

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

Program Committee Meeting
July 15, 2025
10:00 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, June 17, 2025
(EXHIBIT P-1)
- IV. REVIEW AND COMMENT**
 - A. Youth Diversion Center
(EXHIBIT P-2 Monalisa Jiles)
- 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.
- VI. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**
- VII. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION AS A RESULT OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- VIII. ADJOURN**



Veronica Franco, Board Liaison
Max A. Miller, Jr, MTh, D.D. Chairman
Program Committee
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EXHIBIT P-1

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
The HARRIS CENTER for
Mental Health *and* IDD
PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2025
MINUTES

Dr. M. Miller, Jr., Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 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. M. Miller, Jr., Dr. K. Bacon, R. Thomas-videoconference

Committee Member in Absence: Dr. J. Lankford

Other Board Members in Attendance: Dr. R. Gearing

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. DESIGNATION OF BOARD MEMBERS AS VOTING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

No Board members required designation.

3. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Dr. Miller, Jr. 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, May 20, 2025

MOTION BY: LANKFORD

SECOND BY: GEARING

With unanimous affirmative votes

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Board of Trustees Program Committee meeting held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 under Exhibit P-1, are approved and recommended to the Full Board for acceptance.

6. REVIEW AND COMMENT

A. IDD Divisional Update-Dr. Evanthe Collins presented IDD Divisional Update to the Program Committee.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was needed.

8. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

9. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:37 am.

MOTION BY: GEARING

SECOND BY: BACON

Veronica Franco, Board Liaison
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EXHIBIT P-2

Youth Diversion Center

Program Presentation

**Presented by: Monalisa Jiles, LPC, NCC,
Vice President of Forensic Services
July 15, 2025**



Program Overview & Services



Program Overview



The Youth Diversion Center serves as a destination for **youth engaged with law enforcement** due to **low-level, non-violent crimes** and provides needed structure and support. The program provides safe housing and aims to **keep youth engaged in school** and provide **behavioral and mental health supports**.



Improve equity

Countering significant disparities from arrest through juvenile justice system



Mitigate negative impacts of arrest

Particularly BIPOC and LGBTQAI+ youth



Reduce risk of criminal socialization

Provide role models and positive peers, instill discipline, and improve school engagement



Decrease caseloads & law enforcement costs

Reduce number of youths sent to detention facilities and number of cases for judges, prosecutors, etc.



Provide alternative to traditional processing

Reduce stigma and recidivism, and connect youth to community services

Program Services



Program Services



**Screening &
Assessment**



**Education & Tutorial
Services**



**Substance Use
Education &
Counseling**



**Mental Health
Treatment**



Crisis Intervention



Family Counseling



**Parenting Skill
Development**



**Supports for
Rebuilding Family
Relationships**



Peer Support



**Quality Recreation &
Recreation Therapy**



**Medication
Management**



**24-Hour Nursing
Services**



**Comprehensive
Medical Exams**



**Individual and Group
Therapy**



Educational Learning

 **The HARRIS
CENTER**
Youth Diversion

Program Statistics & Highlights

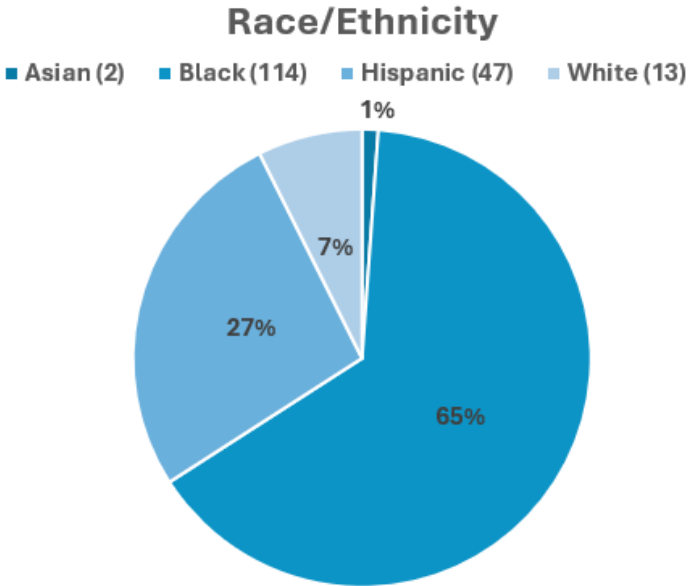
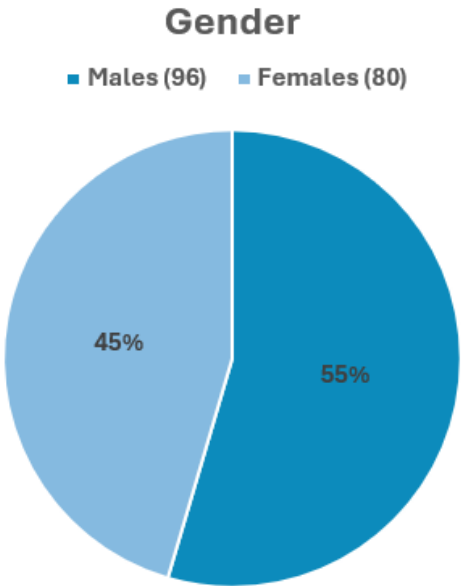


