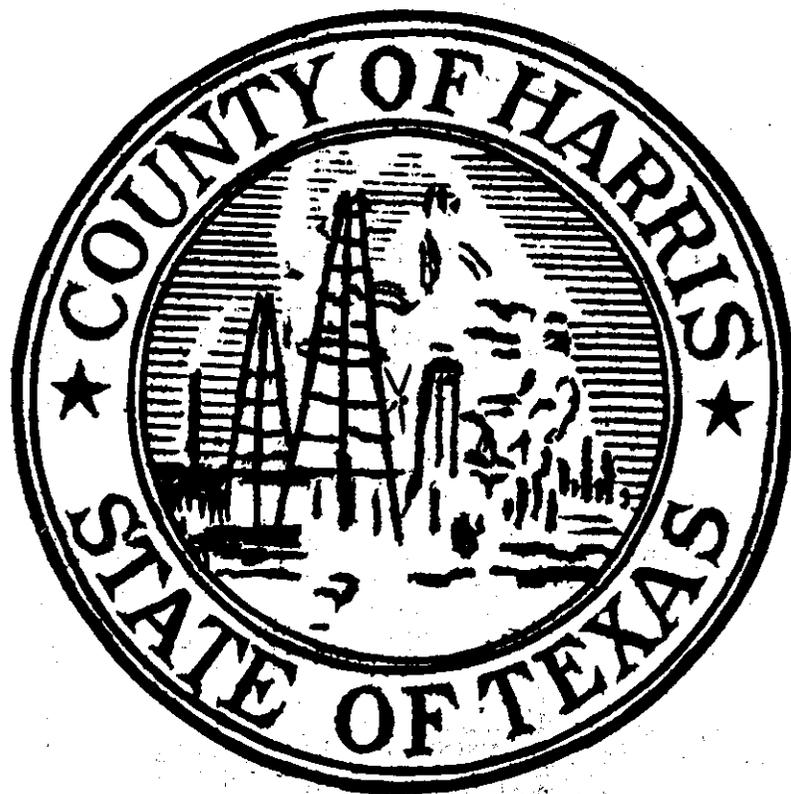


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TO: The Honorable Commissioners' Court
 All Citizens of Houston and Harris County

It is our hope to present this report for 1975 with two concepts in mind: A limited statistical overview of juvenile problems in our county, and an overview of the Juvenile Court's and the Juvenile Probation Department's involvement in seeking answers to these problems.

Consistent with the best Juvenile Court procedures, we have sought to be open and responsive to the needs of protecting both juvenile and public rights.

The Probation Department offers as comprehensive a service spectrum as possible, with services to the Courts of Jurisdiction; casework supervision of children, community geographical dispersion, public prevention programs, and resources properly designed to meet the needs of the children involved.

The Juvenile Probation Department, Child Welfare Unit, and Mental Health/Mental Retardation Authority, jointly plans and implements services and facilities for children and youth with able assistance from the Houston Police Department, Sheriff's Office, District Attorney, and all Harris County Public Schools and Private Agencies.

The Department is "open" to the public and uses multiple educational opportunities for awareness of the Juvenile Justice challenge. The public also shares in defining and solving the needs through volunteer programs, of counselling and friendship to children, and cooperating with the extensive needs of probation services.

The Probation Department assures the Commissioners' Court and the Citizens of Harris County that its efforts to prevent and solve Juvenile Delinquency are based upon a comprehensive methodology and staffed by dedicated professionals. It is with continued hope and concern that this report is submitted.

HARRIS COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART, 1975

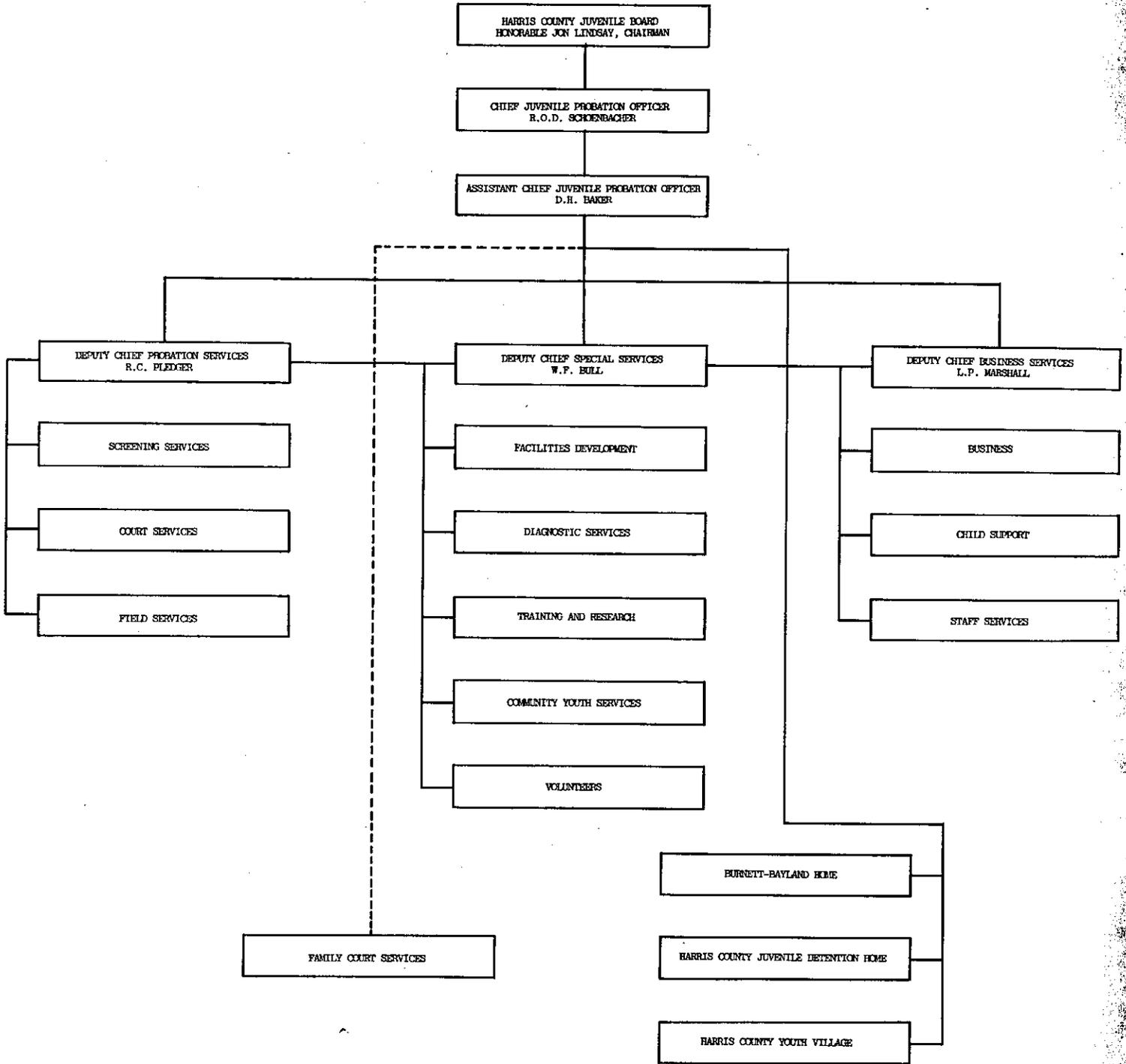


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I. PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

