

The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD  
9401 Southwest Freeway Houston, TX 77074  
Board Room #109

**Program Committee Meeting**

March 19, 2024

11:30 am

- I. **DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
- II. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - A. Approve Minutes of the Board of Trustees Program Committee Held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024  
(EXHIBIT P-1)
- IV. **REVIEW AND COMMENT**
  - A. Community Assistance Referral Program  
(EXHIBIT P-2 Monalisa Jiles)
  - B. Harris Center Resiliency Team  
(EXHIBIT P-3 Kim Kornmayer)
- V. **EXECUTIVE SESSION –**
  - \* **As authorized by §551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the Board of Trustees reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to seek legal advice from its attorney about any matters listed on the agenda.**
  - \* **In accordance with §551.071 of the Texas Government Code, consultation with attorney on a matter related to a contract with Harris County Administration in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct to the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act. Kendra Thomas, General Counsel, Keena Pace, Chief Operating Officer and Monalisa Jiles, Vice President of Forensic Services**
- VI. **RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**
- VII. **CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION AS A RESULT OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- VIII. **ADJOURN**



**Veronica Franco, Board Liaison  
Bonnie Hellums, MED, LMFT, LCDC, AAC, JD Chairperson  
Program Committee  
The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD  
Board of Trustees**



# **EXHIBIT P-1**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
***The HARRIS CENTER for***  
**Mental Health and IDD**  
**PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024**  
**MINUTES**

Mrs. Hellums, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:37 a.m. in Room 109 of the 9401 Southwest Freeway location, noting a quorum of the Committee was present.

**RECORD OF ATTENDANCE**

Committee Members in Attendance: Dr. R. Gearing, Dr. L. Moore, B. Hellums

Committee Member in Absence:

Other Board Members in Attendance: N. Hurtado, Dr. G. Santos

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 11:37 a.m.

**2. DESIGNATION OF BOARD MEMBERS AS VOTING COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Judge Hellums designated Dr. G. Santos and N. Hurtado as voting members.

**3. DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

Mrs. Hellums declared a quorum of the committee was present.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no Public Comments.

**5. Approve the Minutes of the Board of Trustees Program Committee Meeting Held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023.**

**MOTION BY: MOORE                      SECOND BY: GEARING**  
**With unanimous affirmative votes**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Board of Trustees Program Committee meeting held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 under Exhibit P-1, are approved and recommended to the Full Board for acceptance.

**6. REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION**

A. Recommendation No. 435R-IDD-PAC; Five Recommendations to The Board of The Harris Center

**MOTION BY: GEARING**

Dr. Gearing moved the Board approve IDD-PAC recommendations 1, 3, 4, and 5 and defer action on recommendation #2 to give Dr. Collins an opportunity to meet with the IDD-PAC and provide the Harris Center Board’s feedback.

**SECOND BY: HURTADO**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that IDD-PAC recommendations 1, 3, 4, and 5 are approved and recommended to the Full Board for approval.

- B. Recommendation No. 436R-Jennifer Singletary representing Region 4

**MOTION BY: GEARING**

**SECOND BY: HURTADO**

**With unanimous affirmative votes**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Recommendation No. 436R-Jennifer Singletary representing Region 4 under Exhibit P-3, are approved and recommended to the Full Board for acceptance.

- C. Recommendation No. 437R-Michael Roberts representing Down Syndrome Association of Houston (DSAH)

**MOTION BY: GEARING**

**SECOND BY: HURTADO**

**With unanimous affirmative votes**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Recommendation No. 437R-Michael Roberts representing Down Syndrome Association of Houston (DSAH) under Exhibit P-4, are approved and recommended to the Full Board for acceptance.