Program Statistics

Total Youth Served: 176

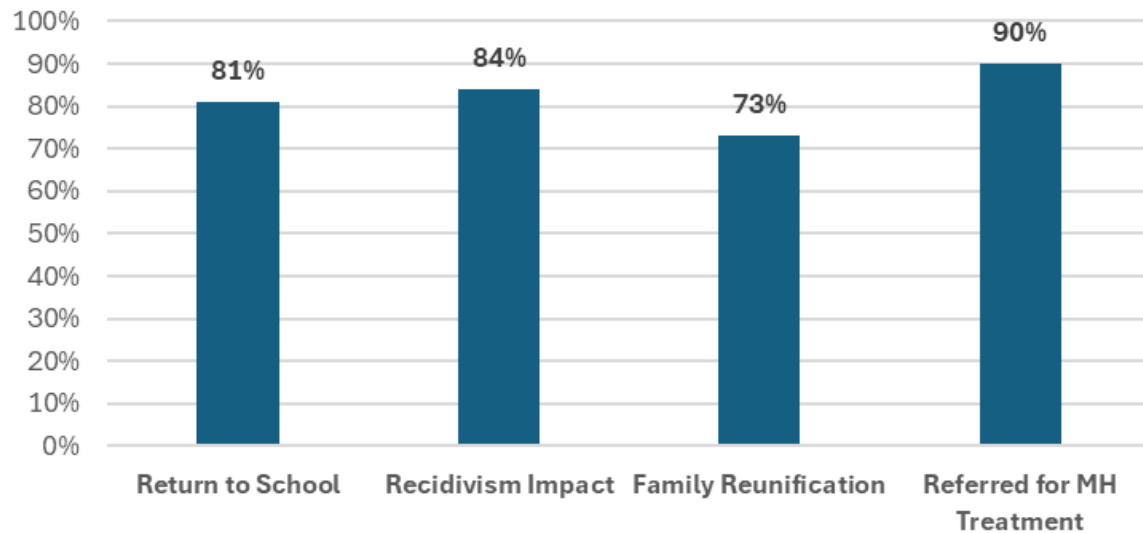
YR1 – May 2023 – April 2024: 86

YR2 – May 2024 – April 2025: 90

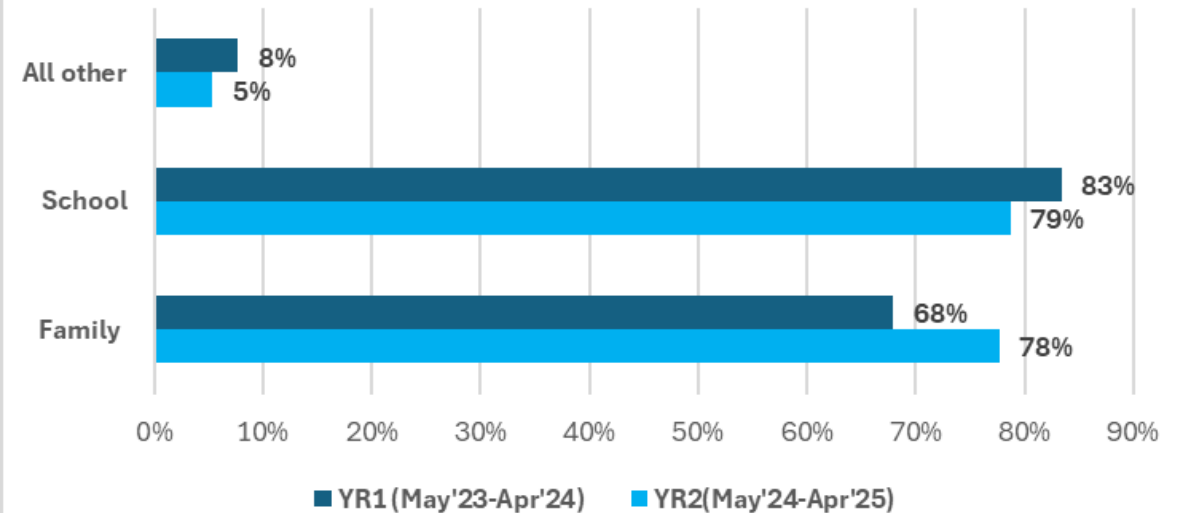


Program Highlights

YDC Impact
May 2023-April 2025



YDC Connections
May 2023-April 2025



Program Success & Impact

A woman with short grey hair and sunglasses is speaking to a group of people outdoors. She is wearing a black and white patterned top and a blue lanyard with a badge. She is holding a small blue object in her hands. In the background, several people are sitting on blue chairs, and there are trees and a building. The text "Program Success & Impact" is overlaid in white.

