



2021 HOPE STREET DIVERSION PROGRAM TALKING POINTS

ONE MORE CHILD HOPE STREET PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Located in the inner city of Tampa-Sulphur Springs, Hope Street began in January 2014, providing Adopt a Block services with 50 volunteers serving 10 blocks. Community relationships began to form and programs began to expand as other community needs were identified. One More Child Hope Street currently provides education (tutoring, GEDs and job placement), tangible supplies such as clothing, food and baby items and the Hope for Boys and Hope for Girls—a diversion program that mentors at-risk youth.

DIVERSION PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Hope for Youth Program is a Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Program that serves three distinct populations of youth:

- **Hope for Boys:** Ages 9-13 (Mondays & Fridays from 3:30pm-6:30pm)
- **Hope for Young Men:** Ages 14-18 (Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4pm-6:30pm)
- **Hope for Girls:** Ages 12-18 (Saturdays from 10am-Noon)

Referral agencies: Juvenile Diversion Program (Courts), Juvenile Probation Office, Bay Area Youth Services, and concerned parents (self-referrals)

Services for youth: academic enrichment, character development, mentoring, anger management, conflict resolution, community service opportunities, job skills, and positive out of school activities

Program activities: "Daily Debriefs" (a daily assessment and conflict resolution mechanism); transitioning planning; discharge planning; and follow-up assessments at 1 month, 3 months, 6 months, and 12 months post discharge

Program duration: Hope for Boys: 7 Sessions, Hope for Young Men: 3-5 Months, Hope for Girls: 5 Sessions

KEY NUMBERS AND INFORMATION

➤ 2020 Outcomes

- 30 youth completed the Hope for Youth program*

*Due to City COVID restrictions, in-person services were limited. Services were provided virtually.

(see reverse for more information)

➤ **2019 Outcomes**

- 84 youth completed the Hope for Youth program
- 96% success rate

➤ **2018 Outcomes**

- 64 youth completed the Hope for Youth program
- 98% success rate

➤ **2017 Outcomes**

- 43 youth completed the Hope for Youth program
- 91% success rate

REQUESTED APPROPRIATION = \$250,000

- \$250,000 operating budget will provide services for a minimum of 100 at risk youth and children annually

FUNDING SPONSORS

- Senator Ben Albritton (LFIR 1722)
- Representative Traci Koster (HB 3057)

PREVIOUS STATE FUNDING

- Senator Albritton and Representative Grant secured a \$250,000 appropriation for One More Child Hope Street in the 2020-2021 budget. This was a one-time appropriation used for operations.

ONE MORE CHILD IMPACT

One More child has been providing life-changing services to vulnerable children since 1904. In 2020, 324,409 children and individuals were impacted domestically and globally at more than 50 locations worldwide through efforts in foster care, anti-trafficking, child hunger, single moms programs and family support services. However, it is not enough. We want to reach one more child who is disadvantaged, neglected or abused to give them hope for a bright future.