

# FY13 JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION PROGRAMS (LOCAL) Addendum

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**Agency Name:** 417<sup>th</sup> District Court, Collin County  
**Application title:** Juvenile Drug Court, SOAR, Program  
**Application #:**

## AGENCY HISTORY (THIS SECTION WILL NOT BE SCORED):

Location of Agency Headquarters:  
2100 Bloomdale Road, Ste 30290  
McKinney, TX 75071

### Mission Statement:

In order to promote public safety in a cost-effective manner, the mission of the Collin County Juvenile Drug Court, Successfully Opting for Accountability and Recovery (SOAR) Program, is to equip juveniles with the necessary tools to successfully complete probation while achieving sobriety from alcohol and other drugs. The drug court program will guide the juvenile and the family by coordinating treatment, counseling, community resources, supervision and accountability. Completion of SOAR will build a foundation of community supports for long-term, positive life change for the juvenile and his/her family.

Experience in providing this service: Explain how your agency is qualified to provide this service.

The SOAR Drug Court was established by the 417th Judicial District Court Judge along with a core team including the Drug Court Coordinator, Appointed Master of the 417<sup>th</sup>, and Juvenile Probation Office Deputy Director. In addition to the continuing education expected of their positions, all core team members have attended a number of state and national conferences and trainings for drug court professionals. Juvenile Probation Officers, who are required to attend 40 hours of training each year to maintain certification by the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, have attended a drug education-focused conference specifically because of their role on the drug court team. Additionally, all SOAR Program Team members, including the core team, probation officers, defense and prosecuting attorneys, and treatment providers, recently attended a two-day meeting/retreat to review the program progress, incorporate lessons learned, update the mission statement, assess the criteria for admission and graduation, establish new expectations on level completion, and review the roles of each team member.

If this project is currently in existence in any capacity, how long has your agency been providing this service?

The SOAR Program was initiated in January 2010 to facilitate the treatment and intensive supervision of juveniles in need of substance abuse rehabilitation. Since the program's inception, 35 juveniles have participated, with five graduates to date.

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1. **PROBLEM STATEMENT: The Problem Statement should thoroughly and specifically describe the area and individuals to be served, the problem, and support the problem with data specific to the target area.**

- 1a. Describe the target area and target population to be served by this project. (Up to 5 points)
- 1b. Describe the negative impact the problem has on the target area you propose to serve with this project. (Up to 15 points)
- 1c. To support the significance of the problem please provide local data relevant to the target area. NOTE: All data must be cited and verifiable. Only use state and/or national data when comparing/contrasting with local data. (Up to 5 points)

- 1a. Collin County juveniles, 14 to 17 years 3 months, who exhibit a need for substance abuse treatment and were not adjudicated for a first-degree felony
- 1b. While drug abuse at any age can cause serious health effects, teens are at particular risk for negative consequences. Drug abuse can cause, mask, or increase the severity of emotional problems such as anxiety, depression, suicidal thoughts and schizophrenia. Juvenile substance abuse also leads to an increased risk of social problems, violence, and engagement in delinquent behaviors such as fighting and stealing. Additionally, teens who abuse drugs are more likely to be involved in car accident-related injuries or death. Juveniles who abuse drugs are more likely to struggle with addiction later in life, likely resulting in additional drug and drug-related crimes.
- 1c. Along with the substantial population growth in Collin County, juvenile substance abuse has also increased. Collin County's population increased 59.1% in the past decade to 782,341, of which 28.7% is comprised of persons under age 18 (juveniles). The Collin County Juvenile Probation (CCJP) Department's referral caseload has grown from 121 referrals (88 misdemeanors, 33 felonies) in 2000 to 228 referrals (189 misdemeanors, 39 felonies) in 2011, an 87% overall increase for drug offenses referrals.

The increase in referrals has also made it apparent that many juveniles are in need of drug treatment; however, treatment facilities for juveniles are limited and expensive. The Collin County Juvenile Detention Center has a post-adjudication residential program that concentrates on drug treatment, which is the only in-patient facility within the county for juveniles. However, admissions to that program have grown 132% from 41 in 2000 to 95 in 2011, and the program is consistently at or above capacity. And while the need for treatment continues to grow for adolescents, in-patient treatment is cost prohibitive for most families. Without treatment, the effects of juvenile drug abuse can lead to serious consequences well into adulthood.

