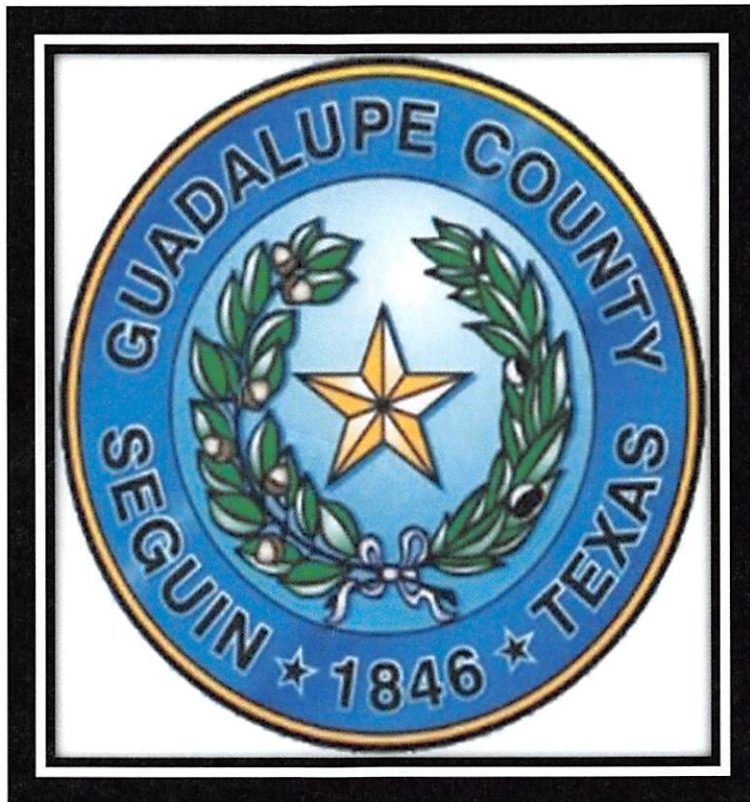


Guadalupe County Criminal Justice Community Plan 2015-2016



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Guadalupe County Criminal Justice Community Plan

What Is a Community Plan?

This plan is formally known as the Guadalupe County Criminal Justice Community Plan, the purpose of which is to identify gaps in services regarding criminal justice issues. The Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office (CJD) requires that Criminal Justice Community Plans be developed and maintained by counties and regions throughout Texas.

The document that is represented here reflects the efforts of many in Guadalupe County that are concerned with assuring that any gaps in services are closed, thus making our communities safer places in which to live and work. It is with grateful acknowledgement that the names of those involved in the process of developing this Plan are listed in the section entitled Community Planning Team.

Though the final draft of this Plan was completed in December of 2013, this is a work in progress. New criminal justice goals are identified, the Planning Group changes as a result of individual and agency circumstances, and requirements concerning the makeup of the Plan are subject to change from year to year. Thus, Guadalupe County is interested in keeping up with these changes, and including them in updates that will be posted from time to time.

If you are reading this Plan and have not been involved in its development, you are invited to join in this ongoing effort. Any questions you may have can be addressed to either Karen K. Nelson, Community Plan Coordinator for Guadalupe County, or to a Criminal Justice Program staff member of the (COG). Contact information is provided at the end of this document.

The Guadalupe County Commissioners Court supports the concept of community planning by providing staff support and resources for development and implementation of the Guadalupe County Criminal Justice Community Plan. Additionally, the Commissioners Court supports grant applications from county departments as well as community organizations that address gaps in services identified in this Community Plan.

Areas Represented

Incorporated Communities:

Seguin	Schertz	Cibolo
Luling	Marion	New Berlin
Selma	Staples	Santa Clara

Unincorporated Communities:

Geronimo	McQueeney	Schumannsville
Kingsbury	Redwood	Zorn

School Districts:

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

Brief description and history of Guadalupe County:

Following Mexico's independence from Spain, Anglo-Americans from the United States settled in Texas in 1821 and claimed Mexican citizenship. In 1825, Guadalupe County was part of Green DeWitt's petition for a land grant to establish a colony in Texas, which was approved by the Mexican government. From 1827 to 1835, twenty-two families settled the area as part of DeWitt's colony.

Following Texas's independence from Mexico (1836), 33 Gonzales Rangers and Republic veterans established Seguin. Founded as Walnut Springs in 1838, the settlement's name was changed to Seguin the next year to honor Juan Nepomuceno Seguín.

In 1842, the Republic of Texas organized Guadalupe County as a judicial county. The Texas Supreme Court declared judicial counties to be unconstitutional. Following the annexation of Texas by the United States (1845), the state legislature established the present county from parts of Bexar and Gonzales counties.

Today, Guadalupe County is one of the fastest growing counties in the nation.

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Identification of Community Problems

General Public Safety Needs and Issues

Guadalupe County has grown tremendously in the past few years and has been unable to maintain the community and organizational infrastructure to support the rapid and divergent growth. Although the cities within this county have made different levels of progress in addressing infrastructure within their city limits however, the lack of a county wide system of services (i.e. mental health emergency care, parks and recreation, juvenile diversion, law enforcement communication and coordination) is creating incredible demands on our already limited resources.

Without additional or adequate funding then the public needs aren't being fulfilled and due to lack of staff and resources incredible demands are being placed on every component of public safety. Calls for service are increasing and staffing levels are always challenged. In any area of population growth, there is a delay in staffing increases. Due to that delay, existing personnel are overworked and overstressed. The workload and stress leads to employee turnover which in turn, exacerbates the staffing issues.

In order to assist stressed staffing levels, technology can be used to offset workloads, increase interoperability, increase communication and improve efficiency. In many of the communities, technology is outdated and operates as standalone systems. With the population growth, communities are finding themselves in need of better technical interactions with other agencies and components in the county. Police agencies need to work more together, courts have to communicate more efficiently with other courts and probation departments.

Interoperability and communication between agencies and entities is becoming more critical. With increasing case loads, increasing workloads, and overtaxed personnel, the ability to operate efficiently with other agencies and entities becomes critical. Information sharing and communication all contribute to more efficient operations and overall efficiency. The need for compatibility and interoperability has never been greater.

Of course, the most obvious need in the County is the need for additional personnel. As the County has grown and the demands for service have increased, the need for increased personnel has grown. While technology can assist in efficiency, there are many tasks that require personnel. In many cases, human interaction is required in order to achieve the identified goal. As previously stated, there is always a delayed response to population growth by political entities. The growth comes first, then the additional revenue from that growth, and then the response to increase personnel to address the service demands. Unfortunately, the issue is not addressed by merely hiring additional people. Very few employees are competent in their field from the first day that they are employed. Training and experience are required to develop an experienced and competent worker.

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The outlook for the County is positive. The growth is bringing additional resources to the area and the economy is thriving when many parts of the country are struggling. It is our challenge to address the issues that develop when population growth occurs. Currently, our resources are stretched but we are optimistic that we can address and respond to every issue and that Guadalupe County will continue to have a high quality of life.

In each of the areas on the following pages, problems are identified and data is included that supports both the existence and severity of gaps as they are found in Guadalupe County. Below the description and data are a discussion of the problems, the manner in which the problems are being addressed, and strategically how responses to these community problems could be improved.

