar County line to Loop 1604.

Homeland Security - Supporting Data - CONTINUED

Randolph Air Force Base (RAFB) home to the Air Education Training Command (AETC) is a pilot training base that borders our City limits with pilots flying approximately 80% of the year. The base is approximately 2,300 acres and very active with over 11,000 active duty, reserve and civilian personnel. The aircraft used for training includes fast cargo, navigation trainers, and fighter trainers. The base houses approximately 150 aircraft of their own and throughout the year host's air shows and services transit military aircraft of various types and sizes. The flight pattern is directly over our City, which exposes the area to the chance of a plane crash putting the residents in a dangerous situation. RAFB is also a prime target for Terrorist activities and makes our City highly vulnerable to Terrorism and Bio-Chemical/Agricultural Terrorism.

Proposed Objectives:

The recent construction and opening of the new 31,000 sq. foot library has provided our City with the opportunity to use this same facility as our Emergency Operations Center in time of need. The library's proximate location to the Municipal Complex makes it accessible for city employees and volunteers who provide services in the EOC. It is near the high school and the Community Center, both of which serve as public shelters. The old library is next door to the new library and can be used during disaster situations as an employee rest and dining area. The City is also building a new recreation center behind the new library, which will have showers, workout rooms, etc.

In order for the library to operate as the Emergency Operations Center and to support operations for extended duration without interruptions it must be adapted and supplied with sufficient equipment (TV's, Video, electronics, telecommunications & computers), Some furniture and administrative supplies will need to be purchased to accommodate the number of people that will be in the EOC during an incident. The Library/EOC should be self-supporting with power, utilities, and food and water, and provide secure, limited access. In addition, for the City to meet these requirements and be prepared to handle any of the situations mentioned above our immediate need is for a generator capable of providing power for this facility so that we may function for an extended period without electricity.

Identify all trends, problems, and gaps in resources not mentioned in this section:

Trends: The most relevant trend affecting Homeland Security and Emergency Management needs in Guadalupe County is the population increase.

The April 1, 2000 census estimated Guadalupe County's population at 89,034. The 2008 census estimated population is 117,172, which is a 31.6% increase from the 2000 census figures, this increase nearly double the 16.7% increase for the State of Texas. Obviously as the population increases so does the activity and growth of the business sector. In addition the effort to coordinate the response to Homeland Security threats and other disasters also increase with the population growth.

Problems: As the population and population density increase more people will build homes and businesses within the floodplain and the potential for disaster will increase. With a per capita income lower than the State average with nearly 10% of its population below the poverty level Guadalupe County lacks additional funds to implement the necessary tools to address security and emergency efforts.

Homeland Security – Trends, Problems & Gaps - CONTINUED

Gaps: Within Guadalupe County there are ten independent school districts, eleven incorporated cities, multiple unincorporated communities, seventeen fire departments, twelve law enforcement agencies, six EMS providers, one river authority, one military base annex, and multiple utility providers. Currently there is not a single facility equipped to adequately to facilitate a command structure with a representative from each jurisdiction.

In addition to the difficulties in coordinating disaster response, the numerous unmonitored streams and rivers present a unique challenge to protecting the lives and property of the citizens in our flash flood prone county.

Identify Achievements: In 2005 Guadalupe County has elevated the position of Emergency Management Coordinator from part time to full time and in 2008 added two part-time staff members.

The County has initiated a VOAD and continually educates its citizens on the need to prepare for any type of emergency.

Guadalupe County and the City of Seguin have agreed in principle to operate a joint EOC during times of disaster. A building has been identified to house the EOC and both jurisdictions are working together to secure grant funding for the necessary renovations.

Resources Available

Included below are resources identified by the County Community Planning Team that are available to provide services that could potentially help in closing gaps:

Alamo Area Council of Governments

Address: 8700 Tesoro Drive, Suite 700
San Antonio, Texas 78217-6228
(210) 362-5200

Counties Served: Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Medina, and Wilson

Services: AACOG has active programs for regional planning in the areas of [aging services](#), [economic development](#), [9-1-1 systems](#), [homeland security](#), [criminal justice](#), [resource recovery](#), [air quality](#), [transportation](#), and [weatherization](#). We also administer the [Bexar Mental Retardation Authority](#). Technical assistance is provided by the staff to local governments on matters related to a number of other program areas, including [census](#), [housing](#), [tourism](#), and human services. In addition, AACOG sponsors special projects in response to local government needs or requests.

Hours; Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm.

AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICES

Address:	210 E. Live Oak Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone:	830-379-2153 or 830-303-3889
Fax:	830-372-3940
Counties Served:	Guadalupe
Services Provided:	Bringing the latest research based information to Guadalupe County Residents in the areas of family and consumer sciences. Some areas of Education include nutrition, diabetes, wellness, parenting and childcare Provider training. Please call with questions
Eligibility:	
Hours:	Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Contact Person:	Amy K. Harris
Email:	akharris@ag.tamu.edu
Contact Person:	
Email:	
Agency Website:	http://texasextension.tamu.edu
Additional Information:	Classes work on a flexible schedule and can include nights and Weekends.

APPLESEED Case Management

Address:	767 South Saunders Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone:	(830) 372-4900
Fax:	(830) 433-4497
Counties Served:	
Services Provided:	AppleSeed provides support services through Case Management for pregnant women or children from birth to their 21 st birthdays that are on Medicaid and have a chronic illness, developmental delay, health risk, or challenged. Services include crisis management, information and referral, food assistance, prescription drug assistance, support and all available community services.
Eligibility:	
Hours:	
Contact Person:	Teata Collier, RN
Email:	tc.eats@yahoo.com
Contact Person:	
Email:	
Agency Website:	appleseed.tx.com
Additional Information:	

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF SOUTH TEXAS

Address:	202 Baltimore Avenue San Antonio, Texas 78215
Phone:	210-316-2596
Fax:	210-225-1961
Counties Served:	Atascosa, Bexar, Cameron, Comal, Guadalupe, Hidalgo, Kendall, Kerr, Kleberg, Nueces, San Patricio, Webb and Wilson
Services Provided:	Big Brothers Big Sisters provides mentoring services through professional supported one-to-one relationships, in striving to help children meet their full potential.
Eligibility:	Child must live in counties served, be between the ages of 5-17 years old and be assessed to need extra guidance and support.
Hours:	Varies
Contact Person:	Shannon Dixon, Branch Coordinator
Email:	sdixon@bigmentor.org
Contact Person:	
Email:	
Agency Website:	www.bigmentor.org
Additional Information:	

BIKERS AGAINST CHILD ABUSE, INC.

