

1964

delinquent  
**CHILDREN**  
dependent

**ANNUAL REPORT**

HARRIS COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPT.  
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PROBATION DEPARTMENT  
OF  
HARRIS COUNTY  
December 31, 1964

The Honorable Juvenile Board  
The Honorable Commissioners Court  
All Citizens of Harris County, Texas

Sirs:

The following report of all services of the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department for the year 1964 is hereby submitted.

The present picture is alarming in the fact that it is ever increasing in the number of children and youth involved in neglect and delinquency. The present service cannot keep pace with the demand even though efforts by the Juvenile Board, Commissioners Court, and community continue.

The current appraisal of the situation clearly spells out the need for immediate attention in providing personnel and facilities in all areas of probation service. It is the conviction of all involved in working in the problem area that our community must be aware of the situation. An attitude of complacency on the part of our community will produce a greater, more complex problem.

The cooperation received from the Juvenile Divisions of the Houston Police Department, Harris County Sheriff's Office and all police departments in the County, combined with the efforts of service organizations, public and private agencies, and individual citizens has been of great assistance in helping the children and families we serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Irick".

Paul Irick  
Chief Probation Officer

# DELINQUENCY REFERRALS

## BY AGE, RACE, SEX AND OFFENSE

AGE . . .	<u>BOYS</u>			<u>GIRLS</u>			TOTAL
	WHITE	COLORED	LATIN	WHITE	COLORED	LATIN	
10 . . . . .	156	124	39	14	15	3	351
11 . . . . .	140	136	45	10	14	4	349
12 . . . . .	217	179	113	56	32	22	619
13 . . . . .	419	286	147	81	73	46	1052
14 . . . . .	596	399	229	175	97	46	1542
15 . . . . .	748	423	216	161	115	61	1724
16 . . . . .	903	510	247	168	72	57	1957
17 . . . . .	0	0	0	97	46	21	164
	<u>3179</u>	<u>2057</u>	<u>1036</u>	<u>762</u>	<u>464</u>	<u>260</u>	<u>7758</u>

OFFENSES . . .	<u>BOYS</u>			<u>GIRLS</u>			TOTAL
	WHITE	COLORED	LATIN	WHITE	COLORED	LATIN	
Auto Theft . . . . .	305	101	110	34	0	2	552
Robbery . . . . .	8	29	2	1	2	0	42
Burglary . . . . .	687	559	230	39	30	13	1558
Other Theft . . . . .	710	609	232	94	96	57	1798
Truancy . . . . .	56	66	26	15	17	5	185
Run Away . . . . .	322	142	98	314	180	117	1173
Ungovernable . . . . .	98	38	22	60	34	13	265
Sex Offense . . . . .	85	44	18	62	20	18	247
Drugs . . . . .	4	1	0	3	4	0	12
Injury to Person . . . . .	94	27	17	15	15	4	172
Mal. Mischief . . . . .	435	221	122	48	28	12	866
Traffic . . . . .	42	5	6	1	2	0	56
Arson . . . . .	11	7	6	16	10	4	54
Other . . . . .	322	208	147	60	26	15	778
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# DELINQUENCY REFERRALS

## DELINQUENT CHILDREN PROCESSED THROUGH JUVENILE COURT

### Number of Cases Referred to Juvenile Court

	BOYS			GIRLS			TOTAL
	WHITE	COLORED	LATIN	WHITE	COLORED	LATIN	
New Cases . . . . .	663	367	215	113	91	51	1500
Re-Opened . . . . .	189	94	76	29	26	8	422
TOTAL . . . . .	852	461	291	142	117	59	1922

### DISPOSITION

Committed Texas							
Youth Council . . . . .	95	135	41	10	20	5	306
Committed Harris							
County Boy's School . . . . .	39	0	14	0	0	0	53
Committed Convent of							
The Good Shepherd . . . . .	0	0	0	24	0	2	26