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

Priority #1	
<i>Problem Identified</i>	<i>Data</i>
<p>The Juvenile population exhibits significant behavior and mental health issues that indicate a need for support services to include counseling, community safety and prevention programs. These services need to address mental illness, juvenile crime, family violence, substance abuse, academic failure, truancy, gang involvement, teen pregnancy and homelessness.</p>	<p>Seguin Independent School District (SISD) reports that the student population during the 2012-2013 school years was 8701 students. The District Department of Student Services implemented an informal hearing process in cooperation with Guadalupe County Juvenile Services. The Truancy Intervention Hearings (TIH) assess the reasons why individual students were accumulating unexcused absences and work with the student and family to find solutions to ensure regular school attendance prior to a Court filing. During the 20012-13 school year, 870 truancy intervention hearings were scheduled. 528 students signed the contract to attend school and agreed to other conditions including counseling. There was a 72% success rate with only 28% of the students being filed on in Court after the hearing date for truancy. Many of the students who were filed on in Court did not attend the intervention hearing. The TIH program did reduce the number of cases filed in Juvenile Court. During the 2012-13 school years, 28 truancy cases were filed in Juvenile Court. 101 17-year olds and 56 parents were filed on in J.P. Court. Of the 28 students referred to juvenile court, 64% tested positive for drug use, the most common being marijuana. The 2011-12 dropout rate according to the most recent TEA records is .5% for 9-12th grades with 11 dropouts. SISD reports 68.4% of the student population is Economically Disadvantaged. SISD reports 56 migrant students and 296 homeless students served by the McKinney Vento Homeless Education Program for the 2012-13 school years were serviced by SISD. SISD reports that 23 students were serviced in the Pregnancy Related Services. The enrollment at Mini-Mats, the district operated child care center, included 7 children of students during the 2012-13 school year.</p> <p>Schertz/Cibolo/Universal City Independent School District (SCUC ISD) reports that the student population during the 2012-2013 school year was 13,594 students. SCUC ISD sent out 113 final warning letters from the Truancy Department, filed 97 truancy cases against students and 16 truancy cases against parents. The 9-12th grade dropout rate according to the most recent TEA records is .7% for the 2011-12 school year with 32 dropouts. SCUS ISD reports 4,225 identified At-Risk students and 3,497 Economically Disadvantaged students. SCUC ISD reports that 55 pregnant/parenting program students received services from the Social Workers.</p>

There were 28 pregnant students, 14 female teen parents, 13 male teen parents and no repeat pregnancies. There were 140 identified homeless students, 105 students identified as being in the Foster Care Program and 7 migrant students. The Social Workers with SCUC ISD served 695 students during the school year. There were 90 students seen by the In-District Counseling Center. There were 0 students reported as runaways.

Guadalupe County Juvenile Services reports that 302 juveniles were detained, 48 juveniles were placed on Court-ordered probation, 139 juveniles were placed on Deferred Adjudication Probation and 12 juveniles were placed on Intensive Supervision Probation. 9 probation orders were modified and there were 4 commitments to the TJJD. Of the juveniles served by GCJS, 30% were 16 years old, 26% were 15 years old and 18% were 14 years old.

Juvenile Drug Court Pre-Adjudication reports that from September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013, there were 44 participants in the program, 21 juveniles graduated from the program, and 5 were discharged unsuccessfully.

Juvenile Drug Court Post-Adjudication reports there are currently 5 juveniles participating in the 18 month long program.

The Department of Family and Protective Services reports that from Sept. 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012, there were 1054 reports of abuse/neglect with 1549 alleged victims of child abuse/neglect that resulted in 404 confirmed victims of child abuse/neglect. There were 89 children taken into legal custody. There was an average of 142 children in custody throughout the year. CPS also provided in-home services to 427 children and their families in Guadalupe county.

Connections reports 93 youth participated in counseling for truancy, delinquency and runaway programs. Many youth were referred from the JP Court for truancy filings.

Connections report 89 youth participants in their at-risk youth (STAR) program for family conflict. The Connections Substance Abuse Prevention Program served 837 youth through evidence based education/skills training and reached over 5,741 through Substance Abuse Prevention presentations. 6,390 participants were served in Substance Abuse Prevention Alternative Activities. In addition to the above services, Connections provided 255 shelter service days to youth of Guadalupe County. Also served 1 youth in Transitional Living for almost 3 years, leaving in 2013.

Connections provided crisis hotline, crisis intervention and

	<p>information and referral services for those seeking help to 1,723 people. Kids Exchange/supervised visitation services were provided to 29 families.</p> <p>Seguin Youth Services reports that during the 2012-13 school year, 107 3rd – 12th grade students were targeted for afterschool tutoring, mentoring and recreational programming to address academic and behavior issues. Of those students, 1 student attended the Discipline Alternative Education Program, 2 required summer school, 1 was referred to Juvenile Services and no participating students were filed on for truancy.</p> <p>Bluebonnet Trails served 1,292 youth in FY2012 most of whom had diagnoses that put them into the range of serious Emotional Disturbances and were at or below the poverty level with multiple functional deficits to overcome. Guadalupe County sat a 47.8% increase in population from 200 to 2010. According to that census data, 27.2% of the population is under 18 years of age and 36% is Latino. The Community Health Improvement Plan for Bexar County states that “Nearly 10 times as many Hispanic youth utilized state mental health services compared to the number of White and African American youth who utilized the same services”, this is carrying over to other counties such as Guadalupe. There are no crisis behavioral health facilities or resources in Guadalupe County and they are currently serving 137 children and adolescents in Guadalupe County.</p>
<i>Potential Response to Problem</i>	
<p>Develop and expand efforts to provide support services to at-risk youth including programs in the school and in the community. Implement programs that address mental health concerns, prevent truancy/dropping out of school and encourage graduation. Target elementary students who exhibit behavior problems with social services, mentoring and counseling. Support the development of a local programs and initiate prevention curriculums, such as life skills recreational activities and vocational training. To decrease teen pregnancy, provide education on abstinence and reproductive health.</p>	

Priority #2	
<i>Problem Identified</i>	<i>Data</i>
Parents of at-risk juveniles exhibit needs in the areas of parenting skills, anger management, mental health, substance abuse, gang affiliation, and family violence/dysfunction.	<p>The Department of Family and Regulatory Services reports 404 confirmed investigations of child abuse/neglect. There were 1054 reports to the CPS hotline, 1549 alleged victims of child abuse, and 89 Guadalupe County children in custody for the year.</p> <p>Connections reports the Substance Abuse Prevention Program served 837 youth through evidence-based education/skills training. 89 youth participated in their at-risk youth STAR Program.</p> <p>SISD reports 56 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 16 parents were filed on for contributing to their Child's Failure to Attend School.</p>
<i>Potential Response to Problem</i>	
Increase parent awareness, education, participation and active positive involvement in their child's life. Support and fund local efforts to provide parent-training classes for at-risk youth and families. Educate parents about the drug use, 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.	