This Division is responsible for the financial affairs of all Sections under the jurisdiction of the Chief Juvenile Probation Officer. It prepares the annual budget for the Juvenile Board and advises and assists in the preparation of budgets for Probation Services and institutions. The Division initiates and approves purchase orders. It controls and supervises the work of supporting services which handle personnel, payroll, inventory, microfilm records, building maintenance, building construction, and security.

PROBATION SERVICES

As prescribed by law under the direction of the Juvenile Courts of Harris County, delinquent offenders and Children In Need of Supervision (CHINS) are referred to this Department for treatment and prevention of further offenses.

Its present program is to provide twenty-four (24) hour quality screening service; to maintain communication between the Probation Department and other law enforcement bodies; to provide pre-court and post-court investigation of children in need of help. Its aim is to prevent and treat juvenile delinquency at the community level through Community Unit Probation Services (CUPS).

SCREENING SERVICES

The screening service process is a unique and valuable tool for the Juvenile Courts. It permits the courts to screen on jurisdictional and social grounds. It screens out cases which need no further court process thereby saving the courts time-consuming procedures in dismissals. It provides the mechanics for referral of cases to other agencies when appropriate and beneficial to the child. It is a real help in controlling the courts' caseloads. It operates on a twenty-four (24) hour basis in the sensitive area of direct contact with the police and other community

agencies, whereby Screening Services Intake can enhance the community's good, communication, understanding the Juvenile Courts' role.

Intake, as directed by the Juvenile Courts and the Family Code, conducts a preliminary investigation to determine whether:

- 1) The person referred to Juvenile Court is a child within the meaning of the Family Code;
- 2) there is probable cause to believe the child engaged in delinquent conduct or conduct indicating a need for supervision; and
- 3) further proceedings in the case are in the interest of the child or the public.

If a child is brought to the detention center, Intake immediately makes an investigation and releases the child if it appears his detention is unwarranted. If the child is not released, a request is made for a detention hearing to be held within two days.

COURT SERVICES

This service is engaged after the Intake Officer and the District Attorney have reviewed all requests for judicial intervention and decided that the courts' attention is required. If court attention is necessary, the case is assigned to a member of Court Services staff for appropriate action.

Following the preliminary investigation and determination by Intake that further proceedings in the case are authorized and warranted, Court Services may advise a child on an informal basis for a reasonable period of time not to exceed six (6) months. If preliminary investigation results in a determination that further proceedings are warranted and authorized, a petition for an adjudication is filed immediately.

Upon filing the appropriate petition, the court worker begins an investigation to develop a report to the court. The court report investigation involves the Probation Officer discussing the child's problem in the presence of the parents, securing the child's school records of academic achievement and an evaluation of his social being, and gathering available information regarding his community involvements from community figures who know him. This requires approximately six (6) hours. The court report proposes to discover four (4) basic types of information: the cause for the conduct that brings the child to court; the weaknesses to be overcome; the strengths to build on; and the inter-relationship, communication, physical, emotional, psychological problems to be resolved. The social history having been determined, a concise court report is written inclusive of placement alternatives for the court's consideration.

FIELD SERVICES

This section is involved if the court finds a child in need of rehabilitation. The child is placed on probation for a period not to exceed one (1) year, subject to extensions not to exceed one (1) year each.

Directed by the judge of the Juvenile Court, the Probation Officer assigned the case recognizes that the child did a particular act which constituted an act of crime or delinquency. The purpose of probation is to prevent recurrence of this behavior, with emphasis on present conduct rather than past conduct.

Service to the individual on probation includes individual counseling, group counseling, remedial education, vocational training, job placement, medical care, and various kinds of residential care. The Probation Officer employs one or more of these services in the hope that he can reintegrate the offender into the community.

Field Services (Cont'd)

Our combined services are decentralized into various parts of the community. This type program focuses upon making this Department's services more accessible to the child and parent(s), and thus, more responsible to the community in which the unit is located. Whenever possible, the team model of service delivery is employed. This model is one in which several people with different ability and expertise mesh their skills and resources to assist the child. This technique is especially appropriate for use of volunteers.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Volunteer Services is a supportive service and has the responsibility of developing willing citizens to supplement the Department's professional staff.

We receive our volunteers from such groups as Court Volunteer Services of Harris County; the Junior League of Houston; interns receiving academic credit from thirteen (13) high schools, colleges and universities. The Junior League granted a cash award to this Department for the purpose of producing a foster-home recruitment film. This project will be completed in 1976. The Court Volunteer Services and the Volunteer Action Center of Houston recruit a large portion of our volunteers in all job descriptions. Volunteers are given the same training as our professional staff and are used in virtually every service of our Department.

In 1975, Volunteer Services, along with the co-sponsorship of the Houston Public Library, secured an L.E.A.A. grant for the development of a media center in the Juvenile Detention Home. This endeavor should hasten the child's adjustment during detention.

DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES

The Diagnostic Services Division provides a comprehensive range of medical, mental, and related health care services for children that include, 1) pre/post diagnostic assessment and evaluation of children, and 2) quality health care resources within the community.

PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

Number of Cases Presented at Conference	335
Number of Requests for Testing Submitted	357
Number of Children Tested	297
Number of Tests Administered:	
Intelligence Assessments	84
Complete Psychologicals	<u>210</u>
	<u>974</u> ¹
Number of Persons Administering Tests	28
Number of Group Meetings Held	38
Mental Health Mental Retardation Authority Related Cases	
Consultations:	
Individuals	413
Family	293
Probation Officers	507
Other	<u>109</u>
	<u>1,322</u>
Family Service Bureau	
Referred to by Juvenile Probation Officer	382
Active Cases	332
Children in Group Therapy	<u>118</u>
	<u>832</u>
Consultations by Children's Mental Health Services	80

¹A complete psychological may involve as many as ten separate and distinct tests given to a single child. Thus, the two figures shown above do not total 974.

FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT

Facilities Development was developed in 1970 as a unit of the Special Services Division. Its goal is to provide not only quantitative, but qualitative services to the children in need of substitute home care. The chief functions of this Division serving the Juvenile Courts are: 1) to place adjudicated children in substitute care by utilizing existing public and private facilities that are situated locally, statewide, and out-of-state; 2) to supervise the care and treatment of children in placement; 3) to develop new placements (e.g., group homes, foster homes, etc.); and 4) to conduct evaluations of residential placement facilities.

The Division is a support service unit to the courts and Probation Officers. Its staff of seven placement specialists is assigned to the Decentralized Probation Services Units. One staff member works almost exclusively with TRIAD, which developed seven (7) new facilities in 1975.

In addition to the Harris County Youth Village and Burnett-Bayland Home, several other private residential placement facilities are utilized in Harris County. Also, twenty-five (25) foster homes were developed by this Department for children with problems.

Harris County Youth Village began to accept girls for the first time in 1975. This facility can now accommodate nine (9) girls and will be expanded as additional facilities become available.

There were 956 placement requests submitted to this Division during the year. An overwhelming majority of the children represented in this figure: 1) were male [76 percent], 2) were 15 years or older [75 percent], 3) possessed Intelligence Quotients of less than 84 [58 percent], and 4) had engaged in felony law violations [88 percent], while the remaining 12 percent in this category were referred for status offenses (truancy, runaway, etc.). The ethnic breakdown was 44 percent white, 36 percent black and 20 percent brown.

COMMUNITY YOUTH SERVICES

Community Youth Services (CYS) is the delinquency prevention division of the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department. Its philosophy revolves around the concept of early identification and service to the "at risk" child. The identification process formally takes place at the Intake Section of this Department and several police and school districts. Long term casework is effected by the Youth Service Specialist in the various school units in the County.

PROGRAM STATISTICS

In 1975 Community Youth Services serviced a total of 3,061 juveniles through the nine (9) School Community Guidance Centers.

The students were referred to the Youth Service Specialists for the following reasons:

Truancy	606
Police Investigation	288
Runaways	401
Dependent/Neglect	126
Family Problems	1105
School Problems	1077
Other	328

A total of 256 youths required some form of out-of-the-home placement.

This was the third and final year of the original grant program. Beginning in January 1976 this Division will focus specifically on the deinstitutionalization of status offenders (e.g., runaways, truancy, etc.).

Community Youth Services is participating in programs with the following school districts:

- Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District (Baytown, Texas)
- Pasadena Independent School District
- Galena Park Independent School District
- Spring Independent School District
- Houston Independent School District
 - a. Black Junior High
 - b. Marshall Junior High and Davis Senior High at Casa de Amigos
- Alief Independent School District
- North Forest Independent School District
- Channelview Independent School District

FAMILY COURT SERVICES

Services performed by Family Court Services are initiated by an order from the court in which a petition to adopt or a petition for custody or guardianship of minors has been filed. Complete adoption investigation and written reports are made for the Civil District Courts, Courts of Domestic Relations, Juvenile and Probate Courts. Custody investigation reports are made in cases of disputed child custody for the Courts of Domestic Relations, Juvenile and Probate Courts. Family Court Services receives custody of some of the children in disputed custody cases and provides for them in foster homes. Casework supervision is provided for some families who are referred for supervision of the child in the home.

A total number of 1317 orders for investigation were received by this Division in 1975. Three hundred and sixteen (316) orders were for custody-type investigations, and 1001 were for adoption-type investigations.

DATA PROCESSING

A project team of Juvenile Probation and Data Processing personnel has been established to determine the requirements of a Harris County Juvenile Information System. This team will study available systems in other jurisdictions in light of the unique requirements of the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department. Depending on their findings, they will either recommend the acquisition of an existing package, or develop a system design and implementation plan for the approval of the Juvenile Board. This joint effort will be fully launched early in the second quarter of 1976.

BURNETT-BAYLAND HOME

Burnett-Bayland Home is a co-educational cottage-type facility providing temporary shelter and care for a maximum of one hundred and forty-four (144) dependent, neglected, and delinquent children of Harris County ranging in age from six (6) to eighteen (18) years. Each of the twelve (12) cottages can house a maximum of twelve (12) children each, separated and assigned to a particular cottage on the basis of sex and age. The wide variance in age allows the Home to accept whole family groups, and although the children may be housed in separate cottages, they are enabled to make a better adjustment in institutional living knowing their siblings are nearby and are being cared for well.

Burnett-Bayland Home endeavors to nurture the physical needs and social well-being of the children placed in its care by providing adequate shelter, food, clothing, medical treatment, education, religion, recreation and sports, as well as training in good housekeeping and manners. The children attend the local public schools.

During 1975, Burnett-Bayland Home provided care for a total of two hundred and four (204) boys and one hundred and seventy-one (171) girls.

HARRIS COUNTY YOUTH VILLAGE

The Harris County Youth Village is a total care, co-educational facility for Wards of the Juvenile Court. Placement at the Youth Village is, therefore, by court order only. The Youth Village has a maximum capacity of one hundred (100) boys and nine (9) girls. Plans are currently underway to increase the maximum capacity of girls to thirty-five (35).

The Youth Village has long been known for its remedial education program. As of August 1975, the Houston Independent School District took over the

responsibility of the educational program and has continued the emphasis on special education while developing a companion program of vocational-oriented high school classes.

In addition to the academic program which is geared for ten and one-half (10½) months, the Youth Village has a very active sports program, a Boy Scout program, and other facilities in which to keep the boys and girls actively engaged such as a swimming pool, canoes, horses, etc. The Youth Village also offers individual and group counseling, medical screening and treatment. There is also a very active volunteer program among the NASA community.

During 1975, the Youth Village served a total of two hundred and ninety-six (296) boys and thirty-one (31) girls.

TRIAD

TRIAD is a consortium of public child-serving agencies (Harris County Child Welfare Unit, Harris County Juvenile Probation Department, and the Mental Health-Mental Retardation Association of Harris County) whose primary function is to develop residential programs for children.

During 1975, TRIAD received \$520,256 in funding through the Commissioners' Court. TRIAD contracts were let with the following residential programs: Cambio House, Ingrando Home, Yorkline Center, Gramercy Home, Achievement Place #1, and the Christian Child Help Foundation. A new service, Urban Home, was developed to function as a half-way house for five (5) boys leaving the Harris County Youth Village in preparation for re-entry into the community.