Address:	Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone:	830-609-2790 or 830-822-6926
Fax:	
Counties Served:	Guadalupe, Bexar, Comal
Services Provided:	Court accompaniment (from home to Court or law enforcement agency) in cases of physical violence. Physical and emotional support.
Eligibility:	
Hours:	
Contact Person:	
Email:	txhdrider3@hotmail.com
Contact Person:	
Email:	
Agency Website:	http://www.baca-tx.org
Additional Information:	

BLUEBONNET TRAILS MENTAL HEALTH MENTAL RETARDATION

Address:	325 Wallace Street Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone:	830-379-8222 / Hotline 1-800-841-1255
Fax:	830-303-7616
Counties Served:	Bastrop, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Lee and Williamson
Services Provided:	Screening and assessment, psychiatric, counseling, case management, crisis, medication, skills training, and psychosocial group.
Eligibility:	Children and Adults – anyone eligible for crisis screening and referral. Only state insurances accepted/sliding scale.
Hours:	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday Crisis services 7 days a week/24 hours a day
Contact Person:	Rosa Harkey, Clinic Director
Email:	rosa.harkey@bluebonnetmhm.org
Contact Person:	Cristy Castleberry, Team Leader, Mobile Crisis Outreach Team
Email:	cristy.castleberry@bluebonnetmhm.org
Agency Website:	www.bluebonnetmhm.org
Additional Information:	

CASA OF CENTRAL TEXAS

Address:	210 E. Live Oak Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone:	830-303-9700
Fax:	830-401-4615
Counties Served:	Guadalupe, Comal, Hays, and Caldwell
Services Provided:	CASA advocates for abused and neglected children in the court system by recruiting, training and supporting community volunteers. The CASA volunteer works to find needed services (medical, psychological, educational, etc.) and also makes a recommendation to the judge about a safe and permanent home for the child. The CASA volunteer and/or supervisor attends all hearings and staffings concerning the child victim and works alongside CPS, judges, attorneys, foster families, mental health professionals and others who are involved in the child victim's situation.
Eligibility:	The children CASA serves have been removed from their homes and are placed in foster care while the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (TDFPS) work with the families in eliminating the risk factors that resulted in the removal. Children served by CASA volunteers range in age from birth to eighteen years of age.
Hours:	Monday-Friday 9am-5pm
Contact Person:	Norma Castilla-Blackwell, Executive Director
Email:	nblackwell@casacentex.org
Contact Person:	Nicole Solis-Douglass, Guadalupe County Casework Supervisor/ Eloise Hudson, Community Relations Coordinator
Email:	ndouglass@casacentex.org / ehudson@casacentex.org
Agency Website:	www.casacentex.org
Additional Information:	

CIBOLO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Address:	109 S. Main Street / P.O. Box 826 Cibolo, Texas 78108
Phone:	210-659-1999
Fax:	210-659-1080
Counties Served:	Guadalupe
Services Provided:	Law Enforcement
Eligibility:	
Hours:	
Contact Person:	Gary Cox, Chief of Police
Email:	gcox@cibolotx.net
Contact Person:	Mark Van Rosendael, Detective
Email:	cpdcid0044@satx.rr.com
Agency Website:	www.cibolotx.net
Additional Information:	

COMAL COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS' FOUNDATION

Address:	655 South Landa Street New Braunfels, Texas 78130
Phone:	830-629-4547 / Metro Number 830-606-4547
Fax:	830-625-1802
Counties Served:	Comal, Guadalupe and Gonzales
Services Provided:	Assisting older, disabled and vulnerable adults who are deemed incapable by the Social Security Administration of managing their financial affairs and are in need of a representative payee.
Eligibility:	Only source of income is Government benefits. Income limit of \$23,475.00 per year for a single individual Or \$33,217.00 per year for a couple.
Hours:	
Contact Person:	Helen (Lynn) Mahaffey, Program Director
Email:	moneymanagement@nbsenior.org
Contact Person:	
Email:	
Agency Website:	
Additional Information:	Those who may need the services of the Money Management Program are referred by Adult Protective Services, The Department of Human Services, and the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

CONNECTIONS INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY SERVICES

Address:	1414 W. San Antonio Street New Braunfels, Texas 78130
Phone:	830-629-6571
Fax:	830-627-2690
Counties Served:	Lee, Bastrop, Caldwell, Comal, Guadalupe, Gonzales, Wilson, Atascosa, Karnes, Frio, Zavala, McMullen, Live Oak, Bee, Goliad, San Patricio and Refugio
Services Provided:	Child Abuse and Substance Abuse Prevention Education, Juvenile Delinquency Prevention, Individual and Family Counseling, Residential Services for youth ages 5-17 that are abused /neglected, who have run away, or who are experiencing intense family conflict, Transitional Living Program (up to 18 months for youth that are homeless or without resources ages 18-21 (emancipated youth ages 16-17), Life Skills, Prevention, Presentations, Referrals and Kids Exchange.
Eligibility:	Anyone needing services
Hours:	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday 24 Hour Emergency Crisis Hotline 1-800-532-8192
Contact Person:	Kellie Stallings, ED
Email:	kstallings@connectionsnonprofit.org
Contact Person:	Sandy Sheelar, Program Director North
Email:	ssheelar@connectionsnonprofit.org
Agency Website:	www.connectionsnonprofit.org
Additional Information:	

CROSSROADS CHURCH

Address:	109 S. River Street Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone:	830-379-7737
Fax:	830-379-7799
Counties Served:	Guadalupe, Comal, Bexar and Hays
Services Provided:	Anger Management Classes
Eligibility:	Open to the public and Court Ordered clients
Hours:	Saturdays 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Thursdays 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Contact Person:	Natalie Avalos
Email:	natalie@crossroadsc.com
Contact Person:	Pamela Garozzo
Email:	pamelag@crossroadsc.com
Agency Website:	www.crossroadsc.com
Additional Information:	\$70.00 a session, which includes the costs of a workbook. A session consists of an 8-hour day. Classes are held on Saturdays as well as during the week.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION
DEPARTMENT OF ASSISTIVE AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES
(DARS)**