**7. REVIEW AND COMMENT**

- A. **IDD Presentation**-Dr. Evanthe Collins presented to the Program Committee.
- B. **DFPS Service Delivery**-The Program Committee tables the item and be moved to next month.
- C. **Community Training Presentation**-Jennifer Battle presented to the Program Committee

**8. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no Executive Session during the Program Committee Meeting.

**9. ADJOURN**

**MOTION: MOORE**

**SECOND: HURTADO**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:01 pm.

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**Veronica Franco, Board Liaison  
Bonnie Hellums, Chairman  
Program Committee  
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# **EXHIBIT P-2**

# Community Assistance Referral Program

## **Forensic Division Services** *Program Committee*

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*March 2024*

*Monalisa Jiles, Vice President – Forensic Services*

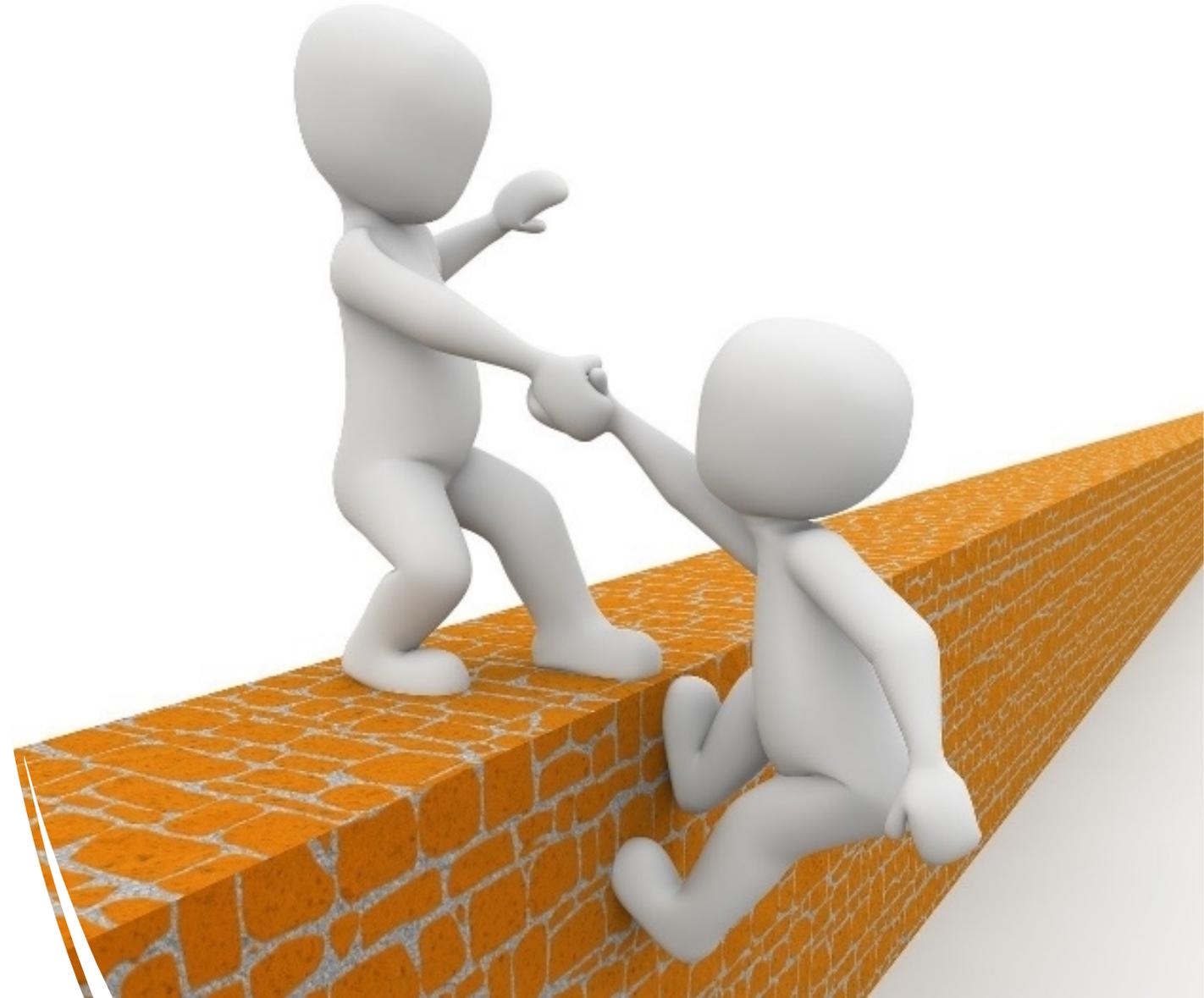
*Presented by: Alandria Sellers, Program Director*



# Program Mission

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- To identify, engage, and link patients bonding out of the Harris County jail
- Addressing community reentry, lowering recidivism, and mitigating non-court appearance.



