Violence Prevention Initiatives
Childhood & Youth Committee

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Violence Prevention Utilizing a Public Health Approach

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The public health approach is a four-step process rooted in the scientific method and adopted from the CDC.

This approach is multidisciplinary, and the collective action of key collaborators support to address problems like violence.

Violence Prevention Strategies Engaging Families & Schools

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Provide quality education early in life

- Preschool enrichment with family engagement



Create protective community environments

- Modify the physical and social environment



Strengthen youth's skills

- Universal school-based programs



Connect youth to caring adults and activities

- Mentoring Programs
- After-school Programs

Protective Factors Against Delinquency for Youth

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High expectations and positive/resilient temperament

- Resilient personality
- Prosocial orientation
- Easy-going temperament
- Sense of purpose and positive future
- Socially outgoing
- Low irritability and impulsivity

Social competencies and problem-solving skills

- Self-efficacy
- Feelings of self-worth
- Youth employment
- Conflict resolution skills
- Life skills
- Resistance skills
- Communication skills
- High IQ

Healthy/conventional beliefs and commitment to community and school

- Planning to go to college
- Interest in/commitment to school, hobbies, and work
- Involved in meaningful activities (such as tutoring or volunteering)
- Academic aspirations
- Cultural identity

Involvement in organized religious activities

- Frequency of praying and attending religious events
- Perceived importance of religion
- Religious identity

Violence Prevention Initiatives Implemented and Supported by HHD

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HHD Initiatives

- See to Succeed Program
- Community Reentry Network Program
- Peer Wellness Program
- Violence Prevention Programs (Credible Messengers, Community Violence Interruption, Reentry Expansion)

HHD – MBK Initiatives

- Win-Win Initiative
- Social Justice Learning Institute: Urban Scholars
- Communities in Schools: XYZone
- MBK ReDirect



WHAT IS SEE TO SUCCEED?

See to Succeed (STS) provides comprehensive eye exams and corrective eye wear at no cost to children.

DOWNSTREAM IMPACT

In a study of HISD at-risk students during AY 2015-16, the performance of students who received glasses from the See to Succeed Program improved as follows:

- 80% of students who previously failed reading or math passed.
- 52% of chronically absent students attended at least 90% of the school year.
- 53% of students with prior disciplinary actions experienced no further disciplinary problems.