During 1975, TRIAD expanded its activities into the acquisition of property for residential facilities through funds made available by the 1973 bond issue.

The use of these funds must receive the approval of both the Juvenile Board and Commissioners' Court before the bond money is used and the acquisition is complete.

The acquisitions made in 1975 were:

Castle Court-Houston Achievement Place For Females	\$ 72,500
Bluebonnet-Houston Achievement Place For Males	48,500
Gramercy House-Child Welfare Unit For Females	<u>50,000</u>
Total acquisition costs of	\$171,000

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

The Program Development Services Division is the training component of the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department. The Division is responsible for the orientation of new personnel, volunteers from the community, Court Volunteer Services and interns from local universities and colleges. The Unit was available to the CUPS Units in performing such organization development tasks as problem solving and the defining and setting of goals and objectives. During 1975 the Division also provided in-service training for staff and provided speakers for casework staff in such areas of interest as "Family Therapy" and "The Utilization of Volunteers" in casework. Members of the Unit have also provided training sessions for the Pasadena Police Academy, T.C.A. Regional Meeting, Texas Woman's University Graduate School of Psychiatric Nursing, Alvin Junior College, the Harris County Child Welfare Unit and others.

During 1975, over one hundred (100) volunteers and more than forty-six (46) student interns spent from three (3) to twelve (12) hours in orientation. Six (6) new employees received training and fourteen (14) staff services personnel underwent a basic orientation. During the year, ninety-three (93) representatives from other agencies attended orientation-information sessions presented by the Program Development Services Division.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Court Volunteer Services of Harris County, Inc., is a nonprofit chartered organization with its own Board of Directors.

The program recruits, screens, trains and assigns citizens to work on a one-to-one basis with children who have been referred to the Probation Department for violations of the law.

In 1975 this volunteer group, along with the co-sponsorship of the Houston Public Library, secured a Federal Grant. The grant with another two-year option is for the development of a Media Center in the Juvenile Detention Home.

STATISTICS OF NOTE

Total Number of Volunteers Trained During 1975	257
Total Number of Volunteers Assigned During 1975	354
Total Hours of Volunteers in Casework Positions	47,894.72
Total Casework Positions This Represents	22.012
Total Cash and Gift Contributions	\$18,017.50
Total Value to the Tax Roles of the Volunteer Program of Harris County Juvenile Probation Department	\$334,079.06

This figure includes those volunteers working in Detention as well as those assigned more than once during the year.

The Department shares the responsibility of its referrals with the community. We utilized volunteers and interns in the same job descriptions as our paid staff. Our casework staff is presently one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) non-paid. Training for volunteers is the same as that of the paid staff.

COURT VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Founded in October 1968, Court Volunteer Services trains volunteers to help salvage young offenders who otherwise might end up in State Schools. The volunteers, who come from all sectors of the community, work under the supervision of Harris County Juvenile Probation Officers in order to give young offenders individual guidance and attention, which overworked Probation Officers do not have the time to give. The Probation Officer represents the law and authority. The volunteer may represent a youth's first stable adult friendship.