Address:	1375 E. Walnut, Suite #100 Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone:	830-303-0417
Fax:	
Counties Served:	Guadalupe and Gonzales
Services Provided:	Assistive technology to include Audiology, Developmental Services, Early Identification, Screening & Assessment, Family Counseling, Family Education, Medical Services (diagnostic or evaluation services used to determine eligibility), Nursing Services, Nutrition Services, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Psychological Services, Service Coordination, Social Work Services, Speech-Language Therapy and Vision Services.
Eligibility:	Income is not a factor based in determining eligibility. ECI determines eligibility for children under age 3 based on: developmental delay, cognitive, motor skills, communication, social-emotional, self-help skills as well as atypical development, sensory motor development, language, emotion or medically diagnosed conditions.
Hours:	Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Contact Person:	
Email:	
Contact Person:	
Email:	
Agency Website:	www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis
Additional Information:	

EAT FOUNDATION

Address:	767 South Saunders Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone:	(830) 372-4900
Fax:	(830) 433-4497
Counties Served:	Guadalupe and surrounding rural counties (no including Bexar)
Services Provided:	Fights hunger and poverty in rural Southwest Texas through food distribution, case management, assistance, education and advocacy programs.
Eligibility:	Low Income based on 185% above federal poverty level
Hours:	Food Distribution: 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 pm. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday Office Hours: 1:30 pm. – 6:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Friday and by appointment
Contact Person:	Teata Collier-Scott, RN, CARN, Executive Director
Email:	tc.eats@yahoo.com
Contact Person:	
Email:	
Agency Website:	
Additional Information:	The EAT Foundation is a 501(c)3 Public Charity community based grassroots organization that was created in January of 2008 and formally incorporated In January of 2009. The organization's MISSION STATEMENT is to fight hunger and poverty in rural Southwest Texas through food distribution, assistance programs, education and advocacy.

EDEN CROSS APARTMENTS

Address:	1240 Jefferson Avenue Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone:	830-372-3870
Fax:	830-372-3458
Counties Served:	
Services Provided:	Section 8 202 HUD Housing for seniors age 62 and above and disabled individuals
Eligibility:	HUD Section 8 criteria
Hours:	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
Contact Person:	John Brown, Manager or Patsy Howell, Assistant Manager
Email:	0850@ncr.org
Contact Person:	Ray Stahl, Service Coordinator
Email:	0850sc@ncr.org
Agency Website:	www.ncr.org
Additional Information:	Staff includes a Service Coordinator who links up residents with services and programs. His hours are 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Fridays. He can be reached at 830-303-4445 and his fax number is 830-379-6900.

EDEN PLACE APARTMENTS

Address:	1220 Jefferson Avenue Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone:	830-372-9440
Fax:	830-372-1593
Counties Served:	
Services Provided:	Tax Credit Housing for seniors age 60 and above
Eligibility:	Tax Credit Criteria
Hours:	12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
Contact Person:	John Brown, Manager or Patsy Howell, Assistant Manager
Email:	0838@ncr.org
Contact Person:	Ray Stahl, Service Coordinator
Email:	0850sc@ncr.org
Agency Website:	www.ncr.org
Additional Information:	Staff includes a Service Coordinator who links up residents with services and programs. His hours are 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Fridays. He can be reached at 830-303-4445 and his fax number is 830-379-6900.

EXPERIENCE WORKS

Address:	1500 E. Court Street Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone:	(830) 305-3802 (866) 412-0978
Fax:	(840) 379-0381
Counties Served:	Guadalupe, Comal, Wilson, Gonzales, Karnes, DeWitt, Gillespie and Kendall
Services Provided:	Employment, Training, Computer Classes and Job Training.
Eligibility:	Seniors, age 55 and up who meet income requirements.
Hours:	
Contact Person:	Carolyn Cox
Email:	
Contact Person:	Sandra Langston (210) 242-3178 Fax (210) 222-9983
Email:	
Agency Website:	www.experienceworks.org
Additional Information:	

FRANK M. TEJEDA
TEXAS STATE VETERANS HOME (TSVH)

Address:	200 Veterans Drive Floresville, Texas 78114
Phone:	830-216-9456
Fax:	830-393-7764
Counties Served:	Veterans in Texas
Services Provided:	Short term and Long term nursing care, Alzheimer secured units, therapy (physical, occupational and speech), medications provided and primary care doctor is available in the home.
Eligibility:	Must be a Texas resident for at least one year. Must be a veteran. Also eligible are veteran's spouses. Must not have been dishonorably discharged.
Hours:	Nursing home is open 24/7. Business hours are Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
Contact Person:	Keith Rodgers, Administrator
Email:	administrator@tejedavethome.com
Contact Person:	
Email:	
Agency Website:	www.texasveterans.com
Additional Information:	

GUADALUPE COUNTY CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

Address:	424 N. River Street Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone:	(830) 303-4760
Fax:	(830) 303-4742
Counties Served:	Guadalupe County
Services Provided:	Forensic interviews of child abuse victims, CVC and other victim assistance, counseling, multidisciplinary team coordination; SANE coordination
Eligibility:	Anyone referred by CPS, law enforcement, or prosecution
Hours:	8-5 M-F; available 24/7 for emergencies
Contact Person:	Paul Marsh, Executive Director
Email:	pmarsh@gccac.net
Contact Person:	Christy Williams, Assistant Director
Email:	cwilliams@gccac.net
Agency Website:	www.gccac.net
Additional Information:	

GUADALUPE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Address:	101 E. Court Street, Suite #104 Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone:	830-303-6130
Fax:	830-379-9491
Counties Served:	Guadalupe
Services Provided:	Victim Assistance / Law Enforcement
Eligibility:	Victims of Misdemeanor Crimes
Hours:	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Monday through Friday
Contact Person:	Elizabeth Murray-Kolb, County Attorney
Email:	emk@co.guadalupe.tx.us
Contact Person:	Linda Banta, Victim Advocate
Email:	lindab@co.guadalupe.tx.us
Agency Website:	www.co.guadalupe.tx.us
Additional Information:	