Priority #3	
<i>Problem Identified</i>	<i>Data</i>
Guadalupe County does not have a Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) or day reporting program for students who are expelled from a school district for committing illegal behavior on a school campus	<p>The Texas Education Code Chapter 37 mandates that a county with a population greater than 125,000 develop a JJAEP. Guadalupe County's last census reports a population greater than 125,000. However, the Code also states that a county with a population greater than 125,000 is considered to be a county with less than 125,000 if the county had a population of 125,000 or less according to the 2000 federal census and the juvenile board enters into a Memorandum of Understanding with each school district in the county outlining the responsibilities of the board and school districts in minimizing the number of students expelled receiving alternative educational services and articulating coordination procedures.</p> <p>Therefore, Guadalupe County Juvenile Services has Memorandums of Understandings in place with the county's school districts and there is not currently a JJAEP in Guadalupe County.</p>

	<p>SISD reports the DAEP serviced 273 students and 49 students were repeat students. No students were expelled for discretionary reasons from the DAEP.</p> <p>SCUC ISD reports that 14 students were referred to Bexar County's JJAEP in the 2012-2013 school year. The SCUC ISD DAEP served 156 students.</p>
<p><i>Potential Response to Problem</i></p>	
<p>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 continues 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 are referred to the office, remain in the classroom, are referred to another class environment within the school district or are expelled from the district.</p>	

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

Priority #1	
<i>Problem Identified</i>	<i>Data</i>
<p>Comprehensive victim's services to include crisis intervention, peer support, legal advocacy, case management, assistance with Crime Victims Compensation, case management, safety planning, and counseling and support groups addressing the issues of domestic violence, sexual abuse, child abuse, mental health, and substance abuse.</p>	<p>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 their willingness and ability to testify effectively and without fear. The 25th Judicial District Attorney's Victim Advocate will provide compassionate and effective services to victims of crime and protect their rights. The victim advocate will provide victims with assistance in filing Crime Victim Compensation Application, Victim Impact Statements, court accompaniment and court preparation and with community referral services and community resources to ensure their safety and well-being.</p> <p>2011 - 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The 25th Judicial District Attorney's Office, received 2521 cases. The below totals are victims of sexual assault, family violence, crimes against child and elderly abuse cases. Of the 2521 cases filed 328 cases are of the above target group. The 25th Judicial District victim advocate assisted 502 new victims, 835 continuing victims to total 1337 victims for the two years. - 60 victims applied for Crime Victims Compensation. - 118 victims and family members received accompaniment to court - 300 victims received information and referrals. - 589 victims received follow-ups information of their case. <p>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 the Crime Victims Compensation benefits. The necessity for victim assistance support within our community is apparent and the 25th Judicial District Attorneys' office is readily 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 provides professional knowledge and sensitivity when dealing with our victims and assists them through the legal process by</p>

providing advocacy, protective orders, and referrals for counseling, alcohol treatment, family violence and substance abuse programs and assists victims with applying for Crime Victim Compensation.

From January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012, the Guadalupe County Attorney's office sent out 700 Victim Impact Statements and 239 of those were returned. A total of 18 Protective Orders were requested, with 4 being granted. From January 1, 2013 through November 21, 2013, 268 Victim Impact Statements were sent out and 72 were returned. A total of 20 Protective Orders were requested, with 3 being granted.

The Department of Family and Protective Services (CPS) division reports 1054 reports of abuse/neglect with 1549 alleged victims of child abuse/neglect that resulted in 404 confirmed victims of child abuse/neglect during fiscal year 2012 (September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012). There were 89 children taken into CPS legal custody. There was an average of 142 children in custody throughout the year. CPS also provided in-home services to 427 children and their families in Guadalupe county.

The Seguin Police Department Victim Advocate reported serving 416 victims of crime from September 2012 to August 2013. Of the 416 victims, 282 were female and 134 were male. There were 45 victims age 17 or younger; 362 victims age 18-64; 8 victims over the age of 65 and 1 with an unreported age. The Victim Advocate reported providing the following services:

- Assistance with Crime Victim Compensation (63)
- Information and referral services (410)
- Criminal Justice accompaniment (1)
- Law Enforcement accompaniment (170)
- Follow up with victims (163)
- Victim advocacy (326)

The Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter provided crisis intervention and peer support services to 71 Guadalupe County survivors through the residential and nonresidential programs in the 2012-2013 fiscal year. In this same year, safety planning services were provided to 271 survivors, and 105 counseling sessions were provided. Additionally, 403 legal advocacy services were provided to 178 survivors.

The Guadalupe County Children's Advocacy Center (GCCAC) reports interviewing 338 child victims of sexual

	<p>assault, physical abuse, drug endangered children and child witnesses during fiscal year 2013 (September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013). The GCCAC provided 779 counseling hours to victims, siblings and non-offending caregivers. The GCCAC reports assisting 282 clients (families of children affected by child abuse/neglect) with Crime Victims Compensation applications during fiscal year 2013. During that time, the GCCAC also conducted 1,009 team follow up contacts outside of our regularly scheduled monthly Multidisciplinary Team meetings and 319 family follow up contacts.</p> <p>Connections reports 93 youth participated in counseling for truancy, delinquency and runaway programs. Many youth were referred from the Juvenile Probation Court for truancy filings. Connections report 89 youth participated in their at-risk youth (STAR) program for family conflict. The Connections Substance Abuse Prevention Program served 837 youth through evidenced-based education/skills training and reached over 5741 through Substance Abuse Prevention presentations. 6390 participants were served in Substance Abuse Prevention Alternative Activities.</p> <p>Connections provided crisis hotline, crisis intervention and information and referral services for those seeking help to 1723 people. Kids Exchange/supervised visitation services were provided to 29 families.</p> <p>TX DPS Crime in Texas 2012 report: 870 family violence offenses reported (303 GCSO; 180 Schertz PD; 334 Seguin PD; 53 Cibolo PD) 91 sexual assaults reported (38 GCSO; 18 Schertz PD; 28 Seguin PD; 7 Cibolo PD)</p>
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Potential Response to Problem

There are 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 that are 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 that abuse is acceptable. Collaboration of professional mental health services will continue to exist among agencies.

To raise awareness of Crime Victims Compensation benefits and other services available by training persons with initial victim contact on the various services available and have them disperse written materials at the crime scene, police department, hospital, shelter or other local agencies working with victims of crime. Also by increasing the number of trained advocates, victims could be provided individualized services that would address their short and long-term needs.

Priority #2	
<i>Problem Identified</i>	<i>Data</i>
Shelter, residential, and transitional living for victims of crime and special populations (adult and children) and secure onsite services.	<p>In the 2012-2013 fiscal year, Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter provided 1280 shelter days to 271 adult and child survivors of abuse.</p> <p>Connections provided 255 shelter service days to youth of Guadalupe County. Also served 1 youth in Transitional Living for almost 3 years, leaving in 2013.</p>
<i>Potential Response to Problem</i>	
To limit the amount of referrals to other counties due to temporary lack of space. To offer 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	
<i>Problem Identified</i>	<i>Data</i>
Prevention programs that address domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse/neglect Provide parenting skills classes, suicide prevention and hotline operators providing services, information and referrals to victims.	<p>Texas Child Protective Services (CPS) reports 1401 calls to the hotline involving Guadalupe County residents. CPS also reports 0 foster home, 6 foster/adopt homes and 4 adoptive homes in during FY 2012. CPS also provided in-home services to 427 children and their families in Guadalupe county.</p> <p>Texas Child Protective Services (CPS) staff conducted 12 presentations (approximately 250 people) to various community organizations or groups (including educational staff, medical staff, law enforcement officers, church members and community organization groups) regarding child abuse and neglect.</p> <p>The Seguin Police Department Victim Advocate reported conducting 17 presentations to various organizations/professionals regarding victim services from September 2012 to August 2013.</p> <p>In 2012-2013 fiscal year, the Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter responded to 307 hotline calls originating in Guadalupe County. In the same year, 28 presentations on the issues of domestic violence, dating violence, and sexual assault were provided to 465 people. GVFVS has also recently begun offering a parenting curriculum designed specifically for families that have experienced domestic violence.</p>

	<p>The Guadalupe County Children's Advocacy Center reports conducting 96 presentations to various organizations regarding child abuse/neglect and services to children and families affected by abuse/neglect from September 1, 2012 to August 31, 2013.</p> <p>Connections reports 93 youth participated in counseling for truancy, delinquency and runaway programs. Many youth were referred from the Juvenile Probation Court for truancy filings. Connections report 89 youth participated in their at-risk youth (STAR) program for family conflict. The Connections Substance Abuse Prevention Program served 837 youth through evidenced-based education/skills training and reached over 5741 through Substance Abuse Prevention presentations. 6390 participants were served in Substance Abuse Prevention Alternative Activities.</p> <p>Connections provided crisis hotline, crisis intervention and information and referral services for those seeking help to 1723 people. Kids Exchange/supervised visitation services were provided to 29 families.</p>
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Potential Response to Problem