II. STATISTICAL PRESENTATION

TABLE 1
CRIME SPECIFIC FREQUENCIES AND DIFFERENTIALS BY RACE AND SEX DURING 1975

OFFENSE DESCRIPTION	MALES				FEMALES			
	WHITE	BLACK	BROWN	TOTAL	WHITE	BLACK	BROWN	TOTAL
	APFRAY	19	25	15	59	0	12	8
ARSON	28	16	8	50	8	11	3	22
ASSAULT	138	43	49	230	43	75	27	145
ASSAULT (AGGRAVATED) CAUSING SERIOUS BODILY INJURY	13	25	13	51	2	11	2	15
ASSAULT (AGGRAVATED) WITH A DEADLY WEAPON	16	33	10	59	1	12	0	13
ASSAULT (DEADLY) ON A POLICE OFFICER	2	4	2	8	2	4	1	7
ASSAULT (SIMPLE)	19	14	4	37	0	4	0	4
ASSAULT TO MURDER	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
ASSUMED NAME	16	31	6	53	11	8	3	22
BREAKING AND ENTERING A MOTOR VEHICLE	1	1	2	4	0	0	0	0
BURGLARY	824	713	326	1863	81	49	17	147
BURGLARY BY USE OF A FIREARM	1	2	1	4	0	1	0	1
BURGLARY OF A COIN-OPERATED MACHINE	50	32	12	94	0	0	0	0
BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE	174	103	57	334	5	4	2	11
CARRYING A WEAPON (FELONY)	5	7	1	13	0	0	0	0
CARRYING A WEAPON (MISDEMEANOR)	28	3	18	49	3	5	3	11
CHILD ABUSE	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
CHILD IN NEED OF SUPERVISION (CHINS)	52	22	19	93	51	17	9	77
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, POSSESSION OF (FELONY)	26	3	3	32	5	1	0	6
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, POSSESSION OF (MISDEMEANOR)	54	13	17	84	28	3	4	35
CREDIT CARD, FORGERY OF	3	8	0	11	2	2	0	4
CREDIT CARD (STOLEN), POSSESSION OF	3	1	0	4	4	0	0	4
CREDIT CARD (STOLEN), PRESENTATION OF	2	1	0	3	0	1	0	1
CREDIT CARD, UNAUTHORIZED USE OF	0	4	0	4	1	0	0	1
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF (FELONY)	78	37	24	139	9	3	1	13
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF (MISDEMEANOR)	285	150	84	519	27	18	6	51
CRIMINAL TRESPASSING	282	241	76	599	31	24	7	62
DISORDERLY CONDUCT (ALARMING FIREARM DISPLAY)	208	197	103	508	76	63	11	150
ESCAPE (FELONY)	18	4	7	29	1	1	1	3
ESCAPE (MISDEMEANOR)	10	4	4	18	7	1	1	9
FALSIFYING ARREST	67	46	29	142	5	4	1	10
FALSE FIRE ALARM, PULLING	1	1	3	5	0	1	0	1
FORGED INSTRUMENT, PASSING OF	4	2	2	8	5	0	1	6
FORGED INSTRUMENT, POSSESSION OF	8	1	0	9	3	0	2	5
FORGERY OF A PERSONAL CHECK	5	1	1	7	2	0	0	2
GAMBLING	3	52	0	55	2	3	0	5
HEROIN, POSSESSION OF	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
HITCHHIKING	48	5	8	61	15	0	0	15
ILLEGAL ENTRY	2	2	47	52	3	0	7	10
IMMORAL	2	3	2	7	2	1	0	3
INDECENCY WITH A CHILD	9	8	2	19	2	0	0	2
INDECENT EXPOSURE	9	3	0	12	0	1	0	1
INTOXICANTS, SNIFFING	43	8	166	217	10	2	21	33
INTOXICATION, PUBLIC	337	91	214	642	71	17	25	113
KIDNAPPING	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	6
LIQUOR VIOLATION	162	31	66	259	33	4	5	42
MARIJUANA, MANUFACTURE OF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MARIJUANA, POSSESSION OF (FELONY)	11	3	3	17	8	0	0	8
MARIJUANA, POSSESSION OF (MISDEMEANOR)	429	173	152	754	155	20	18	193
MARIJUANA, SALE OF	2	3	0	5	0	0	0	0
MURDER	12	11	2	25	2	3	2	7
MURDER (CAPITAL)	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
NARCOTICS, INVESTIGATION OF	48	28	16	92	2	0	0	2
OTHER OFFENSES NOT SPECIFICALLY ENTITLED	156	126	42	324	63	15	8	86
PAROLE VIOLATOR	11	4	5	20	1	0	2	3
PROBATION VIOLATOR	47	25	17	89	21	9	1	31
PROHIBITED WEAPON, POSSESSION OF	10	5	7	22	0	0	0	0
PROSTITUTION	2	0	0	2	2	12	0	14
PROTECTIVE CUSTODY	5	5	0	10	1	0	0	1
PUBLIC LEWDNESS	1	4	0	5	1	0	0	1
PUBLIC SERVICE	94	12	14	120	22	5	0	27
RAPE	9	13	4	26	0	0	0	0
RECKLESS CONDUCT	43	31	19	93	7	11	4	22
ROBBERY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROBBERY (AGGRAVATED) WITH A DEADLY WEAPON	24	42	16	82	7	5	1	13
ROBBERY (AGGRAVATED) WITH A FIREARM	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	1
ROBBERY (AGGRAVATED) WITH SERIOUS INJURY	6	10	2	18	0	0	0	0
ROBBERY BY ASSAULT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROBBERY BY THREAT OF INJURY	8	15	4	27	1	0	2	3
ROBBERY WITH INJURY	3	28	3	34	1	7	1	9
RUNAWAY (OUTSIDE THE STATE OF TEXAS)	86	11	0	97	155	16	4	175
RUNAWAY (INSIDE HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS)	1837	708	404	2949	2560	822	582	3864
RUNAWAY (INSIDE THE STATE OF TEXAS)	98	11	19	128	125	8	12	145
SEXUAL ABUSE	2	7	0	9	0	1	0	1
SUICIDE (ATTEMPTED)	4	0	1	5	10	1	0	11
THEFT (FAILURE TO PAY)	34	28	12	72	0	2	0	2
THEFT (FELONY)	101	92	35	228	18	7	0	25
THEFT FROM A CAR OR TRUCK (FELONY)	6	4	4	14	2	0	1	3
THEFT FROM A CAR OR TRUCK (MISDEMEANOR)	16	16	3	35	4	0	0	4
THEFT FROM A PERSON	11	37	4	52	0	5	0	5
THEFT (MISDEMEANOR)	392	282	122	796	113	74	9	196
THEFT OF A BICYCLE (FELONY)	11	4	0	15	0	0	0	0
THEFT OF A BICYCLE (MISDEMEANOR)	84	80	43	207	3	5	0	8
THEFT OF A MOTORCYCLE (FELONY)	72	7	5	84	1	0	0	1
THEFT OF A MOTORCYCLE (MISDEMEANOR)	12	1	2	15	0	0	0	0
THEFT OF AN AUTOMOBILE (FELONY)	244	163	130	537	27	4	15	46
THEFT OF AN AUTOMOBILE (MISDEMEANOR)	23	8	2	33	1	2	0	3
THEFT OF A TRUCK (FELONY)	29	14	6	49	0	1	0	1
THEFT OF A TRUCK (MISDEMEANOR)	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
THEFT OF SERVICE	30	14	7	51	5	2	2	9
THEFT/SHOPLIFTING (FELONY)	3	7	1	11	2	1	0	3
THEFT/SHOPLIFTING (MISDEMEANOR)	730	894	252	1876	798	632	189	1619
THREAT OF A TERRORISTIC NATURE	7	1	0	8	1	5	0	6
TRAFFIC VIOLATION	77	35	21	133	9	3	5	17
TRUANCY	535	697	495	1727	255	322	321	898
	<u>8422</u>	<u>5651</u>	<u>3277</u>	<u>17351</u>	<u>4938</u>	<u>2363</u>	<u>1348</u>	<u>8649</u>

AGE FREQUENCIES AND DIFFERENTIALS BY RACE AND SEX RELATIVE TO THE ABOVE OFFENSES DURING 1975

AGE CATEGORIES	MALES				FEMALES			
	WHITE	BLACK	BROWN	TOTAL	WHITE	BLACK	BROWN	TOTAL
CHILDREN AGED 10 YEARS	212	180	76	468	21	41	14	76
CHILDREN AGED 11 YEARS	304	289	108	701	99	64	36	199
CHILDREN AGED 12 YEARS	663	477	191	1331	290	166	75	531
CHILDREN AGED 13 YEARS	954	660	343	1957	722	345	284	1351
CHILDREN AGED 14 YEARS	1486	1141	669	3296	1257	549	343	2149
CHILDREN AGED 15 YEARS	2315	1455	915	4685	1353	665	349	2367
CHILDREN AGED 16 YEARS	2689	1440	975	5104	1196	523	247	1966