# Program Goals

## Identify and engage

- Identify and engage individuals being released on GOB/PR Bonds

## Complete

- Complete a community needs assessment to inquire about mental health and other community needs.

## Reduce

- Reduce recidivism by providing and linking patients with community resources.

## Mitigate

- Mitigate Non-Court Appearances
  - Through support services and court reminder phone calls

# Staff and Working Hours

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## Hours of Operation

- CARP functions 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

## Staff

- **3 – Diversion Coordinators**
- **1 – Diversion and Resource Specialist**
- **1 – Community Re-Entry Specialist**
- **1 – Administrative Assistant II**
- **.5 – Court Liaison**

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# Need Help?

## Community Referrals:

- Clothing
- Employment Help
- Harris Health Financial Assistance (Gold Card)
- Group/Individual Therapy
- SNAP or Food Banks
- SSI Benefits
- Housing (Shelter/Voucher)
- Mental Health Services with The Harris Center  
6160 Mental Health Facility
- Transportation



REFERRALS



# A Successful First Year-2021

- The Community Assistance Program started as a 4- month pilot (GOB) funded by Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments (TCOOMMI) in June of 2021.
- GOB Pilot became the Community Assistance Program (CARP) in September 2021.
  - Unsolicited funding from the Harris County's Office of Justice & Safety
- Between June 2021 – December 2021 the program served 3,887 individuals.
- 198 of those individuals were referred to the Respite, Rehab, and Re-Entry facility to address mental health needs.



# 2022 More Help is on the way!



TCOOMMI funded a new position – Diversion & Resource Specialist



Program starts to address non-court appearance by making follow-up reminder calls to all individuals served



Expansion Support Services were introduced.

40\$ Childcare

20\$ Gas

15\$ Parking

# 2022 – What a year!

## Year 2 – 2022 Data

- 8,116 individuals served
  - (22% ↑ from first year)
- 335 Individuals referred to MH Facility (6160)
  - (69% ↑ from first year)
- 121 Active individuals connected back to THC Clinics
- 6,597 Community Referrals made
- 4,812 Individuals called for Court Reminders
  - Mitigating Non-Court Appearance (new service offered)

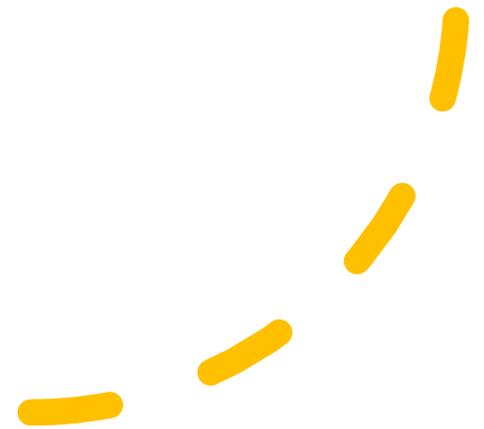


**Funding continued through The Office of County Administration (formerly known as Office of Justice & Safety) and TCOOMMI**

### 2023 Data

- 9,736 individuals served in 2023
  - (20% ↑ from year 2022)
- 370 referred to MH Facility (6160)
  - (10% ↑ from year 2022)
- 109 Active individuals connected back to THC Clinics
- 8,085 Individuals called for Court Reminders
  - (68% ↑ from year 2022)
- 6,844 Community Referrals
  - (4% ↑ from year 2022)
- 560 Individuals received Gas & Parking help
- 400 Individuals received Childcare help

Continuing  
the great  
work – 2023!