Increase prevention by offering more presentations to community groups that in-turn raise awareness of available community resources. Presentations will also in the long-term change social and cultural beliefs 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	
<i>Problem Identified</i>	<i>Data</i>
<p>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).</p>	<p>Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter notes significant sustainability issues faced by victims of abuse. In the 2012-2013 fiscal year, 28% of clients did not have a G.E.D. or high school diploma. Only 11% had completed a vocational program, and 5% had a college degree. Consequently, 56% of victims served earned less than \$5,000.00 annually; 84% earned less than \$20,000.00. A lack of public transportation results in further barriers to employment, inhibiting victims' efforts at self-sufficiency.</p> <p>Guadalupe County Children's Advocacy Center currently sponsors a Resource Room with various items (clothes, baby supplies/food/formula, diapers, toiletries, cleaning supplies and school supplies) for children and families for CPS</p>

	workers to provide to families in need or in emergency situations. During FY 2012 CPS staff provided assistance to 94 families, as well as assisting 7 families with financial assistance (gift cards to grocery store). During FY 2013 CPS staff provided assistance to 74 families, as well as assisting 8 families with financial assistance (gift cards to grocery store).
<i>Potential Response to Problem</i>	
Encourage city leaders to adopt policies that include plans for creating or expanding affordable public education facilities, job skills training, expanding public transportation or jobsite transportation and, a needs-based child care facilities.	

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

Priority #1																	
Problem Identified	Data																
Funding is needed for personnel and equipment to combat crime and enhance the quality of life in Guadalupe County.	<p>The law enforcement agencies in Guadalupe County are lacking the personnel and equipment necessary to address the needs of a growing region. Guadalupe County is the second-fastest growing county in the country. The estimated population is 139,841 showing a significant increase (estimate) from the 2000 estimate of 89,034 in Guadalupe County, This type of population growth puts increasing demands on law enforcement and funding associated with the population growth is often seen after a delay in time. It is vital that local law enforcement agencies are equipped with the personnel, equipment, and necessary technology to serve and protect this fast-growing region. Overall, every populated area in Guadalupe County is experiencing an increase in calls for service and increased demands. The police departments in these areas need the equipment necessary to better respond to these demands.</p> <p>Population growth in the individual cities are as follows:</p> <table><tr><td></td><td>2000</td><td>2008</td><td>2012</td></tr><tr><td>Cibolo</td><td>3,195</td><td>14,555</td><td>17,785</td></tr><tr><td>Seguin</td><td>23,762</td><td>26,394</td><td>26,724</td></tr><tr><td>Schertz</td><td>21,046</td><td>30,669</td><td>34,883</td></tr></table> <p>*Population projections provided by TX DPS Crime Reports</p> <p>As shown above, the population continues to grow and demands for service continue to increase. This growth and the associated demand for service is the greatest challenge facing area law enforcement at this time.</p> <p>Each year, local law enforcement agencies in Guadalupe County reported crime data to the Texas Department of Public Safety under the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program. Among those agencies that reported data are the Guadalupe County Sheriff's Office, Cibolo PD, Schertz PD and Seguin PD. According to this report, the overall index crime rate (per 100,000 population) has statistically decreased throughout the County:</p>		2000	2008	2012	Cibolo	3,195	14,555	17,785	Seguin	23,762	26,394	26,724	Schertz	21,046	30,669	34,883
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	Agency	Rate for	Rate for	Percent of
		2009	2012	2012
	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>			
	Guadalupe CO SO	1,905	1,307.4	31.37%
	decrease			
	Schertz PD	2,238.7	2,141.7	4.53 %
	increase			
	Seguin PD	5,396	4,580	15.12 %
	decrease			
	Cibolo PD	1,145.2	1,647.1	43.86 %
	increase			
<p>In spite of the fact that crime has increased in some areas and decreased in others, it does not reflect the service demands on each department. The population increase generates an increase in both service demand and criminal offenses without creating an increase in the actual crime rate. Crime prevention in Guadalupe County is also a very important tool utilized by law enforcement agencies. Through crime prevention education, proactive policing, and achievements in the past year, we have been able to reduce the crime rate in spite of the population increase. Each agency is committed to continuing this trend through the effective utilization of personnel, acquisition of equipment to make the departments more efficient and effective and training necessary to meet the demands of the various jurisdictions.</p>				
Potential Response to Problem				
<p>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. The use of license plate readers can assist in identifying wanted criminals, crime patterns, and criminal associations. By purchasing needed, high-quality equipment, the law enforcement agencies in Guadalupe County aim to better serve and protect the region.</p>				
<p>Technology can only do so much without the addition of personnel. Both sworn and non-sworn personnel are needed to meet the increasing demands for service. More officers and investigators help both deter and solve crimes, while additional support personnel are needed to increase the efficiency of the sworn personnel. Additional calls for service requires more telecommunicators as more offenses create the need for more data input or crime analysis personnel.</p>				
<p>By adding personnel and complimenting them with technology to minimize personnel costs and maximize efficiency.</p>				

Priority #2

Problem Identified

Data

Funding is needed in Guadalupe County to support existing specialized courts (including but not limited to the ACHIEVE Misdemeanor Drug Court and the High Risk Probation Court) and to establish a full-time Felony Drug Court, as well as a Veterans Court for adult offenders on community supervision. Funding is needed for the personnel and equipment required to successfully operate these much-needed programs such as cognitive behavioral programming to connect actions with consequences, 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 a licensed in-house therapist.

Drug Courts Decrease Recidivism and save money

Nationwide, 88% of Drug Court graduates remain arrest-free two years after leaving the program and longer-term national effects are being reviewed. (Bureau of Justice Assistance (October 2011). *Recidivism rates for drug court graduates: Nationally based estimate - Final report*. Washington DC: The Urban Institute and Caliber) Nationwide. For every \$1.00 invested in Drug Court, taxpayers save as much as \$3.36. Drug Courts produce cost savings ranging from \$4,000 to \$12,000 per client (Aos, *supra*; Carey et al. (2006).

In November of 2009, it was reported that there are over 200,000 incarcerated veterans in the United States. This is up from the 140,000 veterans reported incarcerated in 2004 and at that time veteran's account for about 46 percent of the population in Federal custody and 15 percent in state custody. These numbers have risen proportionally. In 2011, Drug Court recidivism rates have been about 22 percent - compared with national data that show felons with addictions left untreated reoffend at a rate of 70 percent to 80 percent. Drug Court, which has an annual budget of about \$1 million, 85 percent of which goes to treatment and recovery support services, Veterans Court has now has some funding allocated to it at the State level to address the substance abuse and mental health issues.

In 2012, Texas' prison system reported estimated 11,000 offenders incarcerated in the state's prisons had served in the military. That number represents approximately 14 percent of all prison inmates (total: 154,000). With the growing number of military personnel being released from duty and engaging in criminal behavior there is a growing need for specialized services. Texas veteran courts can be used for any misdemeanor or felony offense - with no limitation - when the veteran defendant has a brain injury, mental illness or mental disorder, including post-traumatic stress that "resulted from" military service in a combat zone. Services will also be provided for substance abuse issues. Research shows that 31 percent of veterans have some type of substance abuse issue and 20 percent have some type of mental health disorder.