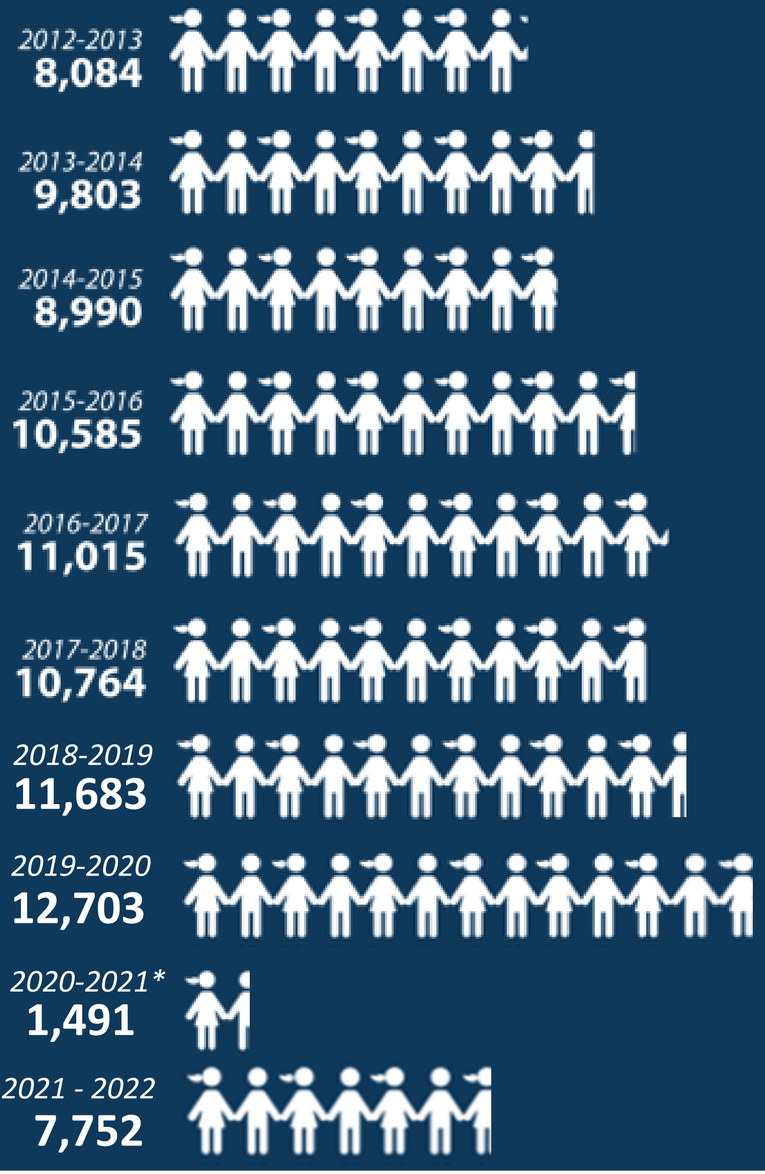


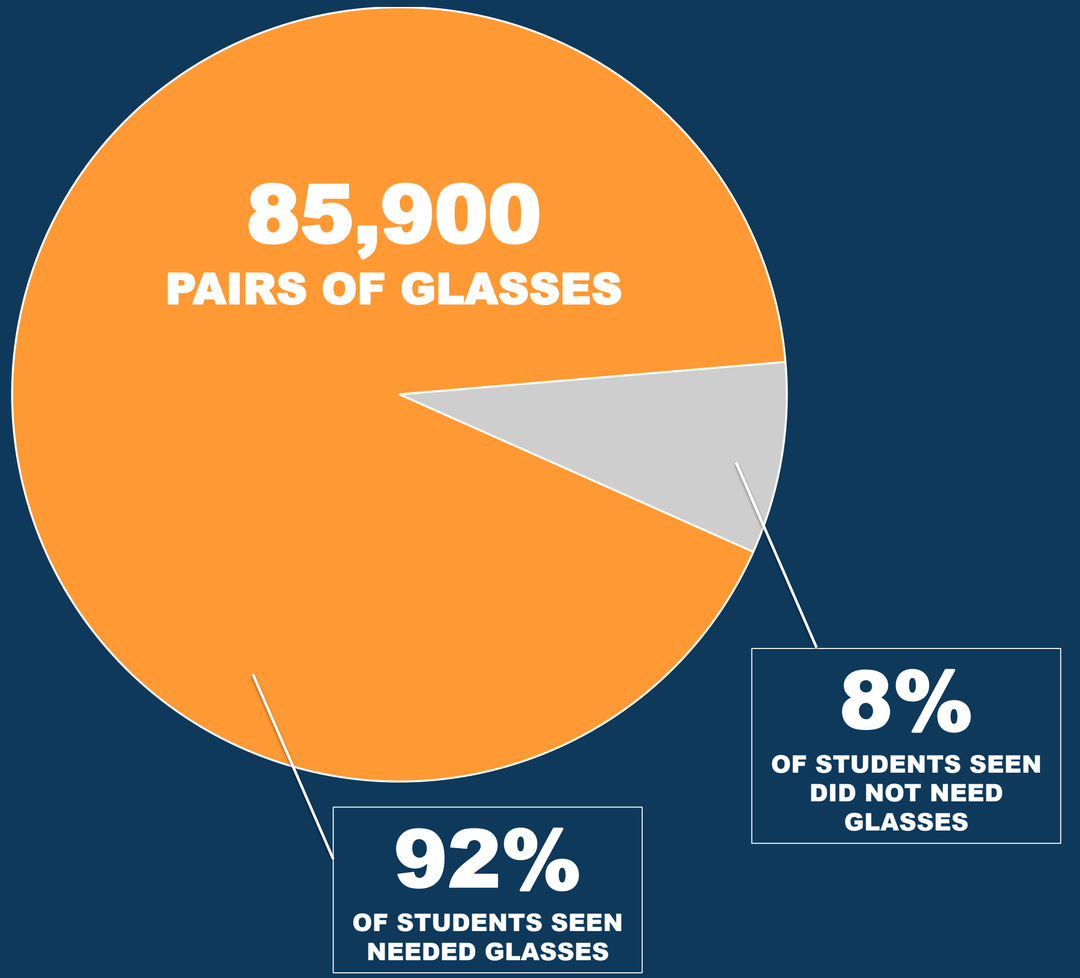




HIGH IMPACT –

Number of Children Examined/ Glasses Provided Since Inception of Program





***Covid-modified school year** -
Exams were done by appointment only, no field trips.

TOTAL: 92,870

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Law and the Community: A Win-Win