As a result of the increase in juvenile substance abuse and limited availability for in-patient treatment, the 417th Judicial District Court Judge initiated a juvenile drug court program, SOAR, in January 2010. The SOAR Program addresses the drug treatment needs of juveniles, aged 14 to 17 years 3 months, who reside in Collin County, exhibit a need for intensive out-patient or in-patient substance abuse treatment, have a caring adult willing to actively participate in the program, and were not adjudicated for a first-degree felony offense.

Sources

- 1. Fletcher, B. and R. Chandler. "Principles of drug abuse treatment for criminal justice populations – a research based guide." National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health Publication No. O6-5316, Sep 2007. Web. 17 Jan 2012.
- 2. "Collin County QuickFacts." State and County QuickFacts. US Census Bureau, 23 Dec 2011. Web. 17 Jan 2012.
- 3. Collin County Juvenile Probation Department reports, 2000 – 2011.
- 4. Collin County Juvenile Detention Center reports, 2000 – 2011.

**2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Should state thoroughly what the project is about, so that reviewers have no doubt about why there is a request to fund this particular project, what the project will do, for whom it will operate, when it will start and end, and in what location it will operate.**

- 2a. List activity(ies) that would be funded through this application. (See eGrants Activity Tab.) (Up to 5 points)
- 2b. Describe each activity as it relates to this project. NOTE: Do not copy and paste the CJD definition of the activity. (Up to 15 points)
- 2c. Describe the planned flow of services for the individuals to be served by the project. (up to 20 points)

2a. Activity: Substance Abuse

- 2b. In order to continue and expand this beneficial program, the 417<sup>th</sup> District Juvenile Drug Court seeks financial assistance to 1) provide intensive, out-patient substance abuse treatment for juveniles whose families do not have the financial means to pay for treatment, 2) defray the cost of drug testing, and 3) provide training for the Program Team.

Collin County's SOAR Program assists juvenile respondents, and their families, with substance abuse rehabilitation to become drug-free while residing in their own homes. The program coordinates the efforts between the 417th Judicial District Court and the Collin County Juvenile Probation (CCJP) Department in supervising juvenile offender rehabilitation as they complete treatment under the direct supervision of their parents/guardians. The SOAR Program creates an individualized plan requiring substance abuse treatment, constant drug testing, intense supervision and close monitoring by the Program Team, completion of educational goals, and maximum utilization of community resources.

- 2c. Referral to the SOAR Program is made by any team member, a juvenile prosecutor, a juvenile probation officer, a juvenile, or his/her parent or guardian. Additionally, SOAR receives referrals from Serenity High, a McKinney Independent School District facility, which provides educational services to students who have been in drug treatment and are committed to staying sober. After determining suitability, the juvenile is assessed by an independent, certified substance abuse counselor. Upon receiving the assessment results, the Program Team determines if the juvenile meets the admission criteria.

If the juvenile is admitted, he/she and his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) attend an orientation where the participants are introduced to the components of the SOAR Program. The SOAR Program is intended to last 6 to 9 months; however, the actual length of program depends on the juvenile's progress, ability to remain drug free, and program requirement compliance. The program consists of three levels, which include frequent drug tests, meetings with the SOAR Program Team, and out-patient treatment. The requirements of each level may be increased or decreased depending upon the needs and ability of each juvenile.

The SOAR Program Team is composed of the presiding Judge, the Court Coordinator, Court Officer, and Court Reporter of the 417th Judicial Court, as well as the appointed Judicial Master and Defense Attorney, two supervising probation officers, the Court Liaison Probation Officer, an Assistant District Attorney, the Principal of Serenity High, a treatment provider, and the Deputy Director of CCJP. This team reviews each juvenile's case weekly including any rule violations, drug screen results, and progress at school/work. Upon successful completion of the requirements, the Judge promotes the juvenile to the next level. Any failure to comply with the requirements is addressed in treatment and through sanctions recommended by the team and approved by the Judge. Sanctions may include detention in the Collin County Juvenile Detention Center, house arrest, additional community service, curfew modification, additional writing assignments, etc. The team may also consider whether the juvenile should be retained at a particular level, returned to a previous level, or terminated from the SOAR Program.