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES, INC. JOB HELP CENTER

Address:	1431 E. Court Street Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone:	830-372-0586
Fax:	
Counties Served:	
Services Provided:	Employment training, job search, work experience, transitional employment, career development training and vocational assessment.
Eligibility:	Referral from Texas Department of Human Services, Texas Work Commission, Texas Rehabilitation Commission or TANF recipient.
Hours:	Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Contact Person:	Debbie Monaco, Manager
Email:	
Contact Person:	
Email:	
Agency Website:	www.goodwillsa.org
Additional Information:	

GUADALUPE COUNTY COMMUNITY SUPERVISION AND CORRECTIONS

Address:	209 E. Donegan Street Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone:	830-379-7270
Fax:	830-379-3843
Counties Served:	Guadalupe
Services Provided:	Supervision in enforcing compliance with court-ordered conditions of probation for adult defendants. Rehabilitative programs which include counseling, employment readiness, DWI education and intervention, community service restitution, pre-trial diversion, intensive supervision, surveillance and referral to outside agencies for help with programs such as alcohol/substance abuse, educational needs and life skills.
Eligibility:	Defendants ages 17 and older whom the Courts have placed on probation.
Hours:	Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Contact Person:	Victoria Trinidad, CSCD Director
Email:	vickit@co.guadalupe.tx.us
Contact Person:	Jeff Cockerham, Assistant Director
Email:	jeffc@co.guadalupe.tx.us
Agency Website:	http://www.co.guadalupe.tx.us/cscd.htm
Additional Information:	

GUADALUPE COUNTY DETENTION MINISTRIES

Address:	2615 N. Guadalupe Street Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone:	830-303-6342
Fax:	830-401-0501
Counties Served:	Guadalupe County
Services Provided:	Classes for Alcoholic Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Anger Management, Art, GED and Parenting. Also available are Church services and Suicide Prevention and counseling.
Eligibility:	Must be an adult inmate currently housed in the Guadalupe County Adult Detention Center.
Hours:	Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
Contact Person:	Lulu Leatherwood, Program Coordinator
Email:	lulu@co.guadalupe.tx.us
Contact Person:	George Ammermann, Secretary
Email:	(830) 372-4690
Agency Website:	
Additional Information:	

GUADALUPE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Address:	113 S. River Street, Suite #205 Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone:	830-303-1922
Fax:	830-303-2137
Counties Served:	Lavaca, Gonzales and Guadalupe
Services Provided:	Victim Assistance / Law Enforcement
Eligibility:	Victims of Felony Crimes
Hours:	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Monday through Friday
Contact Person:	Heather Hollub, District Attorney
Email:	heather.hollub@co.guadalupe.tx.us
Contact Person:	MaryAnn Martinez, Victim Advocate
Email:	maryannm@co.guadalupe.tx.us
Agency Website:	www.co.guadalupe.tx.us
Additional Information:	

GUADALUPE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Address:	415 E. Donegan Street Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone:	830-303-8856
Fax:	830-401-0998
Counties Served:	Guadalupe
Services Provided:	<p>All areas of the nation are prone to some type of natural disaster. Guadalupe County, like all counties in this region, has a history of experiencing drought, tornados, thunderstorms, and hurricanes. In addition, some areas are particularly susceptible to flash flooding. While our biggest potential threat is a natural disaster, as the county continues to grow so does the possibility of a manmade hazardous event. While the timing and intensity of these events can never be exactly predicted there are many steps we can take to dramatically lessen the impact.</p> <p>Disaster Management is a team effort. The Office of Emergency Management works closely with the Guadalupe County Commissioners Court, Sheriff's Office, area Fire Departments, Hospitals, Schools, and other city and regional entities to constantly refine and practice the elements of the county disaster plan. The goal at the Office of Emergency Management is to be proactive in mitigation and preparation so the county and its citizens are prepared before the next event occurs. Likewise, we are here to assist local, state, and federal agencies with response and recovery during and after the event.</p>
Eligibility:	N/A
Hours:	Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Contact Person:	Dan Kinsey
Email:	dkinsey@co.guadalupe.tx.us
Agency Website:	www.co.guadalupe.tx.us
Additional Information:	

**GUADALUPE COUNTY
JUVENILE SUPERVISION DEPARTMENT
(Residential Services)**

Address:	2613 N. Guadalupe Street Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone:	830-303-1274
Fax:	830-303-5276
Counties Served:	Guadalupe, contracting counties and agencies
Services Provided:	Pre-Adjudication detention of juveniles between the ages of 10 and 17.
Eligibility:	Referrals are accepted from community law enforcement agencies, contracting counties outside of Guadalupe county, other governmental agencies and school districts within Guadalupe County that refer juveniles for an offense under the Texas Juvenile Justice Code.
Hours:	The detention facility operates 24 hours a day 365 days a year.
Contact Person:	Ron Quiros, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer
Email:	rquiros@co.guadalupe.tx.us
Contact Person:	
Email:	
Agency Website:	
Additional Information:	

**GUADALUPE COUNTY
JUVENILE SUPERVISION DEPARTMENT
(Field Services)**

Address:	2613 N. Guadalupe Street Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone:	830-303-1274
Fax:	830-303-5276
Counties Served:	Guadalupe
Services Provided:	Supervision, probation services and placement of juveniles referred to the department.
Eligibility:	Referrals accepted from community law enforcement agencies and school districts within Guadalupe County that are referred for an offense under the Texas Juvenile Justice Code.
Hours:	The department is open for public business from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. with 24 hour on call services.
Contact Person:	Ron Quiros, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer
Email:	rquiros@co.guadalupe.tx.us
Contact Person:	Dan Collins, Assistant Chief of Field Services
Email:	dcollins@co.guadalupe.tx.us
Agency Website:	
Additional Information:	

GUADALUPE COUNTY PAROLE DEPARTMENT

Address:	106 E. Court Street Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone:	830-303-4906
Fax:	830-372-4945
Counties Served:	Guadalupe, Gonzales, Wilson, Comal and Karnes
Services Provided:	
Eligibility:	
Hours:	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Contact Person:	Brandy Wacaster, Unit Supervisor
Email:	Brandy.Wacaster@tdcj.state.tx.us
Contact Person:	Reye Valdez, Unit Supervisor
Email:	Reye.Valdez@tdcj.state.tx.us
Agency Website:	www.tdcj.state.tx.us
Additional Information:	