(Texas Criminal Justice Coalition: Fact Sheet 2013) There is research on the cost saving effects of veteran courts at this time resulting in approximately \$2,438.00 per person. The average probation term costs the probationer an average of \$720 per year to be on probation. In comparison, the average

inmate costs taxpayers \$28,689 per year to be housed in a Corrections facility. With this said, in the State of Texas, the 14 percent of inmates that are veterans can be diverted into a Specialized Court and reduce recidivism among that population. With reduced recidivism, there would be an enormous cost savings.

CURRENT DRUG COURT AND PROBATION SUPERVISION DATA: A High Risk Probation Court was established in September 2005, by the Guadalupe County CSCD and Judge Kirkendall. This court is a hybrid Drug Court or Sanctions Court for felony offenders being supervised on probation in the community. In 9/1/2012 to 8/31/2013, the court has 54 participants. All of these 54 participants have experienced serious substance abuse problems in their past, resulting in continued contact with the Judicial system and some requiring residential substance abuse treatment. There have been thirty (30) successful graduates and eight (8 of the 38 total program losses) had new arrest or criminal charges or continued substance abuse. This is a 21% recidivism rate

The Guadalupe County CSCD and Judge Linda Z. Jones established the current Achieve Misdemeanor Drug Court, in July of 2008. From 9/1/2012 to 8/31/2013, this drug court (for misdemeanor offenders only) has had 5 individuals successfully graduate. During this time frame, the ACHIEVE Drug Court has offered service to a total of 12 individuals, with referrals expected to continue to increase as we further establish and develop the drug court as an integral part of the local criminal justice system.

PROBATION DATA: There are presently (August, 2013) 972 offenders living in Guadalupe County that are on adult community supervision for felony and misdemeanor offenses. A large percentage of these offenders have been placed on probation, for a drug/ alcohol offense or an offense that involved the use/ abuse of same. These numbers 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 (972 Guadalupe county residents on probation) does not include an additional 189 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 the fiscal year 2012 - 2013 (9-1-12 to 8-31-13), the Adult Probation Department completed 216 substance abuse evaluations (SAEs) conducted by a licensed chemical dependency counselor for our felony and misdemeanor offenders on probation. Participation in an outpatient treatment program was recommended in a majority of these assessments, while inpatient treatment was recommended in a smaller amount.

For fiscal year 2012 - 2013 (9-1-12 to 8-31-13), the Adult Probation Department filed 407 violation reports with the courts for felony and misdemeanor offenders that had seriously violated their conditions of community supervision. A large percentage of these violation reports were filed primarily due to subsequent offenses that were committed during probation, and many of these reports also cited continued substance abuse during the supervision term as the underlying reason for the new offenses. This resulted in a total of 210 revocations of misdemeanor (105) and felony (105) cases. It is estimated that a high percentage of these new offenses were directly related to continued substance abuse. However, it is important to note that this is a decrease from the overall revocation rate from the fiscal year 2012 (9/1/2011 – 8/31/2012) of 223 cases, thus indicating the intervention and re-directive attempts by the Probation Department are being successful. This is based on utilizing the program approach stated in the grant requested in the fiscal year 2009.

Potential Response to Problem

Guadalupe County desires to strengthen and enhance existing drug courts for adult offenders, and establish additional specialized 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 for the tax payer, and better clinical outcomes through accountability. The Courts also emphasize community collaboration by utilizing the Community Supervision and Corrections Department, The District Attorney's 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 specialized courts is to channel the substance abuser, which has met eligibility requirements, into a comprehensive and coordinated program of drug and rehabilitation services. The goals of the specialized court programs are to enhance public safety by providing a judicially supervised regimen of treatment and innovative case management for substance abuse related offenders, and reduce recidivism. The premise of

the specialized courts changes the manner in which the drug addicted defendant is processed through a regular court.

Instead of handling cases in a strictly punitive manner, specialized courts contemplate treating the participants for the addiction, which is the primary reason for their involvement within the criminal justice system. The utilization of specialized 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 specialized court programs.

Priority #3	
<i>Problem Identified</i>	<i>Data</i>
Funding to sustain existing crime prevention and intervention programs. Intervention teams are needed in dealing with mentally ill individuals who continually get involved in the criminal justice system. Develop multi-disciplined teams to address issues within the community. Train additional sexual assault and victim services investigators and provide more school resource officers.	<p>Despite recent efforts to train law enforcement officers in how to handle suspects with mental illnesses, the arrest and incarceration statistics for the mentally ill are sobering. More than 450,000 Americans with a recent history of mental illnesses are incarcerated in U.S. jails and prisons. This includes 24 percent of state prison inmates and 21 percent of local jail inmates, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. In one study, approximately 28 percent of people with a serious mental illness were arrested in a 10-year period. The majority of these arrests were for non-violent charges, such as crimes against the public order or property offenses, according to NAMI. (National Alliance on Mental Illness)</p> <p>By redirecting mentally ill people from prison to the health care system, both state and federal institutions could save as much as \$22,600 per inmate per year, according to the Justice Department. Also, studies show that 10-15 percent of police shootings are "suicide by cop" incidents, where the victim is suicidal and deliberately provokes an officer to shoot. People with a mental illness who are incarcerated often lose access to Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security benefits. Without case management assistance to restore benefits, prisoners re-entering communities after prison are at risk of re-offending or requiring costly emergency medical services, NAMI says. As far as minors, NAMI says 66 percent of boys and about 74 percent of girls in the juvenile justice system meet the diagnostic criteria for at least one major mental illness.</p>

The statistics related to mental health are somewhat problematic in that statistical data has not been specifically structured to capture directly related data. In spite of this, there are some significant indicators that support the case for an improved response to mentally impaired individuals.

City of Seguin-In the past 12 months, in the City of Seguin, the following emergency detentions were made related to mental illness:

- 61 emergency detentions – average time of 2:28 hrs each event
- Total of 139.08 hours related only to emergency detentions.
- 554 calls to assist Fire/EMS (This number related to mental illness, drug abuse, combative behaviors)

Guadalupe County Community Supervision and Corrections typically handle approx. 20-30 mental health cases at a time. These cases have obviously had law enforcement contact, as they have been arrested, and are currently on probation. These cases require intense supervision, meaning they report at least two times per month at a minimum. This results in 40-60 contacts per month at approximately 30-45 minutes per contact. This results in 20-50 hours per month. This does not include additional contacts which include, but are not limited to contacts with MHMR and/or home visits.

This does not include police related calls generated by individuals who are mentally ill that are not taken into custody on an emergency warrant. The above listed numbers also do not represent the entire County. They are only samples of data from selected organizations. As mentioned previously, statistics have not been typically collected by law enforcement for the specific purpose of identifying costs related to individuals with mental health needs.

Since the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) program began in Memphis (where the CIT model began), the citizens and the criminal justice system of Memphis have experienced significant benefits of the program. Some of the benefits are listed below:

- Crisis response is immediate
- Arrests and use of force has decreased
- Underserved consumers are identified by officers and provided with care
- Patient violence and use of restraints in the ER has

	<p>decreased</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officers are better trained and educated in verbal de-escalation techniques • Officer's injuries during crisis events have declined • Officer recognition and appreciation by the community has increased • Less "victimless" crime arrests • Decrease in liability for health care issues in the jail • Cost savings - Officer's injuries during crisis events have declined
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Potential Response to Problem

The objective of this program is to use a team approach involving community, mental health organizations, frontline law enforcement, and corrections agencies in a collaborative effort to address the growing problem. Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT) are effective in enhancing the knowledge and skill of correctional staff, aiding administrators in improved management and care for a special population, reducing liability and costs, improving partnerships for increased access to resources and support systems and increasing safety for all.

