



PRESS RELEASE

Juvenile Detention Program Funding Changes and Allocations

\$53,881 Distributed for Evaluation Needs

Kilgore, TX, January 14, 2013: For many years, the East Texas Council of Governments has administered a "Regional Juvenile Detention Project" funded by a grant from the Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division (CJD) through the state Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Fund. Due to changes in the FY2013 funding requirements, juvenile detention services were determined to no longer an eligible activity. This change made it disallowable for ETCOG to reimburse the region's juvenile probation departments for housing costs. After consulting with them on their most costly needs, our regional JJDP grant has been restructured to pay for psychological and psychiatric evaluations for juveniles instead. These evaluations help ensure that East Texas juveniles receive the best path for their overall treatment.

The Regional Evaluation Services for Juveniles grant was awarded to ETCOG by CJD and runs from September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013. The following dollars amounts were allocated to the region:

*Dollar amounts were calculated using 2010 census data at \$.50 per child with a \$1,000 minimum allocation amount.

After being evaluated, juveniles can receive services paid for by their home county for the following: GED classes; tutoring; anger management, substance abuse counseling; sexual abuse counseling; professional therapy and/or mental health counseling as needed.

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About ETCOG

The East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) is a voluntary association of counties, cities, school districts and special districts within the fourteen-county East Texas region. ETCOG assists local governments in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit and coordinating for sound regional development. Established in 1970, ETCOG, either directly, or through its contractors, provides programs and services for East Texas seniors, employers, and job seekers. ETCOG and its contractors also build the 9-1-1 emergency call delivery system, provide peace officer training and homeland security planning services; and deliver rural transportation services, business finance programs, and environmental grant funding for the region.

Anderson	\$5,729
Camp	\$1,000
Cherokee	\$3,292
Gregg	\$7,760
Harrison	\$4,250
Henderson	\$4,457
Marion	\$1,000
Panola	\$1,470
Rains	\$1,000
Rusk	\$3,093
Smith	\$13,107
Upshur	\$2,427
Van Zandt	\$3,168
Wood	\$2,130
Total	\$53,881