Purpose:
The Win-Win Workshop empowers participants to have successful encounters with law enforcement focusing on de-escalation.

Outcomes:

- 731 participants served over the last 3 school years throughout the community



Social Justice Learning Institute (SJLI): Urban Scholars

The SJLI-Urban Scholars program engages youth with the goals of:

- Improving the education, health, and well being of youth and communities of color by empowering them to enact social change through research, training, and community mobilization.

Total Students	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
All Schools	100	116	158

Program Outcomes:

- 100% Graduation for all Urban Scholars seniors and successful post-secondary transition.
- 90% Attendance average for Urban Scholars throughout 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.
- 70% passing rate for core math courses across all schools.
- 71% passing rate for core science courses across all schools.
- 68% passing rate for core English courses across all schools.

Communities In Schools (CIS): XYZone

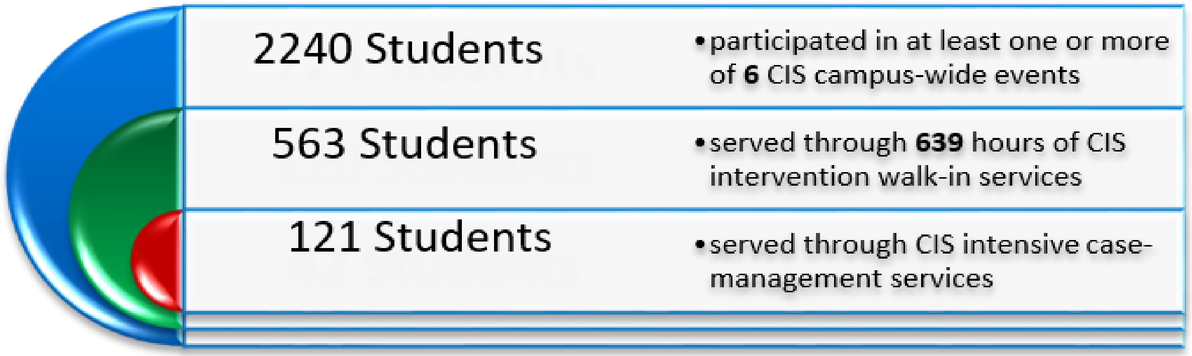
Overview:

- Communities In Schools (CIS) is a campus-based Dropout Prevention initiative proven to decrease dropout rates and increase graduation rates.

- XYZone implementation begin in 2017 at Scarborough High School as part of an MBK early warning system and wrap around system of care.

- The XY-Zone strategy provides leadership development and peer support to help at-risk male youth build skills and transition into adulthood.

2018-2021 School Years CIS Students Served at Scarborough HS



My Brother's Keeper (MBK) ReDirect Diversion Program

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Overview:

- This initiative provides intensive case management, mentoring, referrals, and evidence-based interventions as an alternative to incarceration for boys and young men of color ages 12 – 17 years.
- Referrals come from Harris County Juvenile Probation Department

Outcomes

✓ Total # of Justice Involved and Other High-Risk Youth Referred by the Community Enrollment: 64

✓ Total # of Youth Rearrested During FY22: 11

✓ Of those rearrested, total # of youth placed in a detention setting: 6

✓ Total # of youth obtaining volunteer/community service hours: 10

✓ Total # of youth working to attain an educational goal (i.e. HS Diploma, other training): 60

MBK ReDirect Program Success Story

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SB enrolled in ReDirect during Spring 2022. A basketball fanatic and high school sophomore, everyone could tell he had vision and promise. He needed support and mentorship.