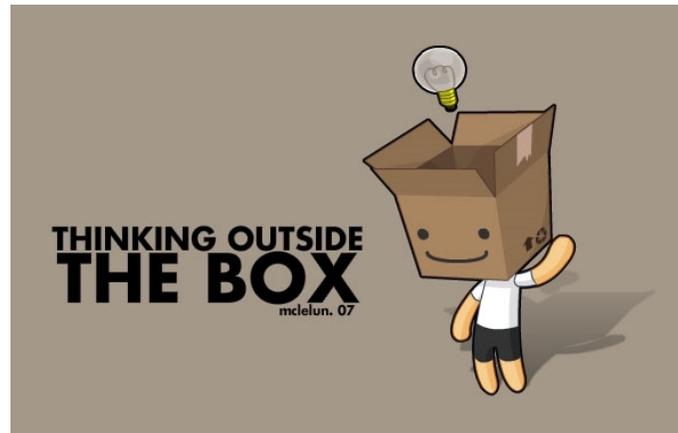
# NEW & FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS MAKING THINGS EASIER FOR THOSE WE SERVE



A new website was created to help those we serve easily locate their case information.

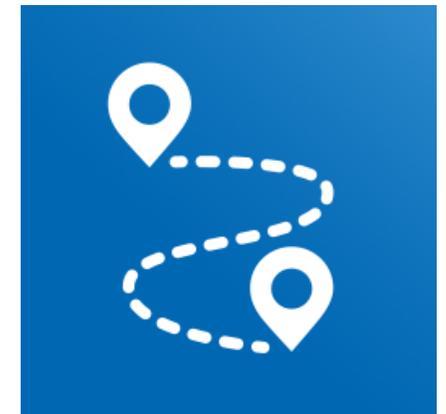
1. Go to: [myharriscountycase.com](http://myharriscountycase.com)
2. Click: Find your Case
3. Enter: Your Last Name
4. Enter: Your Date of Birth  
MM/DD/YYYY
5. Click Search

**Only active cases will be displayed**



## COMING SOON!

- Currently researching ride share companies to offer rides to and from court for the individuals we serve.
- The goal is to increase those who show up for court appearances.



# Success Story - This is why we do this!

Jerry Doe was linked to 6160 Jail Re-Entry from the CARP program. Mr. Doe expressed the needs of getting connected with an outpatient mental health clinic and addressing his homelessness. The clinical team assisted with getting him connected with The Harris Center clinic, addressing his mental health needs as well as working with him to address barriers to housing and food.

Mr. Doe was linked to long term housing assistance through The Harris Center Independent Living Program which offers consumers a year to stay at the HRO while receiving ongoing case management.

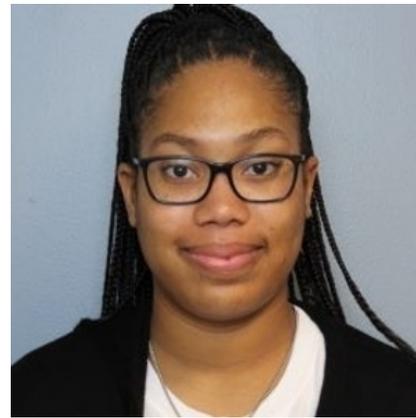
As of today, Mr. Doe has also received news that he qualifies for permanent housing and will be able to move into his own apartment on 2/10/24. Mr. Doe is excited to continue his journey in recovery and looks forward to the future.



# Meet our team!



Daniel Bradley –  
Diversion Coordinator



Kaliyah Henix –  
Diversion Coordinator



Maria Nieto –  
Diversion & Resource Specialist



Fachelle Garland –  
Administrative Assistant II



Dominic Johnson –  
Court Liaison



Alandria "Nikki" Sellers –  
Program Director

# Thank You & Questions

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# EXHIBIT P-3

# HARRIS CENTER RESILIENCY TEAM

## • Who

- Over 50 applications received
- 25 diverse team members selected after review of applications and individual interviews
- Team members chosen from three divisions of the agency – CPEP, MH, and IDD



## • Training Provided

- CISM (Critical Incident Stress Management) – All members completed the in person training together
- EMDR – 10 clinicians provided free training and consultation
- CALM Train the Trainer – Several team members certified as trainers
- Guest Speaker Jen Markewych – Underlying Philosophy of Crisis Response
- Laughter Yoga Instructor Training – 7 team members certified as instructors