### DECLARED DELINQUENT

Probation to Parents . . . . .	229	66	83	13	4	6	401
Probation to Father . . . . .	23	5	7	5	2	1	43
Probation to Mother . . . . .	71	71	31	12	20	5	210
Probation to Relatives . . . . .	38	18	11	11	9	4	91
Probation to Others . . . . .	19	7	2	10	4	2	44
Order Corrected . . . . .	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Cases Pending, Passed							
and Postponed . . . . .	262	131	80	34	30	16	553
Cancelled and Reset . . . . .	55	18	16	17	20	14	140
Dependent-Parental							
Rights Terminated . . . . .	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Dependent-Placed in							
Foster Home . . . . .	4	0	0	0	2	0	6
Petition Denied . . . . .	10	7	6	4	6	2	35
Otto's Boys Ranch . . . . .	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Harris County							
Children's Home . . . . .	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Petition Dismissed . . . . .	1	2	0	0	0	2	5
Lubbock Children's							
Home . . . . .	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Boy's Harbor . . . . .	1	0	0	0	0	0	1

# DEPENDENCY REFERRALS

## TOTAL NUMBER CHILDREN PROCESSED AS DEPENDENT AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN THROUGH DEPARTMENT

Dependent and Neglect (only)	CASES				CHILDREN			
	WHITE	COLORED	LATIN	TOTAL	WHITE	COLORED	LATIN	TOTAL
Under Supervision								
First Day of Year . . . . .	199	133	36	368	547	412	137	1096
Added During Year . . . . .	419	176	82	677	1043	557	225	1825
Closed During Year . . . . .	364	171	72	607	963	534	210	1707
On Hand Last Day								
Of Year . . . . .	254	138	46	438	627	435	152	1214

### DISPOSITION — COURT CASES DEPENDENCY

	WHITE	COLORED	LATIN	TOTAL
Number of New Cases Referred to Court				
New Cases . . . . .	139	39	17	195
Re-Opened Cases . . . . .	92	12	9	113
Total Number of Cases . . . . .	231	51	26	308

#### DISPOSITION BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN:

	WHITE	COLORED	LATIN	TOTAL
Harris County Children's Home . . . . .	0	13	0	13
Placed at Burnett-Bayland Home . . . . .	102	0	17	119
Placed in Foster Homes . . . . .	32	10	0	42
Custody to Both Parents . . . . .	13	8	0	21
Custody to Father . . . . .	5	4	0	9
Custody to Mother . . . . .	30	3	0	33
Custody to Others . . . . .	8	0	0	8
Custody to Relatives . . . . .	49	29	15	93
Custody to Negro Child Center . . . . .	0	1	0	1
Custody to Buckners . . . . .	1	0	0	1
Custody to Boles . . . . .	3	0	0	3
Custody to Corsicana . . . . .	10	0	1	11
Custody to Convent . . . . .	9	0	2	11
Custody to Waco . . . . .	9	0	4	13
Custody to Texas Baptist Children's Home	1	0	0	1
Parental Rights Terminated . . . . .	18	0	0	18
Passed, Reset, or Continued . . . . .	175	35	9	219
Denied or Dismissed . . . . .	22	10	8	40
Boys Harbor . . . . .	2	0	2	4
Declared Delinquent - TYC . . . . .	4	4	1	9
Declared Delinquent - Custody Paul Irick.	0	1	0	1
Declared Delinquent - Custody Mother . .	0	1	0	1
Other . . . . .	10	0	0	10
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>681</b>

# Institutional and Foster Home Program

DETENTION HOME	WHITE	COLORED	LATIN	TOTAL
Boys Detained . . . . .	946	888	431	2265
Girls Detained . . . . .	408	211	119	738

## HARRIS COUNTY BOYS SCHOOL (Home for Delinquent Boys)

Boys in Harris County Boys School - First Day of Year . . . . .	44	21	65
Boys Received During Year . . . . .	40	13	53
Boys Released During Year . . . . .	34	16	50
Boys in Home - Last Day of Year . . . . .	50	18	68

## BURNETT-BAYLAND HOME (Home for Neglected Children)

	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
Children in Institution - First Day of Year . . . . .	46	49	95
Children Received During Year . . . . .	300	285	585
Children Released During Year . . . . .	274	271	545
Children in Home - Last Day of Year . . . . .	72	63	135