GUADALUPE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Address:	2617 N. Guadalupe Street Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone:	830-379-1224
Fax:	830-372-5408
Counties Served:	Guadalupe
Services Provided:	Law Enforcement
Eligibility:	
Hours:	
Contact Person:	Arnold Zwicke, Sheriff
Email:	
Contact Person:	Tom Meeley
Email:	tmeeley@co.guadalupe.tx.us
Agency Website:	www.co.guadalupe.tx.us
Additional Information:	

GUADALUPE COUNTY UNITED WAY

Address:	113 S. River Street, Suite 99-A Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone:	830-303-3263
Fax:	830-372-2096
Counties Served:	Guadalupe County
Services Provided:	Provides financial support and referral services for health and human service agencies serving the citizens of Guadalupe county.
Eligibility:	
Hours:	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Contact Person:	Randy Jones
Email:	randi-jones@sbcglobal.net
Contact Person:	
Email:	
Agency Website:	http://www.liveunited.org/
Additional Information:	

GUADALUPE VALLEY FAMILY VIOLENCE SHELTER

Address:	P.O. Box 1302 Seguin, Texas 78156
Phone:	830-372-2780 / Crisis Line 800-834-2033 / Office 830-372-5970
Fax:	830-401-4500
Counties Served:	Gonzales, Guadalupe, Karnes and Wilson
Services Provided:	Provision of emergency shelter, safety, crisis intervention, supporting services and referrals to community/state resources, advocating in the criminal justice system and public awareness through training presentations to law enforcement, schools and other social service agencies.
Eligibility:	Must be a victim of the crimes of family/domestic violence or sexual assault.
Hours:	Advocates and hotline are available 24/7. Office is open 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Monday through Friday
Contact Person:	Linda Rutherford, Executive Director (extension 203)
Email:	linda.rutherford@safetexas.us
Contact Person:	Marcy Ruby, Assistant Executive Director/Office Manager/Shelter Manager (extension 204)
Email:	marcy.ruby@safetexas.us
Agency Website:	www.seguinviolenceshelter.org
Additional Information:	Stephanie Johnson, Children's Advocate/Caseworker (extension 207) Tracy Krech, Volunteer Coordinator/Outreach Prevention Specialist (extension 201), Dana Sammons, Legal Advocate (extension 205), Mark Soulard, Grant Administrator (extension 206) Part-Time Support Staff (extension 202)

MARION INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Address:	P.O. Box 189 Marion, Texas 78124
Phone:	830-914-2803
Fax:	830-420-2300
Counties Served:	Guadalupe
Services Provided:	Educational
Eligibility:	
Hours:	7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Monday through Friday
Contact Person:	James Hartman
Email:	jhartman@marion.txed.net
Contact Person:	
Email:	
Agency Website:	www.marion.txed.net
Additional Information:	

MARION POLICE DEPARTMENT

Address:	303 S. Center Street / P.O. Box 158 Marion, Texas 78124
Phone:	830-914-2391
Fax:	830-420-4460
Counties Served:	Guadalupe
Services Provided:	Law Enforcement
Eligibility:	
Hours:	
Contact Person:	Donald Crane, Chief of Police
Email:	chiefcrane@cityofmariontx.org
Contact Person:	
Email:	
Agency Website:	
Additional Information:	

MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

Address:	
Phone:	1-877-633-8747
Fax:	
Counties Served:	
Services Provided:	Transportation to and from doctor, dentist, hospital or drugstore.
Eligibility:	Medicaid or Texas Health Steps Programs
Hours:	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Monday - Friday
Contact Person:	
Email:	
Contact Person:	
Email:	
Agency Website:	http://www.dot.state.tx.us/PTN/mtp/mtphone.htm
Additional Information:	

METHODIST HEALTHCARE MINISTRIES OF SOUTH TEXAS, INC.

Address:	4507 Medical Drive San Antonio, Texas 78229
Phone:	210-692-0234 or 1-800-959-6673
Fax:	210-614-7563
Counties Served:	Guadalupe, Bexar and Surrounding Areas
Services Provided:	Offers pediatric board certified nurse practitioner, nurse, dentist, dental hygienist, dental assistant and social worker providing pediatric medical, dental, and social services to children and their siblings under the age of 19 who are enrolled in the school districts of Marion & Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City. Services include diagnosis and treatment of simple illness or minor injury, immunizations, sports physical exams, routine dental treatments, preventive dental care includes examinations, cleaning, fluoride treatment, sealants, social services include case management, individual and family counseling.
Eligibility:	Children and their siblings under the age of 19 currently enrolled in the Marion ISD or Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City ISD. Fees are based on a sliding scale according to income and family size.
Hours:	8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Monday through Friday
Contact Person:	Jorge Luna, Jr., LMSW
Email:	jorge.luna@mhm.org
Agency Website:	www.mhm.org
Additional Information:	Guadalupe County Participating areas are: Marion ISD - 217 W. Otto Street, Marion, Texas 78124 830-914-2803 ext. 111 Schertz ISD - 703 Curtiss, Schertz, Texas 78154 210-658-4875

NAVARRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Address:	P.O. Drawer 10 Geronimo, Texas 78115
Phone:	830-372-1930
Fax:	830-372-1853
Counties Served:	Guadalupe
Services Provided:	
Eligibility:	
Hours:	
Contact Person:	Dee Carter, Superintendent
Email:	dee.carter@nisd.us
Contact Person:	Jeff Menking, Assistant Superintendent
Email:	jeff.menking@nisd.us
Agency Website:	www.navarro.isd.net
Additional Information:	

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINARS

Address:	P.O. Box 1103 Lancaster, Texas 75146
Phone:	800-775-3220
Fax:	972-227-9562
Counties Served:	
Services Provided:	Programs that address Bad Check/Theft, Assault/Domestic Violence/Anger Management, Alcohol Awareness, Drug Awareness, General Offenders
Eligibility:	Court involved individuals
Hours:	
Contact Person:	Max Mauer, Executive Manager
Email:	
Contact Person:	
Email:	
Agency Website:	www.pdsprograms.com
Additional Information:	

RURAL AREA PARENTING PROGRAM SERVICES (RAPPS)

Address:	P.O. Box 1447 Seguin, Texas 78156
Phone:	830-303-9225
Fax:	830-303-9225
Counties Served:	Guadalupe, Comal, Gonzales, Wilson, Bexar (No limitations) mainly the listed
Services Provided:	Parenting, Anger Management and Alcohol Awareness
Eligibility:	
Hours:	8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Contact Person:	Bambi Ybarra
Email:	rapps1@earthlink.net
Contact Person:	Richard Ybarra
Email:	rapps1@earthlink.net
Agency Website:	www.seguinrapps.org
Additional Information:	Any person is eligible to participate. The cost of each class is \$50.00 with certificate of completion given. Accepted by local judicial system.