By using the team intervention approach, we can help individuals before they become problems needing police involvement, emergency detentions, and possibly violent episodes. The multi-disciplinary approach has shown to be successful in many areas. Specialized crime investigation (abducted children, child abuse, narcotics, etc.) has shown to have better results than each agency attempting to address the issues by themselves.

Team approaches have shown to be effective in events that normally overwhelm a department that tries handling the situation on their own. Child abductions, tactical situations, child abuse, gang activity, and any activity that crosses jurisdictional boundaries or professional boundaries can be better addressed through a team approach.

The agencies in Guadalupe County are committed to working together in a collaborative effort to effectively address these issues.

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

Priority #1	
<i>Problem Identified</i>	<i>Data</i>
<p>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.</p>	<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 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.</p>
<i>Potential Response to Problem</i>	
<p>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 within the County. 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>	

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	
<i>Problem Identified</i>	<i>Data</i>
Stream Gauges	<p>Guadalupe County has a number of areas that are susceptible to flooding during heavy rains. Over 60,000 acres (approximately 13%) of Guadalupe County are 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.</p> <p>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, therefore 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 forced rely on reports from observers to track flood water.</p> <p>In addition to the inflow in 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 flood water. 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</p>

	<p>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.</p>
<p><i>Potential Response to Problem</i></p>	
<p>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.</p>	

Resources Available

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

Juvenile Justice:

<i>Name of Agency</i>	<i>For Agency Type & Description</i>
Big Brothers and Big Sisters	See page: 37
Connections Individual and Family Services	See page: 39
Guadalupe County Juvenile Supervision Department (Field Services)	See page: 44
Guadalupe County Juvenile Supervision Department (Residential Services)	See page: 45
Marion Independent School District	See page: 47
Navarro Independent School District	See page: 48
Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City Independent School District	See page: 50
Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City Independent School District Cibolo Center Disciplinary Alternative Education Program	See page: 50
Seguin Independent School District	See page: 51
Seguin Youth Services	See page: 52
Texas Elks Children's Services	See page: 53
Texas Lions Camp	See page: 53

Law Enforcement:

<i>Name of Agency</i>	<i>For Agency Type & Description</i>
Cibolo Police Department	See page: 39
Frank M. Tejedo Texas State Veterans Home	See page: 42
Guadalupe County Attorney's Office	See page: 42
Guadalupe County Community Supervision and Corrections	See page: 43
Guadalupe County Detention Ministries	See page: 43
Guadalupe County District Attorney	See page: 43
Guadalupe County Parole Department	See page: 45
Guadalupe County Sheriff's Office	See page: 45
Guadalupe County Veterans Treatment Court	See page: 46
Marion Police Department	See page: 47
Personal Development Services	See page: 48
Schertz Police Department	See page: 50
Seguin Police Department	See page: 51
Seguin Police Department	See page: 52
Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.)	
Selma Police Department	See page: 52
Texas Lutheran University Police Department	See page: 54

Victim Services:

<i>Name of Agency</i>	<i>For Agency Type & Description</i>
Apple Seed Kids and Special Children's Network	See page: 37
Bikers Against Child Abuse	See page: 38
CASA of Central Texas	See page: 38
Crossroads Church	See page: 40
Guadalupe County Children's Advocacy Center	See page: 42
Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter	See page: 46
Texas Department of Family and Protective Services	See page: 53

(Other Focus Group Area):

<i>Name of Agency</i>	<i>For Agency Type & Description</i>
2-1-1 Information and Referral Search	See page: 36
AgriLife Extension Services	See page: 36
Alamo Area Council of Governments	See page: 37
Bluebonnet Trails Mental Health Mental Retardation	See page: 38
Comal County Senior Citizen's Foundation	See page: 39
The Cranny Thrift Store	See page: 40
Early Childhood Intervention Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS)	See page: 40
EATS Foundation	See page: 41
Eden Cross / Eden Place Apartments and Experience Works	See page: 41
Goodwill Industries, Inc., Job Help Center	See page: 42
Guadalupe County Emergency Management	See page: 44
Guadalupe County United Way	See page: 45
Guadalupe Valley Christian Counseling Center	See page: 47
Medical Transportation Program	See page: 47
Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas, Inc.	See page: 48
Rural Area Parenting Program Services (RAPPS)	See page: 49
SAMM Ministries and Emergency Shelter	See page: 49
San Antonio Food Bank	See page: 49
Seguin Emergency Food Pantry	See page: 50
Seguin Family Institute	See page: 51
Teddy Buerger Center	See page: 52
Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services	See page: 53
Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (TRLA)	See page: 54
Texas Star, Star Plus and Texas Health Steps Programs	See page: 54
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services	See page: 55

AVAILABLE RESOURCES FOR GUADALUPE COUNTY RESIDENTS:

2-1-1 Information and Referral Search

Phone: 2-1-1 or 210-227-4357 (Local Alamo Region Helpline)

Services: Connects callers to information about critical health and human services available in their community

Basic Human Needs Resource: Food banks, clothing, shelters, rent assistance, utility assistance.

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.

Employment Support: Unemployment benefits, financial assistance, job training, transportation assistance and education programs.

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.

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.

Website: www.211.org

AgriLife Extension Services

Address: 210 E. Live Oak
Seguin, Texas 78155

Phone: 830-379-2153 or 830-303-3889 / Fax: 830-372-3940

Services: 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.

Website: <http://texasextension.tamu.edu>

Alamo Area Council of Governments

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

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, weatherization, and workforce. 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, and human services. In addition, AACOG sponsors special projects in response to local government needs or requests.

Website: www.aacog.com

Apple Seed Kids and Special Children's Network

Address: 767 South Saunders
Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone: 830-372-4900 / Fax: 830-433-4497

Services: Apple Seed Kids provides support services through Case Management for pregnant women or children from birth to their 21st 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.

Special Children's Network provides case management for children with Special Needs and their families.

Email: ask4help@yahoo.com

Big Brothers and Big Sisters

Address: 202 Baltimore
San Antonio, Texas 78215
Phone: 210-225-6322

Services: Big Brother Big Sister provides mentoring services through professional supported one-to-one relationships, in striving to help children meet their full potential.

Website: www.bigmentor.org

Bikers Against Child Abuse, Inc.

Phone: 830-609-2790 or 830-822-6926

Services: Court accompaniment (from home to Court or law enforcement agency) in cases of physical violence. Physical and emotional support.

Website: www.bacausa.com/Internet/ChapterMap.php

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

Services: Screening and assessment, psychiatric, counseling, case management, crisis, medication, skills training, and psychosocial group.

Website: www.bluebonnetmhmr.org

CASA of Central Texas

Address: 1619 E. Common Street, Suite #301
New Braunfels, Texas 78130

Phone: 830-626-2272 / Fax: 830-626-3636

Services: 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 staffing's 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.

Website: www.casacentex.org

Cibolo Police Department

Address: 162 Loop 539 East
Cibolo, Texas 78108

Phone: 210-659-1999 / Fax: 210-659-1080

Services: The City of Cibolo provides citizens of the community with 24 hour full time professional law enforcement services. The department is responsible for handling all the law enforcement needs within the corporate limits of the City.

Website: www.cibolotx.net

Comal County Senior Citizens' Foundation

Address: 655 South Landa Street
New Braunfels, Texas 78130

Phone: 830-629-4547 / Metro: 830-606-4547 / Fax: 830-625-1802

Services: 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.

Website: www.nbsenior.org

Connections Individual and Family Services

Address: 1414 W. San Antonio Street
New Braunfels, Texas 78130

Phone: 830-629-6571 / Fax: 830-627-2690

Services: 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.