## HARRIS COUNTY CHILDREN'S HOME (Emergency Home for Negro Children)

Children in Home - First Day of Year . . . . .	14
Children Received During Year . . . . .	192
Children Released During Year . . . . .	172
Children in Home - Last Day of Year . . . . .	34

	DEPENDENT CHILDREN		DELINQUENT CHILDREN	
	PAID	FREE	PAID	FREE
FOSTER HOMES				
Children in Foster Homes - First Day of Year . . . . .	185	32	3	2
Children Received During Year . . . . .	316	37	28	0
Children Released During Year . . . . .	243	37	19	1
Children in Foster Homes - Last Day of Year . . . . .	258	32	12	1

FOSTER HOMES PUT TO USE DURING YEAR . . . . . 111

## SPECIAL SERVICES for Courts of Domestic Relations and Other Agencies

Custody Investigations Received	169
Adoption Investigations Received	1162
Federal Agency and Armed Forces Inquiries	668
O.T.I's Received (Out-of-town Investigations)	146

## SUPPORT SERVICES

The Receiving and Disbursing of Funds for the Support of Minor Children  
Ordered through Divorce Actions By Court

Number Cases Active January 1, 1964	6243
Total Number Cases During Year	9940
Number Children Receiving Support	19,918

TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED AND DISBURSED \$7,013,969.70

### NOTES

In Summary, the graphic and numerical content depict again the growth of the problem, the factor that limits the effectiveness of probation service.

The Effects:

DELINQUENCY:

Many children referred for minor offenses cannot be given any assistance until their situation becomes acute in the sense that they become involved in major offenses.

DEPENDENCY-NEGLECT:

We currently service only the extreme emergency cases. In a majority of cases, the children referred are so physically and psychologically damaged that custodial care is immediately required. Foster Homes are now at the highest population ever. Our emergency care institutions operate at peak capacity, and some facilities are inadequate.

These multi-problem children receive the necessary care, however, limitation in remedial treatment and limitations in working out plans for their future are placed upon the children because of the limited number of workers that perform this service.

## HARRIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

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HONORABLE BILL ELLIOTT, County Judge

### COMMISSIONERS

W. KYLE CHAPMAN ..... Precinct Number 1  
V. V. RAMSEY ..... Precinct Number 2  
PHILIP E. SAYERS ..... Precinct Number 3  
E. A. LYONS, JR ..... Precinct Number 4

### HARRIS COUNTY JUVENILE BOARD

HONORABLE BILL ELLIOTT, County Judge  
Chairman of the Board

### JUDGES

Honorable George E. Cire	165th District Court
Honorable Warren P. Cunningham, Jr.	164th District Court
Honorable Sam W. Davis	Criminal District Court Number 5
Honorable Lewis Dickson	125th District Court
Honorable Edmund B. Duggan	Criminal District Court
Honorable William M. Hatten	Court of Domestic Relations Number 2
Honorable William M. Holland	127th District Court
Honorable Wilmer B. Hunt	133rd District Court
Honorable Byron Johnson	80th District Court
Honorable Arnold H. Krichamer	Criminal District Court Number 4
Honorable Arthur C. Leshar, Jr.	Court of Domestic Relations Number 4
Honorable Miron A. Love	Criminal District Court Number 3
Honorable W. Sears McGee	55th District Court
Honorable J. W. Mills	Court of Domestic Relations
Honorable Ben Moorhead	11th District Court
Honorable Wendell A. Odom	Criminal District Court Number 2
Honorable Phil Peden	157th District Court
Honorable John Snell, Jr.	152nd District Court
Honorable Thomas J. Stovall, Jr.	129th District Court
Honorable Bert H. Tunks	113th District Court
Honorable Ben F. Wilson	61st District Court
Honorable Ben Woodall	Court of Domestic Relations Number 3

### THE JUVENILE COURT

Judge of the Juvenile Court ..... HONORABLE ARTHUR C. LESHER, JR.  
Referee of the Juvenile Court ..... EDWARD ROCHE