SAMM MINISTRIES

Address:	5922 Blanco Road San Antonio, Texas 78216
Phone:	210-979-6188
Fax:	
Counties Served:	Bexar, Guadalupe, Comal, Wilson
Services Provided:	Transitional living and learning center, emergency shelter, transitional housing and permanent housing, furniture for a cause.
Eligibility:	Income based, homeless families, working, long-term and short-term services
Hours:	
Contact Person:	
Email:	
Contact Person:	
Email:	
Agency Website:	http://www.samm.org
Additional Information:	Offices also located at: 5922 Blanco Road, San Antonio, Texas 78216 Phone: 210-979-6188 Fax: 210-979-0813 910 West Commerce Street, San Antonio, Texas 78207 Phone: 210-224-5838 Fax: 210-224-5999

SAM'S SHELTER

Address:	910 W. Commerce San Antonio, Texas 78155
Phone:	210-224-5838
Fax:	210-224-5999
Counties Served:	Bexar, Guadalupe, Comal
Services Provided:	Homeless Shelter, Food, Long-Term and Short-Term services
Eligibility:	Income based, must be homeless
Hours:	
Contact Person:	Navarra Williams, President and CEO
Email:	nwilliams@samm.org
Contact Person:	
Email:	
Agency Website:	hope@samm.org
Additional Information:	

SAN ANTONIO FOOD BANK

Address:	5200 Old Highway 90 West San Antonio, Texas 78227
Phone:	210-337-3663 / 1-800-246-9121
Fax:	210-431-8362
Counties Served:	Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Edwards, Frio, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, La Salle, Medina, Real, Uvalde and Wilson
Services Provided:	In collaboration with 380 partner agencies, we distribute food to more than 40,000 families every month through various programs.
Eligibility:	
Hours:	Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Contact Person:	Sandra Jones, Social Services Team Leader
Email:	sjones@safodbank.org
Contact Person:	
Email:	
Agency Website:	www.safodbank.org
Additional Information:	

SCHERTZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

Address:	1400 Schertz Parkway, Building #6 Schertz, Texas 78154
Phone:	210-619-1212
Fax:	210-619-1220
Counties Served:	Guadalupe, Comal, Bexar
Services Provided:	Law Enforcement
Eligibility:	
Hours:	
Contact Person:	Stephen Starr, Chief of Police
Email:	
Contact Person:	Beverly A. Todd
Email:	btodd@schertz.com
Agency Website:	www.schertz.com
Additional Information:	

SCHERTZ-CIBOLO-UNIVERSAL CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Address:	1060 Elbel Road Schertz, Texas 78154
Phone:	210-945-6200
Fax:	210-945-6250
Counties Served:	Guadalupe
Services Provided:	
Eligibility:	
Hours:	
Contact Person:	Belinda Putski, Ph.D, Superintendent
Email:	
Contact Person:	
Email:	
Agency Website:	www.scuc.txed.net
Additional Information:	

**SCHERTZ-CIBOLO-UNIVERSAL CITY
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
CIBOLO CENTER
DISCIPLINARY ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION
PROGRAM**

Address:	201 W. Loop 539 Cibolo, Texas 78108
Phone:	210-945-6073
Fax:	210-945-6072
Counties Served:	Guadalupe and Bexar
Services Provided:	Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP) Placement
Eligibility:	
Hours:	Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Contact Person:	Joseph Stuller
Email:	jstuller@SCUC ISD
Contact Person:	Tonya Pinnell
Email:	tpinnell@SCUC ISD
Agency Website:	www.scuc.txed.net
Additional Information:	

SEGUIN FAMILY INSTITUTE

Address:	1312 N. King Street Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone:	830-372-4909
Fax:	830-303-4220
Counties Served:	Guadalupe
Services Provided:	Individual and Family Therapy, Coaching, Parenting Courses (PALS), Sex Offender Treatment, Evaluations and Testing and Anger Management
Eligibility:	Self Referrals, Other-Referrals
Hours:	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Monday and Thursday / 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Tuesday and Wednesday
Contact Person:	Janice Hull, PhD, LMFT, LSOTP
Email:	janice@seguinfamily.com
Contact Person:	
Email:	
Agency Website:	www.seguinfamily.com
Additional Information:	We have three therapists - two females and a male. All of the therapists have trained and are licensed in individual as well as marital and family therapy. We offer individual, family, and group therapy programs, to suit many needs and preferences.

SEGUIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Address:	1221 E. Kingsbury Street Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone:	830-372-5771
Fax:	830-379-0392
Counties Served:	Guadalupe
Services Provided:	Education related services including special education, pre-K services, homeless services, migrant services, parenting center and adult GED referral.
Eligibility:	Pre-K – 12 Grade, Adult GED
Hours:	Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Contact Person:	Kirsten Legore (830) 401-8617 Fax: (830) 401-8657
Email:	klegore@seguin.k12.tx.us
Contact Person:	
Email:	
Agency Website:	www.seguin.k12.tx.us
Additional Information:	

SEGUIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Address:	350 N. Guadalupe Street Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone:	830-379-2123
Fax:	830-401-2379
Counties Served:	Guadalupe
Services Provided:	Law Enforcement Agency
Eligibility:	
Hours:	
Contact Person:	Kevin Kelso, Chief of Police
Email:	kkelso@ci.seguin.tx.us
Contact Person:	Captain Reno Reiley
Email:	reiley@ci.seguin.tx.us
Agency Website:	http://www.ci.seguin.tx.us/police/pd_index.htm
Additional Information:	

SEGUIN POLICE DEPARTMENT DARE PROGRAM

Address:	350 N. Guadalupe Street Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone:	830-401-2386
Fax:	830-401-2379
Counties Served:	Guadalupe
Services Provided:	Drug Abuse Resistance Education
Eligibility:	
Hours:	
Contact Person:	Hope Vasquez, Dare Officer
Email:	dare@ci.seguin.tx.us
Contact Person:	Willie Ybarra
Email:	dare@ci.seguin.tx.us
Agency Website:	www.ci.seguin.tx.us/police/dare.htm
Additional Information:	