Website: www.connectionsnonprofit.org

The Cranny Thrift Store

Address: 113 North River Street
Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone: 830-372-2781

Services: 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

Website: www.safetexas.us

Crossroads Church

Address: 109 S. River Street
Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone: 830-379-7737 / Fax: 830-379-7799

Services: Anger Management Classes

Website: www.crossroadsc.com

Early Childhood Intervention Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS)

Address: 1375 E. Walnut, Suite 100
Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone: 830-303-0417

Services: 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.

Website: www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis

EATS Foundation

Address: 767 South Saunders
Seguin, Texas 78155

Phone: 830-372-4900 / Fax: 830-433-4497

Services: Fights hunger and poverty in rural Southwest Texas through food distribution, case management, assistance, education and advocacy programs.

Website: www.eatsfoundation.org

Eden Cross Apartments

Address: 1240 Jefferson Avenue
Seguin, Texas 78155

Phone: 830-372-3870 / Fax: 830-372-3458

Services: Section 8 202 HUD Housing for seniors age 62 and above and disabled individuals

Website: www.ncr.org

Eden Place Apartments

Address: 1220 Jefferson Avenue
Seguin, Texas 78155

Phone: 830-372-9440 / Fax: 830-372-1593

Services: Tax Credit Housing for seniors age 60 and above

Website: www.ncr.org

Experience Works

Address: 1500 E. Court Street
Seguin, Texas 78155

Phone: 830-305-3802 or 1-866-412-0978 / Fax: 830-379-0381

Services: Employment, Training, Computer Classes and Job Training for Seniors, age 55 and up who meet income requirements.

Website: www.experienceworks.org

Frank M. Tejedo Texas State Veterans Home (TSVH)

Address: 200 Veterans Drive
Floresville, Texas 78114

Phone: 830-216-9456 / Fax: 830-393-7764

Services: 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.

Website: www.texasveterans.com

Goodwill Industries, Inc. Job Help Center

Address: 1431 E. Court Street
Seguin, Texas 78155

Phone: 830-372-0586

Services: Employment training, job search, work experience, transitional employment, career development training and vocational assessment.

Website: www.goodwillsa.org

Guadalupe County Attorney's Office

Address: 211 W. Court Street
Seguin, Texas 78155

Phone: 830-303-6130 / Fax: 830-379-9491

Services: Victim Assistance / Law Enforcement

Website: www.co.guadalupe.tx.us

Guadalupe County Children's Advocacy Center

Address: 424 N. River Street
Seguin, Texas 78155

Phone: 830-303-4760 / Fax: 830-303-4742

Services: Forensic interviews of child abuse victims, CVC and other victim assistance, counseling, multidisciplinary team coordination; SANE coordination.

Website: www.gccac.net

Guadalupe County Community Supervision and Corrections

Address: 209 E. Donegan Street
Seguin, Texas 78155

Phone: 830-379-7270 / Fax: 830-379-3843

Services: 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.

Website: <http://www.co.guadalupe.tx.us/cscd.htm>

Guadalupe County Detention Ministries

Address: 2615 N. Guadalupe Street
Seguin, Texas 78155

Phone: 830-303-6342 / Fax: 830-401-0501

Services: Classes for Alcoholic Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Anger Management, Art, GED and Parenting. Also available are Church services and Suicide Prevention and counseling.

Website: N/A

Guadalupe County District Attorney

Address: 101 E. Court Street, Suite 108
Seguin, Texas 78155

Phone: 830-303-1922 / Fax: 830-303-2137

Services: Victim Assistance / Law Enforcement

Website: www.co.guadalupe.tx.us

Guadalupe County Emergency Management

Address: 415 E. Donegan Street
Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone: 830-303-8856 / Fax: 830-401-0998

Services: 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.

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.

Website: www.co.guadalupe.tx.us

Guadalupe County Juvenile Supervision Department (Field Services)

Address: 2613 N. Guadalupe Street
Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone: 830-303-1274 / Fax: 830-303-5276

Services: Supervision, probation services and placement of juveniles referred to the department.

Website: www.co.guadalupe.tx.us

Guadalupe County Juvenile Supervision Department (Residential Services)

Address: 2613 N. Guadalupe Street
Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone: 830-303-1274 / Fax: 830-303-5276
Services: Pre-Adjudication detention of juveniles between the ages of 10 and 17.
Website: www.co.guadalupe.tx.us

Guadalupe County Parole Department

Address: 106 E. Court Street
Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone: 830-303-4906 / Fax: 830-372-4945
Website: www.tdcj.state.tx.us

Guadalupe County Sheriff's Office

Address: 2617 N. Guadalupe Street
Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone: 830-379-1224 / Fax: 830-372-5408
Services: Law Enforcement
Website: www.co.guadalupe.tx.us

Guadalupe County United Way

Address: 113 S. River Street, Suite 99-A
Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone: 830-303-3263 / Fax: 830-372-2096
Services: Provides financial support and referral services for health and human service agencies serving the citizens of Guadalupe County.
Website: www.liveunited.org

Guadalupe County Veterans Treatment Court

Address: 211 W. Court Street
Seguin, Texas 78155

Phone: 830-303-4188 ext. 379 / Fax: 830-303-4064

Services: The Guadalupe County Veterans Treatment Program (VTC) provides a specialty misdemeanor criminal court for United States Military Veterans involved with the criminal justice system within Guadalupe County. Qualifying Veterans need to have been discharged with a better than dishonorable discharge from their military service and reside within Guadalupe County or one of the surrounding contiguous counties. The program works closely with the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs and provides for an alternative to the standard criminal court process. Successful participants in the program will complete between 12-24 months of specialized treatment programs designed to prepare them to resume their role as a productive, contributing law abiding citizen.

Email: bob.grafe@co.guadalupe.tx.us

Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter

Address: P.O. Box 1302
Seguin, Texas 78155

Phone: 830-372-2780 / Crisis Line 800-834-2033 / Fax: 830-401-4500

Services: 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.

Website: www.safesequin.org

Guadalupe Valley Christian Counseling Center

Address: 314 N. Austin Street
Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone: 830-303-3161 / Fax: 830-386-0792

Services: Individual, couple, and family counseling/therapy, including play therapy for children 3 years and up. Counseling from Master's and Doctoral-level therapists available to all regardless of ability to pay. Psychological testing/evaluations and recommendations for children and adolescents up to 18 years old. Educational presentations to community agencies, organizations, congregations and others regarding relevant developmental, psychological and relational health issues.

Website: www.guadalupecounseling.org

Marion Independent School District

Address: P.O. Box 189
Marion, Texas 78124
Phone: 830-914-2803 / Fax: 830-420-2300

Services: Educational

Website: www.marion.txed.net

Marion Police Department

Address: 303 S. Center Street / P.O. Box 158
Marion, Texas 78124
Phone: 830-914-2391 / Fax: 830-420-4460

Services: Law Enforcement

Website: www.marionpd.org

Medical Transportation Program

Phone: 1-877-633-8747

Services: Transportation to and from doctor, dentist, hospital or drugstore.

Website: <http://www.dot.state.tx.us/PTN/mtp/mtphone.htm>

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

Services: 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.