# HARRIS CENTER RESILIENCY TEAM

## Community Responses This Year



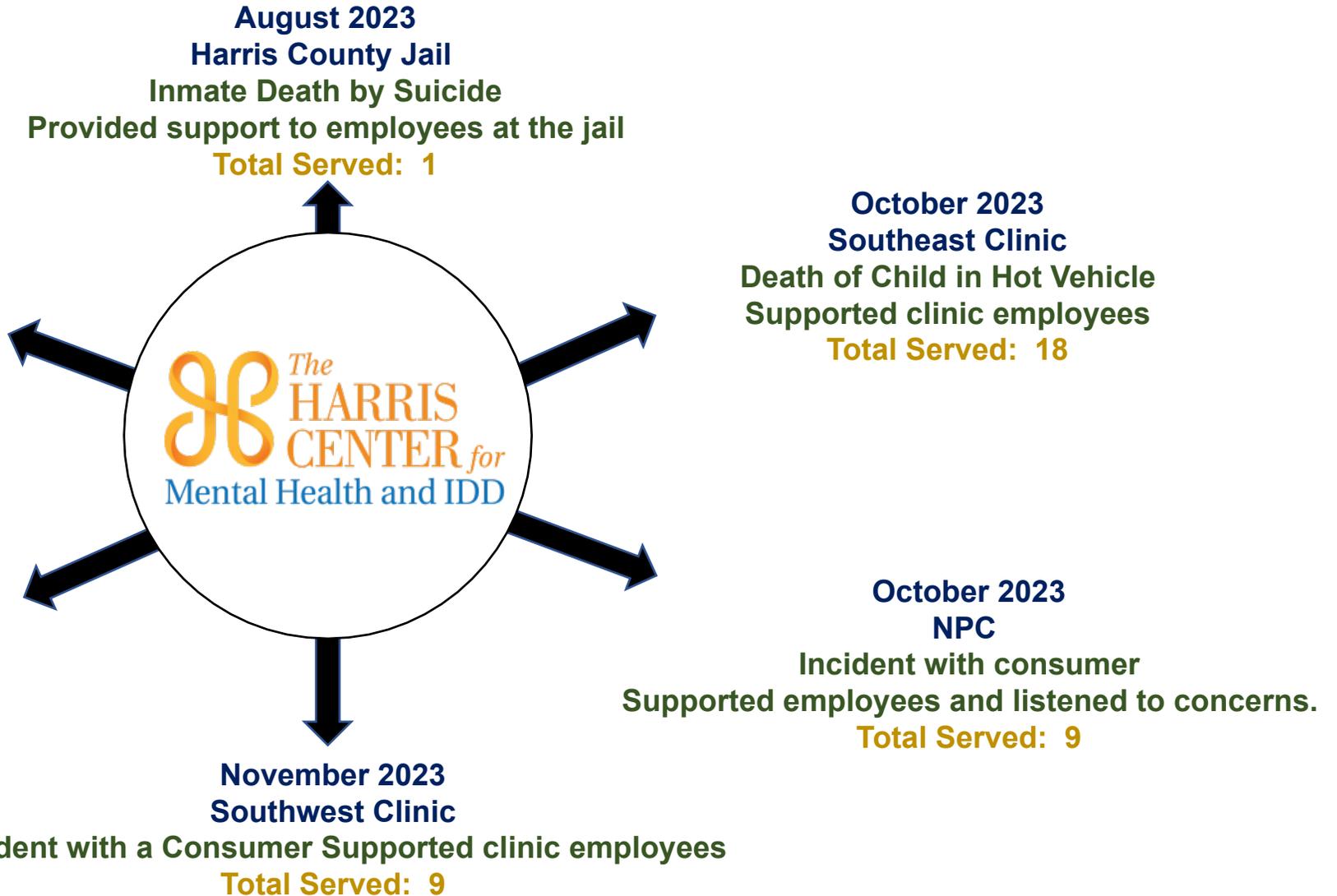
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## Lakewood Church Response



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## Internal Agency Responses This Year



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## Outreach Events This Year



# HARRIS CENTER RESILIENCY TEAM

## A Year in Review



MARJORIE ELKINS