SEGUIN YOUTH SERVICES

Address:	919 N. Guadalupe Street Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone:	830-401-0717
Fax:	830-401-0785
Counties Served:	Guadalupe
Services Provided:	In school and after school prevention services for students.
Eligibility:	3 rd Grade through High School
Hours:	10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Contact Person:	Sheryl Sachtleben
Email:	seguinyouthservices@yahoo.com
Contact Person:	
Email:	
Agency Website:	www.seguinyouthservices.org
Additional Information:	

SELMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Address:	9375 Corporate Drive Selma, Texas 78154
Phone:	210-651-5368
Fax:	210-651-3272
Counties Served:	Guadalupe
Services Provided:	Law Enforcement
Eligibility:	
Hours:	
Contact Person:	Syd Hall, Chief of Police
Email:	shall@ci.selma.tx.us
Contact Person:	
Email:	
Agency Website:	www.ci.selma.tx.us
Additional Information:	

SOUTHWEST PRIDE

Address:	607 Jefferson Avenue Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone:	830-433-0561
Fax:	830-372-6192
Counties Served:	Guadalupe
Services Provided:	Vocational Programs for kids, work force, clean and sober and willing to work programs, daylight hours
Eligibility:	Vocational Program - Ages 7-15 - \$5.00 per day Sample Society - Referrals from CPS, Adult Probation and Drug Courts
Hours:	9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. / Vocational Program 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Contact Person:	Jack Sample
Email:	jack@southwestpride.org
Contact Person:	Donna Ewald-Sample
Email:	donnajack_93@yahoo.com
Agency Website:	www.southwestpride.org
Additional Information:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ Narcotics Anonymous meetings held every night at 7:00 p.m.❑ Support groups for drug abuse prevention also available❑ 24 hour crisis intervention❑ Parenting and Nutrition Classes

TEDDY BUERGER CENTER

Address:	1215 E. Court St. Seguin Texas 78155
Phone:	830-401-7367
Fax:	830-372-5858
Counties Served:	Guadalupe, Comal, Wilson, Hays
Services Provided:	Outpatient Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
Eligibility:	Ages 6 and up for mental health services, ages 12 and older for substance abuse services
Hours:	Mon-Friday 8-5, groups and appointments also scheduled in the evenings
Contact Person:	Chris Mata, LCSW
Email:	cmata@grmedcenter.com
Contact Person:	Jennifer Jones
Email:	
Agency Website:	www.grmc.com
Additional Information:	

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF ASSISTIVE AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

Address:	312 S. Saunders Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone:	830-379-8120
Fax:	830-379-3982
Counties Served:	
Services Provided:	Vocational Rehabilitation Services
Eligibility:	A physical or mental impairment that results in persistent functional limitations
Hours:	
Contact Person:	
Email:	
Contact Person:	
Email:	
Agency Website:	www.dars.state.tx.us
Additional Information:	

TEXAS ELKS CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Address:	1963 F.M. 1586 Gonzales, Texas 78629
Phone:	830-875-2425
Fax:	830-875-5455
Counties Served:	
Services Provided:	
Eligibility:	
Hours:	
Contact Person:	
Email:	txelks@gvec.net
Contact Person:	
Email:	
Agency Website:	www.elks.org
Additional Information:	

TEXAS LIONS CAMP

Address:	Local Address: 142 Chaparral Drive Seguin, Texas 78155	Texas Lions Camp Office Address P.O. Box 290247 Kerrville, Texas 78029-0247
Phone:	830-303-5911	830-896-8500
Fax:	830-896-3666	
Counties Served:	All counties in Texas	
Services Provided:	One-week campout at Kerrville, Texas Lions Camp. State of the art campground with horseback riding, arts & crafts, swimming, archery, mini golf, overnight campout one night, sports, tennis, R&R dance, fun and games.	
Eligibility:	Special needs children and diabetic children between the ages of 7 and 16 years. Cases considered on a case by case basis; Asthmatic, Amputee, Blind/Vision/Hearing Impaired, Cancer/Tumor, Lupus, Polio, Mute, MS or MD, Cerebral Palsy, Arthritis, Heart problems and more. Must be continent and have an IQ of 70 or better.	
Hours:	Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	
Contact Person:	Suzanne Sanders	
Email:	tlc@lionscamp.com	
Agency Website:	www.lionscamp.com	
Additional Information:	<p>Applications are accepted January 15th through May 15th. Camp opens June through July for special needs children for one week. Day camp and two one-week Diabetic camps are offered the last two weeks of July.</p> <p>All counselors are previous campers with an empathy on how to work with special children while helping them learn to deal with their disabilities and enjoy their life. Friday night is the awards ceremony with TLC Special Olympics in which every child will be awarded an honor for his or her best achievement at camp. There are no fees to eligible children; The Lions Club of Texas supports Camp.</p>	

TEXAS LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Address:	1000 E. Court Street (Mailing Address) 236 Prexy, Bogisch Apartments #4 (Street Address) Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone:	830-372-8199
Fax:	830-372-8070
Counties Served:	Guadalupe
Services Provided:	Law Enforcement
Eligibility:	
Hours:	
Contact Person:	Gary Hopper, Chief of Police
Email:	ghopper@tlu.edu
Contact Person:	Irene Garcia, Assistant Chief
Email:	igarcia@tlu.edu
Agency Website:	www.tlu.edu
Additional Information:	

TEXAS RIO GRANDE LEGAL AID (TRLA)

Address:	Call for nearest office
Phone:	1-888-988-9996
Fax:	
Counties Served:	South Texas
Services Provided:	Rio Grande Legal Aid (TRLA) is a nonprofit organization that provides free legal services to low-income and disadvantaged clients in a 68-county service area that covers the southwestern third of the state including the entire Texas-Mexico border region. TRLA's mission is to promote the dignity, self-sufficiency, safety and stability of low-income Texans by providing high quality legal services and related educational services
Eligibility:	Income based
Hours:	
Contact Person:	
Email:	
Contact Person:	
Email:	
Agency Website:	http://www.trla.org
Additional Information:	

