

ETCOG HAPPENINGS

HEALTH FOR LIFE - DIABETES EDUCATION

The Area Agency on Aging of East Texas and Texas Medical Foundation (TMF) Health Quality Institute in Austin have partnered with Wellness Pointe of Longview to promote a new program educating the public about the importance of preventing and controlling diabetes. The goal of the partnership is to increase access to diabetes self-management education (DSME) among underserved populations with diabetes. This collaboration will give the Area Agency on Aging of East Texas access to Wellness Pointe's patients that meet the target criteria along with a venue to hold classes.

The Diabetes Education Empowerment Program (DEEP) is a free, 6-week course targeting African Americans with diabetes who receive Medicare, but classes are available to anyone. Studies have shown that African Americans are more likely than non-Hispanic whites to have diabetes. Twenty-five percent of African American women over the age of 55 have the disease, and 25% of all African Americans between the ages of 65 and 74 have diabetes. African Americans are more likely to die from the disease and more than twice as likely to suffer devastating complications such as kidney disease, blindness and amputations. The curriculum teaches the importance of controlling diabetes by empowering the participant to check blood glucose levels daily, eat right, exercise and keep regular doctor visits.

The DEEP program is endorsed by NFL Hall of Famer and Tyler native Earl Campbell and his older brother, Willie, who lost their mother and sister to diabetes. Although it took a life-altering event (amputation of his right leg) to get his attention, Mr. Willie Campbell is now winning his battle against diabetes.

The Aging Department held its first Health for Life diabetes class on July 26, 2013 in Tyler at the Glass Recreation Center. Classes are currently held at Best Friends Adult Activity Center in Longview and Lake View Senior Living in Tyler. To date, we have a total of 54 individuals enrolled in the class with 30 meeting criteria. Classes are being facilitated by Henry Roach and Jennita Carter along with Christie Osuagwu of The People's Health & Wellness Clinic in Tyler.

For information on classes or how to become a certified instructor, please contact Jennita Carter at (800) 442-8845 ext. 105.



PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS: WOOD COUNTY'S JALAYNE ROBINSON BECOMES THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE TEXAS DISTRICT AND COUNTY ATTORNEY ASSOCIATION (TDCAA)

Criminal District Attorney Jim Wheeler announced today that Jalayne Robinson, Wood County Crime Victim Liaison, was elected Chairperson of the Texas District and County Attorney Association (TDCAA) Victim Services Board on September 19, 2013, at the TDCAA annual conference.

The TDCAA Victim Services Board assists in preparing and developing operational procedures, standards, training and educational programs; coordinates victim assistance programs and addresses matters dealing with victim assistance programs and services throughout the State of Texas.

Initially, Robinson was elected to serve on the nine member TDCAA Victim Services Board in September 2010. Since then, she has served as the principle contact person for Victim Assistance Coordinators in Region 6. Region 6 consists of 32 counties in Northeast Texas, including Wood County. Prior to her election Robinson was Secretary to the TDCAA Victim Services Board.

Jalayne Robinson has worked for the Wood County Criminal District Attorney's Office since 1991. She is a Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker (LBSW). Robinson provides services to Wood County crime victims helping reduce the trauma victims often feel in the aftermath of a crime.

**EAST TEXAS GRANT APPLICATIONS FUNDED BY THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR,
CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION FOR FY14**

Applicants	Project Title	Amount Requested
SF = STATE FUNDS 421		
East Texas Council of Governments	Regional Evaluation Services for Juveniles	\$64,769.73
Smith County, Texas	Mind, Body and Tools Program	\$20,054.00
Van Zandt County	V.O.I.C.E.S. - Vocational/Occupational Initiatives Creating Employment	\$47,949.00
City of Longview	Teen Court	\$24,000.00
Malakoff ISD	U.P.L.I.F.T. - Using Positive Learning Involving Failing Teens	\$49,430.00
		\$206,202.73
DJ = JAG JUSTICE ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS		
Camp County	LE Patrol Vehicle for Sheriff's Dept.	\$26,771.00
Tyler Police Department	Specialized Gang Investigator	\$63,956.35
Upshur County	Rural Justice Assistance	\$40,565.00
Kilgore, City of	NETX - DEA Task Force Daily/Special Operations Vehicle	\$40,318.00
East Mountain, City of	Police Department Equipment Grant	\$22,815.63
Hallsville, City of	Computer System for Patrol Vehicles	\$65,273.65
		\$232,928.63
WF = VAWA VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT		
Upshur County	Family Violence Intervention Program	\$55,315.00
Gregg County	VAWA - Prosecution Project	\$72,511.00
Anderson County	Women's Case Manager	\$73,289.50
Women's Center of East Texas	Dom Violence & Sex Assault Rural Nonres Svcs	\$80,000.00
East Texas Crisis Center	Rural Family Justice Project	\$58,000.00
East Texas Crisis Center, Inc.	Victim Assistance Program	\$80,000.00
		\$419,115.50
VA = VOCA VICTIMS OF CRIMES ACT APPS		
Wood County	Victim Services Project	\$59,583.00
Rusk County CAC	Children's Advocacy Center	\$80,000.00
Crisis Center of Anderson & Cherokee Cos	Dom Violence/Sex Assault & Child Abuse Prev & Advocacy	\$80,000.00
NETX Child Advocacy Center, Inc.	Child Advocacy Program	\$80,000.00
Martin House CAC	C.A.R.E. - Child Abuse Recovery Effort	\$56,000.00
Henderson County HELP Center, Inc.	Children's Advocacy Center	\$80,000.00
CAC of Van Zandt County, Inc.	Forensic Interviewer/FA	\$20,000.00
CAC of Smith County	Children's Advocacy Center of Smith County	\$80,000.00
CAC of Van Zandt County	Mental Health Services	\$22,750.00
		\$558,333.00

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