TABLE 2
DISPOSITIONS ENTERED BY THE THREE HARRIS
COUNTY (TEXAS) JUVENILE COURT JUDGES DURING 1975

SPECIFIC DISPOSITIONS ENTERED BY THE HARRIS COUNTY JUVENILE COURTS	DISPOSITION TOTALS
<u>COMMITTED TO THE TEXAS YOUTH COUNCIL</u>	<u>249</u>
<u>SUSPENDED COMMITMENT TO THE TEXAS YOUTH COUNCIL</u>	
CUSTODY TO PARENT	91
CUSTODY TO RELATIVE	16
CUSTODY TO OTHER THAN THOSE ABOVE	2
CUSTODY TO THE CHIEF JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICER	12
PLACEMENT IN HARRIS COUNTY YOUTH VILLAGE	2
PLACEMENT IN OTHER INSTITUTION OR PROGRAM	<u>30</u>
	<u>153</u>
<u>ENGAGED IN DELINQUENT CONDUCT</u>	
CUSTODY TO PARENT	510
CUSTODY TO RELATIVE	31
CUSTODY TO OTHER THAN THOSE ABOVE	26
CUSTODY TO THE CHIEF JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICER	25
PLACEMENT IN HARRIS COUNTY YOUTH VILLAGE	113
PLACEMENT IN OTHER INSTITUTION OR PROGRAM	<u>119</u>
	<u>824</u>
<u>CHILD IN NEED OF SUPERVISION</u>	
CUSTODY TO PARENT	88
CUSTODY TO RELATIVE	15
CUSTODY TO OTHER THAN THOSE ABOVE	4
CUSTODY TO THE HARRIS COUNTY CHILD WELFARE UNIT	6
PLACEMENT IN BURNETT-BAYLAND HOME	0
PLACEMENT IN FOSTER HOME	1
PLACEMENT IN OTHER INSTITUTION OR PROGRAM	5
CUSTODY TO THE CHIEF JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICER	0
PLACEMENT IN HARRIS COUNTY YOUTH VILLAGE	49
PLACEMENT IN FOSTER HOME	8
PLACEMENT IN OTHER INSTITUTION OR PROGRAM	<u>76</u>
	<u>252</u>
<u>PETITION DENIED</u>	<u>192</u>
<u>PETITION DISMISSED</u>	<u>1226</u>
<u>CERTIFIED TO DISTRICT COURT</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>REOPENED PETITION, CHANGE OF CUSTODY</u>	<u>332</u>
<u>TOTAL DISPOSITIONS ENTERED RELATIVE TO JUVENILES</u>	<u>2066</u> ²

²The Harris County Juvenile Courts also collectively entered 1178 other dispositions during this same time period that were not specifically linked to decisions on juveniles or to the operations of the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department. These involved the following disposition areas: 1) declarations of dependency and neglect, 2) adoptions, 3) divorces, and 4) other civil matters, all but 33 of the 469 cases (that were heard by the courts and ordered "passed, pending adjustment") were disposed in 1975.

TABLE 3
DETENTION REPORT FOR THE HARRIS COUNTY (TEXAS) JUVENILE
PROBATION DEPARTMENT DURING 1975

CATEGORICAL DELINEATIONS	MALES	FEMALES	TOTALS
NUMBER OF CHILDREN REQUESTING SHELTER CARE	193	90	283
NUMBER OF DETENTION HEARINGS BY THE JUVENILE JUDGES	71	37	108
NUMBER OF DETENTION HEARINGS WAIVED BY CHILDREN	374	182	556
NUMBER OF CHILDREN RELEASED FROM THE DETENTION HOME	243	96	339
NUMBER OF CHILDREN DETAINED	927	358	1285
TOTAL NUMBER OF DETENTION HEARINGS	1808	763	2571

TABLE 4
LEGAL ACTION REGARDING JUVENILES BY THE HARRIS COUNTY
(TEXAS) DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE DURING 1975

CATEGORICAL DELINEATIONS	TOTALS
NUMBER OF OFFENSE REPORTS REFERRED TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR LEGAL ACTION	2808
NUMBER OF OFFENSE REPORTS DESIGNATED "DECLINE-TO-FILE" BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY	1174
NUMBER OF PETITIONS ACTUALLY FILED BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY	1634 ³
NUMBER OF PETITIONS PENDING AS OF JANUARY 1, 1975	1643
NUMBER OF PETITIONS PENDING AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1975	(33)
TOTAL NUMBER OF DISPOSITIONS ENTERED BY HARRIS COUNTY JUVENILE COURTS DURING 1975	3244 ⁴

³ Note should be made of the fact that 41.81% of all cases submitted to the Harris County District Attorney's office resulted in no petitions by that office.

⁴ This total includes the sums of 1) net petitions filed by the Harris County District Attorney's office during 1975 (1634), 2) those petitions carried over from 1974 (1643), and deletion of those cases for which dispositions were not rendered during 1975 (33).

TABLE 5
 VARIOUS SOURCES OF THE JUVENILE REFERRALS TO THE HARRIS COUNTY (TEXAS)
 JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT DURING 1975

TITLE OF DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY MAKING JUVENILE REFERRALS	JUVENILE REFERRAL INCIDENCE BY RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY	PER CENT OF ALL THOSE JUVENILES REFERRED (N=26000)
HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT	20719	79.69%
HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT	1832	7.05%
PASADENA POLICE DEPARTMENT	1093	4.20%
BAYTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT	557	2.14%
FAMILY OR PARENTS OF JUVENILE	277	1.07%
HARRIS COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT	273	1.05%
VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT	227	.87%
LA PORTE POLICE DEPARTMENT	141	.54%
GALENA PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT	132	.51%
INTERSTATE COMPACT AGREEMENTS	36	.14%
WEST UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT	30	.11%
JACINTO CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT	23	.09%
BELLAIRE POLICE DEPARTMENT	20	.08%
HARRIS COUNTY JUVENILE COURTS	15	.06%
DEER PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT	9	.03%
SOUTH HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT	4	.02%
ALL OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES	339	1.30%
ALL HARRIS COUNTY SCHOOLS	106	.41%
SOCIAL HEALTH AGENCIES	8	.03%
OTHER REFERRAL SOURCES	<u>159</u>	<u>.61%</u>
	<u>26000</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

TABLE 6
INCIDENCE OF REFERRALS AND RELATED DATA TO THE HARRIS COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AS PER SCHOOL DISTRICT RESIDENCY DURING 1975

REFERRAL SOURCES	REFERRAL INCIDENCE	PERCENTAGE FOR ALL THOSE REFERRED; (N=26000)
ALDINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT	758	2.92%
ALIEF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT	177	.68%
CHANNELVIEW INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT	127	.49%
CLEAR CREEK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT	196	.75%
CROSBY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT	19	.07%
CYPRESS - FAIRBANKS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT	70	.27%
DEER PARK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT	96	.37%
GALENA PARK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT	296	1.14%
GOOSE CREEK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT	468	1.80%
HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT	0	0.00%
HOCKLEY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT	0	0.00%
HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT	16095	61.90%
HUFFMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT	0	0.00%
HUMBLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT	85	.33%
KATY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT	20	.08%
KLEIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT	90	.35%
LAPORTE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT	226	.87%
NORTH EAST HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT	447	1.72%
PASADENA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT	1022	3.93%
SHELDON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT	2	.008%
SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT	65	.25%
SPRING BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT	1293	4.97%
TOMBALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT	15	.06%
WEBSTER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT	15	.06%
REFERRALS FROM SCHOOLS OUTSIDE HARRIS COUNTY	2002	7.70%
REFERRALS FROM ALL PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS WITHIN HARRIS COUNTY	385	1.48%
NUMBER OF CHILDREN NOT ATTENDING ANY SCHOOL	2031	7.81%
	<u>26000</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