His most memorable experience was attending a Houston Rockets basketball game with ReDirect. During the game, staff noticed how he struggled to see. The staff linked the family to HHD's See to Succeed program for the glasses he needed.

Things continued to improve. By Summer 2022, SB was enrolled in summer school, he was employed by the COH Summer Jobs Program, and he actively participated in MBK ReDirect.

SB is a stellar example of how mentoring, opportunities and support can improve outcomes one youth at a time.

Community Reentry Network Program (CRNP) Background

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Established in 2008

The Community Re-Entry Network Program (CRNP) provides support to ex-offenders by identifying physical and behavioral health needs. CRNP links individuals to healthcare services, supportive housing, family reunification, soft skills training, and workforce development.



Program Components

- Focuses on Cognitive Restructuring (Thinking For A Change or Moral Recognition Therapy)
- Workforce Development and Peer Support
- Maintaining and Improving Mental and Physical Health
- Professionalism and Interview Etiquette
- Financial Literacy

COMMUNITY RE-ENTRY NETWORK PROGRAM

Community Reentry Network Program (CRNP) Outcomes

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Outcomes from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

Outreach: 855

Enrollment: 474

Total graduating the program: 283

Total employed and/or completing an educational/vocational program: 150

3-year recidivism rate: 7.8%

COMMUNITY RE-ENTRY NETWORK PROGRAM

CRNP FY22 Capacity Building Initiatives

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Workforce

Development of CRNP Workforce Advisory Council to include local, statewide and national employment partners



Partnership

Development of Houston Reentry Collaborative to work in partnership with city-wide reentry providers



Innovation

Development of virtual class offerings to support participant needs during COVID-19 pandemic



Training/Certification

Development of partnerships with local community colleges to offer trainings and certifications in high demand fields

Peer Wellness Specialist (PWS) Initiative Overview & Outcomes

- This initiative trains and employs Transition-Aged Youth (TAY) between the ages of 14-24 to be peer mentors.

- TAY who complete this training meet the requirements for the State of Texas Peer Recovery Support Specialist (PRSS) examination.

- PWS provide individual and small group services, offer education and supportive counseling to address mental health, wellness, and career planning.

Student Support

During 20-21 school year, 20% increase in youth reporting not afraid to ask for help.



Goals

Post test indicated 100% of youth believed they had the ability to achieve their goals which was a 12% increase from the pre-test.



Communication

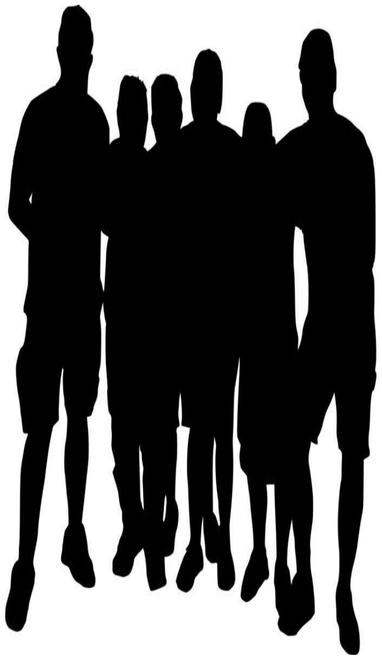
By Spring 2022, only 1% of children believed they had no one to talk to. This was a 7% decrease from Fall 2021.



Upcoming Pilot Initiatives

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Our Mission is to prevent, disrupt, and stop the spread of violence by implementing the following evidence informed programs:



Community Violence Interruption – $2,500,000:

- Interrupt violent acts and prevent retaliation ***(immediate response)***
- Partners with community-based programs
- Outreach, educate and change the social norms of those at highest risk for violence perpetration or victimization

Credible Messengers - $500,000:

- Pair mentors with youth and young adults at highest risk for re-offending or engaging in gang activity ***(long-term)***
- Partner with impacted communities
- Utilize specially trained adults with lived experience

Community Reentry Network Program Expansion- $1,000,000:

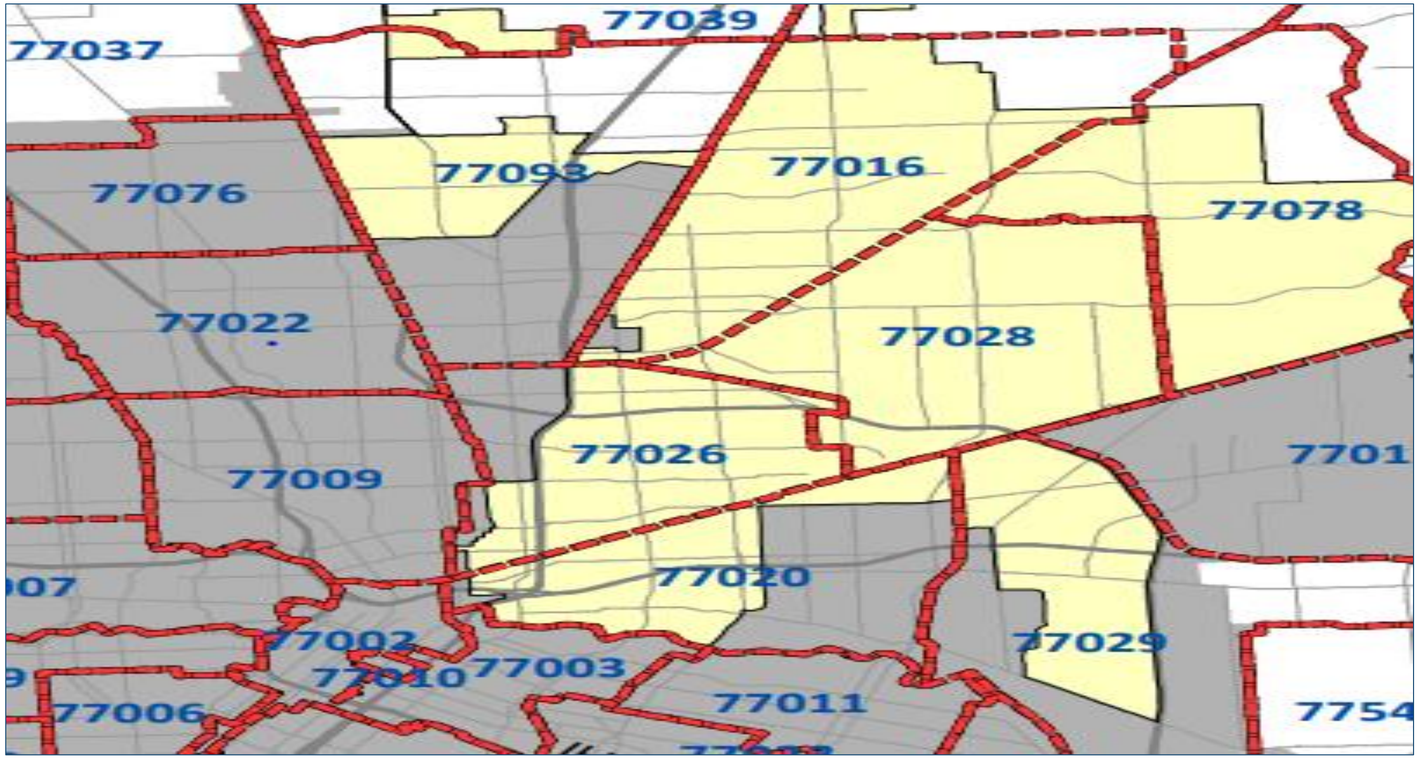
- Support justice impacted individuals with successful community reintegration
- Partner with community-based reentry providers
- Provide services to reduce recidivism critical for increasing public health and safety

Pilot Service Area Data:

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The pilot program will be implemented in the service area as depicted below based on the following criteria:

- High Violent Crime
- Low COVID Vaccine Rates
- High COVID Infection/Death Rates



ZIPCode	Numbe	Number_V	Covid_Case	Covid_Dea	Total_Popul	Crime Rate Per 1,000	Violent Crime Rate Per 1,000	Covid 19 Case Rate Per 1,000	Covid 19 Death Rate Per 1,000	Crime Rate Rank	Violent Crime Rate Rank	Covid 19 Case Rate Rank	Covid 19 Death Rate Rank	Cal with weight	Overall Rank
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