TEXAS STAR, STAR PLUS AND TEXAS HEALTH STEPS PROGRAMS

Address:	7050 Fairgrounds Parkway San Antonio, Texas 78238
Phone:	210-304-5802
Fax:	210-684-0622
Counties Served:	
Services Provided:	
Eligibility:	
Hours:	
Contact Person:	Blanca Martinez, Outreach Counselor
Email:	blancamartinez@maximus.com
Contact Person:	
Email:	
Agency Website:	
Additional Information:	

THE CRANNY THRIFT STORE

Address:	113 North River Street Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone:	830-372-2781
Fax:	
Counties Served:	Guadalupe, Gonzales, Karnes, Wilson
Services Provided:	100% of the profits go back to the shelter to provide direct services to victims. The shelter also provides vouchers not only for residents and non-residents of the program but also for other social service agencies in the area Clothing, Furniture and Household goods
Eligibility:	Income based, victims of domestic violence, sexual assault. Open to the public.
Hours:	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Tuesday through Saturday
Contact Person:	Maribel Gonzales
Email:	
Contact Person:	
Email:	
Agency Website:	www.safetexas.us
Additional Information:	Proceeds benefit the Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter.

U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES

Address:	8940 Fourwinds Drive San Antonio, Texas 78239
Phone:	210-871-7065 / Toll Free 1-800-375-5283
Fax:	
Counties Served:	Nationwide
Services Provided:	Citizenship, adoption, green cards, employment authorization and general immigration services
Eligibility:	
Hours:	
Contact Person:	
Email:	
Contact Person:	
Email:	
Agency Website:	www.uscis.gov
Additional Information:	

2-1-1 INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SEARCH

Address:	
Phone:	2-1-1 or 210-227-4357 (Local Alamo Region Helpline)
Fax:	
Counties Served:	Statewide
Services Provided:	Connects callers to information about critical health and human services available in their community – SEE BELOW
Eligibility:	Free
Hours:	24 hours a day / 7 days a week
Agency Website:	www.211.org
Additional Information:	<p>Basic Human Needs Resource Food banks, clothing, shelters, rent assistance, utility assistance.</p> <p>Physical & Mental Health Resources Medical information lines, crisis intervention services, support groups, counseling, drug and alcohol intervention, rehabilitation, health insurance programs, Medicaid and Medicare, maternal health, children’s health insurance programs.</p> <p>Employment Support Unemployment benefits, financial assistance, job training, transportation assistance and education programs.</p> <p>Support for Older Americans and Persons with Disabilities Home health care, adult day care, congregate meals, Meals on Wheels, respite care, transportation, and homemaker services.</p> <p>Support for Children, Youth and Families Quality childcare, success by 6, after school programs, Head Start, family resource centers, summer camps and recreation programs, mentoring, tutoring, protective services.</p> <p>Volunteer Opportunities and Donations.</p>

Interagency Cooperation

Guadalupe County has experienced rapid growth over the past 20 years. Expanded economic development has produced more businesses, shopping facilities and increased employment.

The Community continues to grow with new factories and businesses coming to our town such as Caterpillar, which should employ an estimated 1,400 people. According to Senator Jeff Wentworth the Caterpillar plant will provide a significant and beneficial “JOLT” to the economies of not only Seguin and Guadalupe County, but also throughout the region.

Naturally, as Guadalupe County grows, we will continue to attract large numbers of new residents and new demands will be placed on our community resources. High growth areas currently face some of the same problems that only large cities face and must do so with small town infrastructure. To keep pace with our growing community, we as residents, agencies and service providers must be involved with the development and planning and through agency collaboration we will be able to address the new growth and plan services accordingly.

By creating a guiding set of principals and goals, we can reach the demands placed on the residents of Guadalupe County. We expect our constituent’s needs to be ever changing and to encompass a wide range. Through collaboration we must identify gaps in services and prioritize our community’s needs. This is also an excellent opportunity for the participating agencies to communicate their services to other agencies (network) and to build a list of community resources. Additionally, this is an opportunity to identify gaps in service that the participating agencies may be able to fill with or without additional funding.

Historical Information (optional)

The county's center lies near Seguin at approximately 29°35' north latitude and 97°57' west longitude. The county covers 714 square miles of flat to rolling terrain with local depressions and escarpments, and its elevation ranges from 450 to 800 feet above sea level. The northwestern section, near the border with Comal and Hays counties, is part of the Blackland Prairie; the rest of the county lies in the Upper Coastal Plain. Soil types vary from dark, calcareous clay in the northwest to fine, sandy loam in the southeast. Vegetation consists primarily of mesquite, scrub brush, and grasses in drier areas of the county, while water-tolerant hardwoods and conifers flourish near creeks. The area has a mild subtropical climate, with temperatures ranging from an average high of 96° in July and an average low of 42° in January. The annual rainfall in the county averages 33 inches, and the growing season averages 275 days.

A company of Texas Rangers commanded by Capt. John Coffee Hays set up camp at Walnut Springs near the Guadalupe River. In 1838 a group of former Texas Rangers and other settlers founded the community of Walnut Springs on the northeast bank of the Guadalupe; its name was changed to Seguin in 1839 to honor Juan N. Seguin. The presence of troops encouraged many incoming families to stay near Seguin until the area became more secure. As a result, Seguin developed earlier and more rapidly than other communities in the future county and became the region's center of social and economic life. It was the natural choice for county seat when Guadalupe County was formed. The Republic of Texas organized Guadalupe County as a judicial county in 1842, but discontinued it later that year when the Texas Supreme Court declared judicial counties to be unconstitutional. In March 1846, after the annexation of Texas to the United States, the legislature established the present county from parts of Bexar and Gonzales counties. Guadalupe County had an area of 862 square miles in 1846 but lost land in 1858 and 1874, when Blanco and Wilson counties were organized.

Respectfully Submitted:

By: *Karen K. Nelson*
Karen K. Nelson
Court Coordinator for Judge Linda Z. Jones
Guadalupe County Court at Law

APPROVED AND EXECUTED this the 24th day of November 2009.

COMMISSIONERS COURT



Mike Wiggins
Mike Wiggins
Guadalupe County Judge

Teresa Kiel
Teresa Kiel
County Clerk

Roger Baenziger
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Commissioner, Precinct #1

Cesareo Guadarrama, III
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Commissioner, Precinct #2

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Commissioner, Precinct #3

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