TABLE 7
A PROJECTION OF THE PERSONNEL NEEDS OF THE HARRIS COUNTY (TEXAS) JUVENILE PROBATION
DEPARTMENT AND AN ASSESSMENT OF THE JUVENILE OFFENDER POPULATION, 1974-1980

TIME FRAME CONSIDERED; BY CONSECUTIVE YEARS (1974-1980)	TOTAL CHILDREN ⁵ AVAILABLE FOR SERVICE IN HARRIS COUNTY (TEXAS)	TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN REFERRED TO THE HARRIS COUNTY (TEXAS) JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT	TOTAL CHINS TYPE OFFENSES COMMITTED BY THE JUVENILE POPULATION ⁷	TOTAL DELINQUENT TYPE OFFENSES COMMITTED BY THE JUVENILE POPULATION ⁸	TOTAL NUMBER OF CASEWORKERS NEEDED TO SERVE SAID JUVENILE REFERRALS ⁹
1974	299,926	26904	21380	5524	74
1975	311,476	26000	20573	5427	74
1976	323,290	27357 ⁶	21648	5709	76
1977	335,104	28725	22730	5995	80
1978	346,918	30093	23813	6280	84
1979	358,732	31461	24895	6566	88
1980	370,548	32829	25978	6851	92

⁵ The methodology for obtaining the 10 to 16 year old breakdown from 1974 to 1980 was made available by Houston-Galveston Area Council's Richard A. Wiltz and J. Phil Weichert, Jr. Children who are in the 10 to 16 year old categories constitute the Harris County Juvenile Courts' potential service population.

⁶ The 1976 through 1980 Harris County Juvenile Probation Department referral growth rate was determined via historical trends. The mean growth was +1368 per annum.

⁷ Data was extracted from the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department's 1974 Annual Report and the 1975 Annual Report. CHINS type offenses constitute 79.13% of this department's referrals.

⁸ Ibid. Delinquent type offenses constitute on 20.87% of the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department's referrals.

⁹ This personnel projection is based upon the assumption that 358 cases per worker per year is considered to be a manageable caseload assignment and that the present level of caseworker effort on these cases is not radically changed.

III. MULTIVARIATIONAL MAP

THE MULTIVARIATIONAL MAP

PROBLEM:

The need for a suitable demographical planning tool, which encompassed the total service area of the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department, became pronounced as time approached for the processing of Criminal Justice Council applications and the overall-thrust of this agency shifted toward a community treatment orientation.

PURPOSE:

- 1) To provide an overview of the location of the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department's decentralized offices consisting of Community Unit Probation Services (CUPS) and Community Youth Services (CYS);
- 2) To portray residential zones containing high densities of children referred for law infractions by various police agencies;
- 3) To draw parallels between Key Map page numbers and Harris County census tract numbers thereby providing reliable information relative to geographical sectors of the County (e.g., Key Map page number 374 can be expressed as portions of Harris County census tracts 241 and 243);
- 4) To aid in the location of subsequent units in order that they may be placed in zones inhabited by Juvenile constituents having serious behavioral problems;
- 5) To provide projective techniques relative to dispersements of probation staff in problem-laden geographical areas;
- 6) To assist police agencies to identify the most problematic densities of youthful law offenders.

METHODOLOGY:

By permission from Key Maps Incorporated (License #3166) the researchers superimposed the Harris County census tracts upon the Major Thoroughfare Map thus affording two-way geographical conversion capability.

Harris County census tracts containing high occupancy by problem children were obtained from police offense reports and represent the highest concentration of delinquent activity in the County. This means that other zones not cited had less than 157 referrals. Various "legend shades" identify these particular areas.

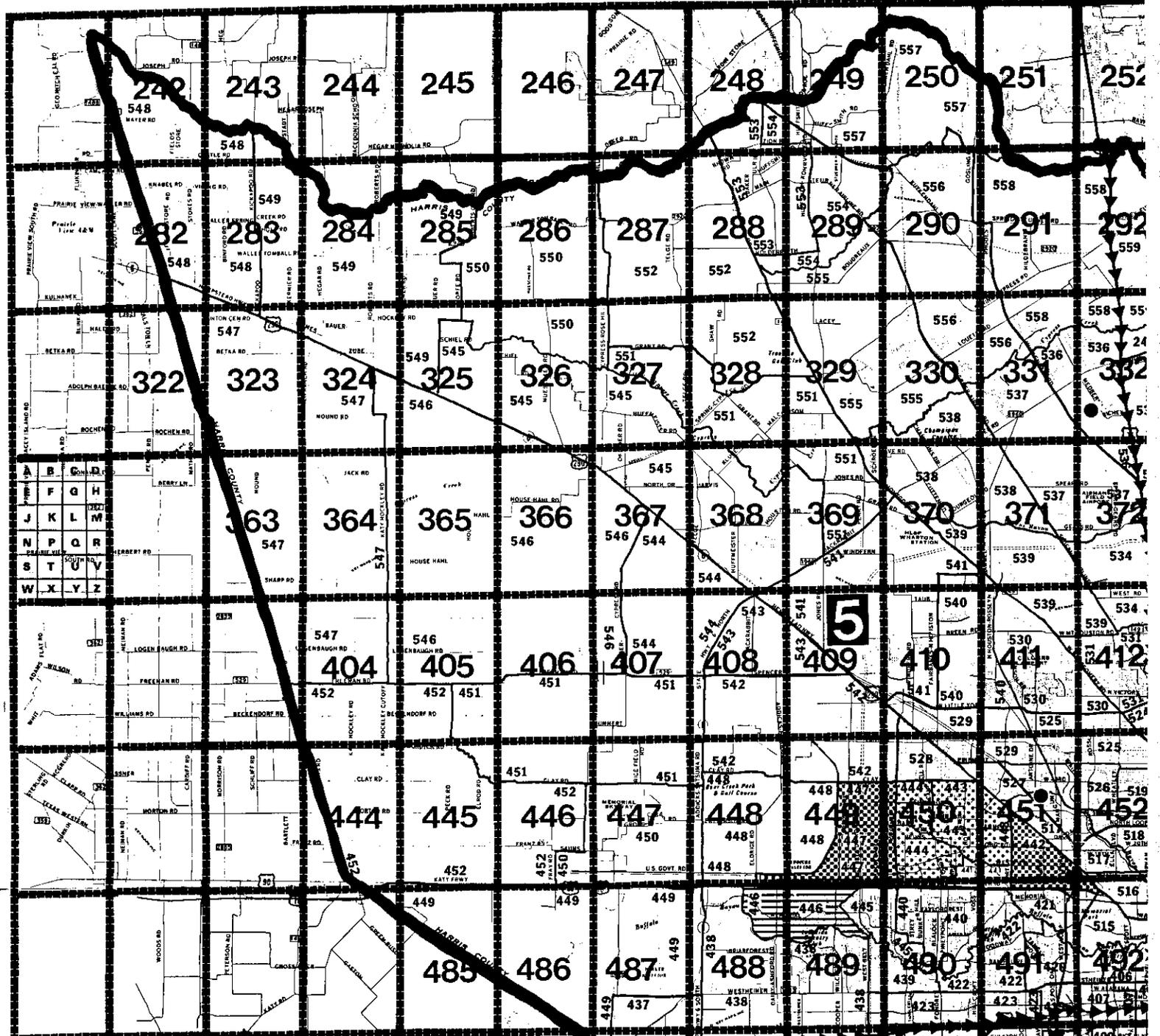
The researchers identified the geographical limits of the six CUPS areas with "Zipatape" markings and half-inch numerals.

