

HAYS COUNTY JUVENILE CENTER PLACEMENT INFORMATION

The Hays County Juvenile Center is a 42,000 square foot pre- and post-adjudication secure correctional facility located at: 2250 Clovis Barker Rd., San Marcos, Texas. The facility is operated by the Hays County Juvenile Board. We have been providing residential services at this location since April 2002 and placement services since October 1995. The residential services offered at the Hays County Juvenile Center are comprised of 34 pre-adjudication detention beds and 114 post-adjudication academy/general offender, mental health, substance abuse treatment beds. All post-adjudication programs are led by Texas approved Licensed Mental Health Professionals and supervised by the Juvenile Mental Health Manager who is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker-Supervisor (LCSW-S).

The post-adjudication academy/mental health program (General Offender) serves adjudicated male offenders ages 15-17, with or without a diagnosed mental health condition. This program is generally 3-6 months in length and is comprised of 1 hour a week of individual counseling, 1 hour daily group counseling and family therapy as needed led by the Juvenile Mental Health Manager and one other Licensed Mental Health Professional. A case manager also assists the Counselors in the provision of services as well. This program is designed to follow a 24 week (6 month) curriculum. Group therapy topics consist of anger management, social skills, mental health, Drug & Alcohol Education and HIV/AIDS awareness. Counselors are responsible for supervising and arranging group counseling sessions, individual sessions, family sessions and coordinate contact with the probation departments.

The post-adjudication substance abuse program (JITP) serves adjudicated male offenders ages 14-17 with a diagnosed substance abuse or dependency problem. This program is designed to follow a 24 week (six month) curriculum. Residents receive a minimum of 10 hours of structured activity per week including 5 hours per week of chemical dependency counseling from two Licensed Mental Health Professionals. Daily groups will consist of 50% Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and 50% Process Group which also integrates life skills and anger management. Each counselor utilizes Evidence Based Practice (EBP) with their clients and evaluates progress during weekly individual sessions. Additionally, residents participate in therapeutic groups, individual counseling and family counseling. Counselors supervise a caseload of no more than 8 residents. The Counselors are responsible for supervising and arranging group counseling sessions, individual sessions, family sessions and coordinate contact with the probation departments.

The Hays County Juvenile Center offers a vocational program in partnership with Austin Community College. This program is led by a Certified National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) Instructor, who teaches post-adjudicated residents a trade in construction, HVAC, and electrical work. Over the course of 10 to 13 weeks, residents gain hands-on experience in the trade while working on a class project. Additionally, participants have the opportunity to earn their OSHA 10 certification. To successfully complete the program, residents must pass a series of tests to earn certification in their chosen trade.

Educational services are provided by the John H. Wood Jr. Inspire Academy Charter School (BraiNation). Residents are assessed upon admittance for grade placement and will receive TEA recognized credits for completed course work on a six week schedule. Regular and Special Education services are available for all residents. The JHW Inspire Academy Charter School (BraiNation) has a principal, social worker, school psychologist and Special Education coordinator available for appropriate services. If alternative schooling is more appropriate, GED preparation and testing services are available upon request of the placing agency.

Basic medical services are provided on site by Wellpath, LLC. The Hays County Juvenile Center is located within two miles of contracted doctors for routine medical needs and the Central Texas Medical Center for emergency situations. The Hays County Juvenile Center also contracts with a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist for those residents in need of continued or evaluative mental health services. Routine psychiatric services are provided bi-weekly on-site, and by appointment only off-site.

The Hays County Juvenile Center has an in-house kitchen that provides three meals and one snack per day. All meals meet, or exceed, the minimum dietary allowances outlined by Texas Juvenile Justice Department standards and the National School Lunch/School Breakfast Program. Recreational services are provided through three outdoor areas and an indoor gym.

The per unit cost for each program will include, but not be limited to: lodging, clothing, hygiene, meals, educational services (including special education), basic medical services provided by a LVN, a minimum of five hours of individual, group and/or family counseling per week, recreation, transportation, individual treatment plans, monthly progress reports and psychiatric services. The medical and counseling staff are present at the facility daily. At a minimum the Counselors provide five hours of individual, group and/or family services per week. Our contracted psychiatrist is available by appointment every week and is included in the per unit cost.

Contracted counties would be expected to pay emergency room, doctor or dental visits. The Hays County Juvenile Center will, except in emergencies, coordinate with the placing agency and appropriate parent/guardian/legal custodian prior to scheduling any doctor or dental visit. Doctor visits generally cost \$45.00 and dental visits are generally \$25.00. Special request for psychiatric services are completed by request only and would be billed to the placing agency.

Hays County Juvenile Center Program Description

Education

- John H. Wood Inspire Academy Charter School (BraiNation) (<http://www.braination.net>)
- Traditional school schedule
- Summer Programs
- TEA recognized credit for completed courses
- GED
- 6 week schedule
- Regular and Special Education services
- Principal and Registrar on site
- Social Worker, School Psychologist and Special Education Coordinator available

Academy/Mental Health Program (GO)

- Male program (15 to 17 years of age)
- 3-6 month program
- 5-10 hours of Group, Individual or Family counseling per week
- Anger Management, Social Skills, Mental Health, Drug/Alcohol Education, and HIV/AIDS Awareness
- Juvenile Mental Health Manager and 1 LPC-Intern supervises and implements services
- Supplemental services provided by a case manager

Juvenile Intensive Treatment Program (JITP)

- Male program (15 to 17 years of age)
- 5-6 month program
- Minimum of 10 hours of structured activity per week, including 5 hours of chemical dependency counseling
- Therapeutic groups, Individual counseling and Family counseling
- TCADA licensure – Level II Adolescent Outpatient
- Supervised by the Juvenile Mental Health Manager
- Two Licensed Mental Health Professionals implement services
- Supplemental services provided by a case manager

Skilled Trades Program is designed to provide young males (ages 15-17) with hands-on training and foundational skills in key trades such as Construction, HVAC, and Electrical Work. This program equips students with the essential knowledge and practical experience needed to pursue a career in the skilled trades. Led by a Certified NCCER Instructor, students will receive industry-recognized certification upon completion, opening doors to further education and employment opportunities.

Program Details:

- Duration: 10-13 weeks, with flexible schedules to accommodate busy lifestyles.
- Frequency: Classes meet 3 times a week, each session lasting 2-3 hours.
- Certification: Students will earn official NCCER certification and OSHA 10 certification, recognized by employers across the construction and trade industries.

Key Areas of Study:

1. Construction:
 - Introduction to basic construction techniques and tools.
 - Safety protocols and site management.
2. HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning):
 - Fundamentals of HVAC systems and their installation.
 - Troubleshooting and maintenance skills.
3. Electrical Work:
 - Basic electrical theory and wiring techniques.
 - Hands-on projects covering residential and commercial systems.

Benefits:

- Hands-on Learning: Gain practical experience with real-world tools and systems.
- Industry Certification: Earn credentials that are recognized by employers across the country.
- Career Pathways: The skills learned in this program can lead to apprenticeships or entry-level positions in the trades.

Why Enroll?

This program prepares young men for a successful career in the growing skilled trades sector, offering both immediate job prospects and long-term career growth. It's an excellent opportunity to learn from certified professionals in a structured, supportive environment.