Program Success - Census Increase



Expansion of the YDC's referral resource

- Harris County Juvenile Probation Department Community Unit Probation Services Division (CUPS)
- Harris County Juvenile Probation Department Legal Education & Attainment Program (LEAP)

Program Success – Recreational Outings



Program Impact – Site Tours

**Harris County Juvenile Probation Department
Harris County Resources for Children and Adults
Harris County Precinct #4 Commissioner Lesley Briones and Representatives
Harris County Precinct #2 Representatives
State Representative Gene Wu and Representatives
Houston Police Department Juvenile Intake
Texas Health & Human Services Peer Division
Community Resource Coordination Groups (CRCG YSC)
The Children's Assessment Center
Network of Behavioral Health Providers
National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
reVision Houston
Dallas County Juvenile Department
Bexar County Juvenile Probation Department
Maryland Department of Juvenile Justice**



Program Impact – Presentations



- Harris County Juvenile Probation Community Unit Probation Services Divisions (CUPS)
- Harris County Resources for Children and Adults Board Members





Collaborations

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Harris County Juvenile Probation



- **Intake Department** provides client referrals
- **The Opportunity Center** provides recreational space for our youth

Harris County Resources for Children and Adults



- **Kinder Shelter** kitchen provides daily meals for our youth
- **Integrated Health Clinic** provides comprehensive medical exams

Harris County Office of County Administration



- **Grants & Partnerships Division** provides support and oversight of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant

Collaborations – Precinct 4 Commissioner Lesley Briones

Burnett Bayland Park Transformation



HARRIS COUNTY PRECINCT 4
**COMMISSIONER
LESLEY BRIONES**

Agency Collaborations

Peer Support Services Department

- Provides peer to peer group discussions
- Provides recreational peer engagement

The HALL
CENTER
Mental Health
Transforming



Youth Diversion



T.E.A.M.
Together Everyone Achieves More

T.E.A.M



T.E.A.M



Testimonials



YDC Youth Testimonials

“the YDC is helpful because you get to tell people what you are going through without being judged”

“YDC is a great program for all types of juveniles; no matter what you have been through, this program will help you.”

“Everyone here tells me I was one of the best patients here, which makes me so much more excited to go home and prove to my family that I changed for the better.”

“Everyone worked together to help not just me but the other kids as well. Workers were nice and listened to what I had to say. Everyone played a big part in my treatment and to help me discharge.”



YDC Parent Testimonials

"I just wanted to write to you and tell you how Ms. Amanda was so helpful as we dealt with questions and concerns regarding our son, Ms. Amanda, who was at the Diversion Center last month. She genuinely was concerned with not only the needs of our son, but our family as well. She was professional in everything she did, and we are forever grateful.

We talked yesterday to see what the status was with a referral she made for us to the RTC project in an attempt to get our son into the program at Pegasus. She said she would update us when she had news, and we are sure that she will do that.

I just wanted you to know that Ms. Amanda did a great job taking care of us and our son. My son had nothing but great things to say about the staff during his stay. Thank you and your staff for making this difficult journey we are taking a little bit easier."

... "Again, thank you!"

"I'm glad to be able to see, there are positive resources like the YDC to help troubled teens to get on the right path. I'm glad my son was able to be a part of this success"

"The program was very beneficial for her; it helped her in a lot of ways. She is a lot more respectful, and I see her trying to take care of her son."

"Him being at the YDC, was the most help we have received in a long time. It also helped us arrive at a long term solution, my family and I thank you for being so nice to my son, please continue the work you are doing"

The Harris Center Foundation

 **THE HARRIS CENTER**
Foundation
for Mental Health and IDD

Pay to the order of Youth Diversion Center ReCreation Zone \$ 54,189.00

Fifty-Four Thousand and One Hundred Eighty Nine ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ *Dollars*

ReCreation Zone

Due to the generosity of The Harris Center Foundation, the YDC was awarded \$54,189 to develop an outdoor recreation zone for our program.

The ReCreation Zone will enhance the therapeutic milieu of the program and promote a healthy outlet for our youth. Through a holistic approach, the ReCreation Zone will promote wellness along with ReCreate and improve the overall mental and physical health of our youth.

A special thank you to The Harris Center Foundation for awarding the YDC this funding in its efforts to provide the youth we serve with the opportunity to ReCreate their body, mind, spirit, and overall well-being.



Wellness



Physical well-being



Mental well-being

ReCreation Zone



The ReCreation Zone consists of six pieces of equipment:

- Knee Lift
- Horizontal Chin-Up
- Sit-Up Bench
- Parallel Bars
- Bench Dip
- Triple Horizontal Bar



ReCreation Zone



Thank you.