Website: www.mhm.org

Navarro Independent School District

Address: P.O. Drawer 10
Geronimo, Texas 78115

Phone: 830-372-1930 / Fax: 830-372-1853

Services: Educational

Website: www.navarro.isd.net

Personal Development Services

Address: P.O. Box 1103
Lancaster, Texas 75146

Phone: 800-775-3220 / Fax: 972-227-9562

Services: Programs that address Bad Check/Theft, Assault/Domestic Violence/Anger Management, Alcohol Awareness, Drug Awareness, General Offenders

Website: www.pdsprograms.com

Rural Area Parenting Program Services (Rapps)

Address: P.O. Box 1447
Seguin, Texas 78156
Phone: 830-303-9225
Services: Parenting, Anger Management and Alcohol Awareness
Website: www.seguinrapps.org

SAMM Ministries

Address: 5922 Blanco Road
San Antonio, Texas 78216
Phone: 210-979-6188
Services: Transitional living and learning center, emergency shelter, transitional housing and permanent housing, furniture for a cause.
Website: www.samm.org

SAMM Emergency Shelter

Address: 910 W. Commerce
San Antonio, Texas 78207
Phone: 210-224-5838 / Fax: 210-224-5999
Services: Homeless Shelter, Food, Long-Term and Short-Term services
Website: www.samm.org

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
Services: In collaboration with 380 partner agencies, we distribute food to more than 40,000 families every month through various programs.
Website: www.safoodbank.org

Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City Independent School District

Address: 1060 Elbel Road
Schertz, Texas 78154
Phone: 210-945-6200 / Fax: 210-945-6250
Services: Educational
Website: www.scuc.txed.net

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
Services: Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP) Placement
Website: www.scuc.txed.net

Schertz Police Department

Address: 1400 Schertz Parkway, Building 6
Schertz, Texas 78154
Phone: 210-619-1212 / Fax: 210-619-1220
Services: Law Enforcement
Website: www.schertz.com

Seguin Emergency Food Pantry

Address: 767 South Saunders
Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone: 830-372-4900 / Fax: 830-433-4497
Services: Seguin Emergency Food Pantry provides food to those in need.
Email: ask4help@yahoo.com

Seguin Family Institute

Address: 1312 N. King Street
Seguin, Texas 78155

Phone: 830-372-4909 / Fax: 830-303-4220

Services: Individual and Family Therapy, Coaching, Parenting Courses (PALS), Sex Offender Treatment, Evaluations and Testing and Anger Management

Website: www.seguinfamily.com

Seguin Independent School District

Address: 1221 E. Kingsbury Street
Seguin, Texas 78155

Phone: 830-372-5771 / Fax: 830-379-0392

Counties Served: Guadalupe County

Services: Education related services including special education, pre-K services, homeless services, migrant services, parenting center and adult GED referral.

Website: www.seguin.k12.tx.us

Seguin Police Department

Address: 350 N. Guadalupe Street
Seguin, Texas 78155

Phone: 830-379-2123 / Fax: 830-401-2379

Services: Law Enforcement Agency

Website: <http://www.ci.seguin.tx.us>

Seguin Police Department – Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.)

Address: 350 N. Guadalupe Street
Seguin, Texas 78155

Phone: 830-401-2386 / Fax: 830-401-2379

Services: Drug Abuse Resistance Education (*D.A.R.E.*) - is a combined effort of law enforcement officers, educators, students, parents and the community to offer an education program designed to prevent substance abuse and violence by educating children to recognize and resist the pressures that influence them to experiment with alcohol, tobacco and drugs.

Website: www.ci.seguin.tx.us/police/dare.htm

Seguin Youth Services

Address: 919 N. Guadalupe Street
Seguin, Texas 78155

Phone: 830-401-0717 / Fax: 830-401-0785

Services: In school and after school prevention services for students from 3rd Grade through High School.

Website: www.seguinyouthservices.org

Selma Police Department

Address: 9375 Corporate Drive
Selma, Texas 78154

Phone: 210-651-5368 / Fax: 210-651-3272

Services: Law Enforcement

Website: www.ci.selma.tx.us

Teddy Buerger Center

Address: 1215 E. Court St.
Seguin Texas 78155

Phone: 830-401-7367 / Fax: 830-372-5858

Services: Outpatient Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
Ages 6 and up for mental health services, ages 12 and older for substance abuse services

Website: www.grmc.com

Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services

Address: 312 S. Saunders
Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone: 830-379-8120 / Fax: 830-379-3982
Services: Vocational Rehabilitation Services
Website: www.dars.state.tx.us

Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

Address: 612 Jefferson
Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone: 830-401-5734 / Fax: 512-934-9619
Services: Various services provided including: Child Protective Services and Investigations, Adult Protective Services & Investigations, Child Care Licensing and Adoption and Foster Care Placement and Training
Website: www.dfps.state.tx.us

Texas Elks Children's Services

Address: 1963 F.M. 1586
Gonzales, Texas 78629
Phone: 830-875-2425 / Fax: 830-875-5455
Website: www.elks.org

Texas Lions Camp

Address:	Local Address:	Texas Lions Camp Office Address
	142 Chaparral Drive	P.O. Box 290247
	Seguin, Texas 78155	Kerrville, Texas 78029-0247
Phone:	830-303-5911	830-896-8500
Fax:	830-896-3666	
Services:	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.	
Website:	www.lionscamp.com	

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
Services: Law Enforcement
Website: www.tlu.edu

Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (TRLA)

Address: Call for nearest office
Phone: 1-888-988-9996
Services: 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
Website: www.trla.org

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
Services: A Texas Medicaid managed care program for people who have disabilities or are age 65 or older OR children age 20 and younger who have Medicaid and get SSI can be in STAR+PLUS. People in STAR+PLUS get Medicaid health-care and long-term services and support through a medical plan that they choose. Long-term services and support includes things like: Help in your home with basic daily activities, Help in making changes to your home so you can safely move around, Short-term care to provide a break for caregivers and Help with things that need to get done.
Website: www.hhsc.state.tx.us/starplus

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Address: 8940 Fourwinds Drive
San Antonio, Texas 78239

Phone: 210-871-7065 / Toll Free 1-800-375-5283

Services: Citizenship, adoption, green cards, employment authorization and general immigration services

Website: www.uscis.gov

Interagency Cooperation

The following is a description of how the various resources listed in the previous pages could cooperatively work together to accomplish the goal of closing identified gaps in services:

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 the new factories and businesses that have come to our town such as Caterpillar which will create over 1,400 new jobs and provide significant increase in the economies of not only Guadalupe County but 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 for our County. Through agency collaboration we are able to address new growth and plan services accordingly.

Long-Range Plan Development, Monitoring and Evaluation

The Guadalupe County Community Planning Team works in conjunction with other planning groups in the county to ensure a regular exchange of ideas. Individuals active in the planning process generally serve on many of these committees and share mutual concerns.

The Guadalupe County Community Planning Team strives to meet periodically to review the Plan and make necessary additions and deletions. At least one formal meeting of the entire group is held each fall, but agency and community representatives typically submit suggestions and changes via telephone and e-mail throughout the year to the Community Planning Coordinator.

Drafts and annual updates of the Community Plan are circulated by e-mail with requests for comments, changes, etc. Wherever possible e-mail is used to reduce the need for meetings, printing, postage, etc.

It is the intent of the Community Planning Group to improve outcomes for Guadalupe County families struggling with problems described in the Plan's focus areas. Efforts are being made by many Guadalupe County agencies and organizations to address problems with local funds as well as grant funds from multiple state and federal sources. To the extent that these funds are available, the Community Planning Team will continue to encourage agencies to provide programming that addresses the outlined focus areas.

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<http://www.co.guadalupe.tx.us> AND <http://www.aacog.com>

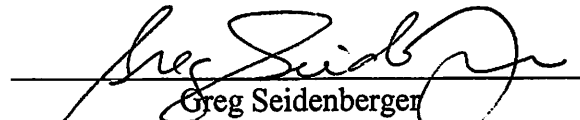
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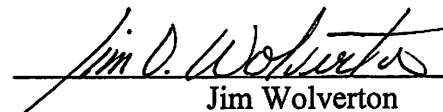
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