Legend #2 addresses the location of each CYS and CUPS office located within the perimeter of each CUPS area. As the legend reflects, the CUPS offices are identified by the symbol (*) and the CYS offices are identified by the symbol (●). Eight CYS units are presently in operation.

POSSIBLE APPLICATIONS:

By use of the map, one may:

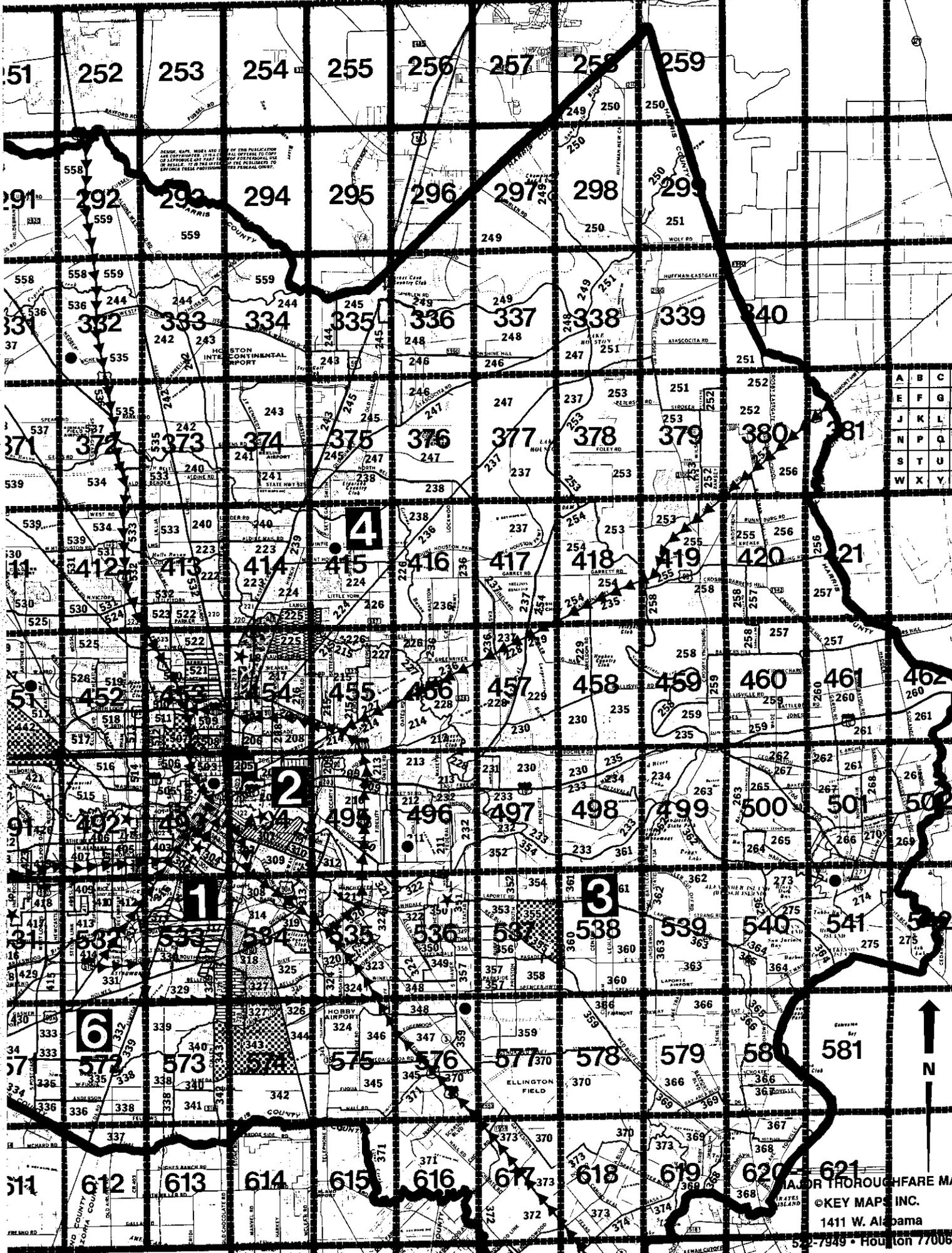
- 1) Convert Key Map pages to census tract zones;
- 2) Convert census tract zones to Key Map pages;
- 3) Easily identify juvenile delinquent residential population;
- 4) Plot specific locations of this Department's decentralized units;
- 5) Pin point geographically where future CUPS and CYS offices may be needed.



**LEGEND # 1
RESIDENTIAL REFERRAL CONSTITUTION**

LEGEND SHADE	KEY MAP PAGE	CENSUS TRACT	TOTAL YOUTH	LEGEND SHADE	KEY MAP PAGE	CENSUS TRACT	TOTAL YOUTH
	534, 533	318	356		494	201	182
	533, 534, 574, 573	328	282		489, 488	446	177
	450, 451	443	273		453	521	172
	450, 490	444	270		533	317	170





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