SOAR provides a continuum of services to assist the juvenile and guardian(s) in the treatment and recovery process. Following assessments, the therapist, the juvenile, and the juvenile's family develop an individualized plan for the treatment segment of the program. Depending on treatment needs, the juvenile may be referred to out- or in-patient treatment, drug/alcohol education, mental health treatment, and/or Alcoholics or Narcotics Anonymous. The guardians participate in an 8-week parenting class and are provided with information on Families Anonymous. During the course of the SOAR Program, the juvenile may be referred to additional treatment options if the need indicates, such as in-patient treatment at North Texas State Hospital located in Vernon, Texas, or the Post-Adjudication Program in the Collin County Juvenile Detention Center. SOAR participation may be interrupted until in-patient treatment can be obtained.

Upon entering the SOAR Program, the juvenile has at least two to three observed drug screenings per week, with many requiring daily testing, taken both at random and scheduled times. CCJP utilizes both instant urinalysis screens and also submits samples to a contract laboratory for testing. As the participant progresses and is promoted to different levels of supervision, the frequency of drug testing lessens.

Graduation is scheduled after all levels of the program have been completed. Program Team members contact the participants 6 months and 1 year after completion to determine if juveniles remain drug free after the program ends.

Early substance abuse intervention increases the likelihood juveniles will avoid serious long-lasting consequences. Drug abuse and addiction have negative consequences on all aspects of a community including crime, economic resources to address health and criminal consequences, and fatalities caused by driving under the influence of drugs, as well as family disintegration and failure in school. Drug addiction is a preventable disease, and the SOAR Program seeks to successfully rehabilitate juveniles and reintegrate participants from a drug-focused environment to being a contributor to his or her local community, which promotes public safety in the long term.

**3. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES - Should relate to the Project Description and must be reasonable, relevant and attainable within the 12-month grant period.**

3a. Describe the overall project goal. (Up to 5 points)

3b. Objectives: Provide at least one objective for this project. For each objective, provide relevant outputs including numerical target data (i.e., # to be served during the 12-month grant period) and outcomes. You may use your own measures and/or those found in eGrants. (up to 10 points)

3c. For each output and outcome, describe how it will be measured. (up to 5 points)

The goal of the Collin County SOAR Program is to ensure that participants reduce drug use while in and after completion of the program and improve family communication and parenting skills thereby reducing juvenile drug use.

Objective: Expand and improve the SOAR Program	
Output	Measurement
Provide 3 months out-patient treatment for 15 juveniles	Treatment provider schedules
Provide 1920 drug screens for 15 juveniles	Test result documentation
Provide training for 13 Program Team members	Attendance rosters
Outcome	Measurement
Increase program participation by 50%	# of program participants
Increase program completion by 100%	# of program graduates
90% of graduates drug free 6 months after program completion	% drug free based on follow-up surveys
80% of graduates drug free 1 year after program completion	% drug free based on follow-up surveys

Program attendance and graduation values will be compared against data from the previous year with the denoted improvement expected.

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**4. BUDGET: INSERT EGRANTS BUDGET HERE. Do not provide additional narrative other than what is included in eGrants budget table. Once the budget is complete in eGrants, click on “printer friendly” link at top right. A new window will open with budget information. Select, copy, and paste the entire budget table here. The budget in this addendum must be identical to the one you placed in eGrants.**

4a. All budget line items must have sufficient detail to justify the item to be included in the project. Budget line items should be relevant and reasonable to carrying out the project. (Up to 10 points)

4b. The budget must be consistent with proposed activities. (Up to 5 points)

**NOTE:** Grant-Funded Personnel: Budget line item description must include a brief summary of responsibilities and qualifications of grant-funded project personnel. Include fringe benefit amount in description, if applicable.

Actual final budget will be inserted after submitted in eGrants

General Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Program (JJDP)		
Item	Description	Grant Funding
Out-patient treatment	15 participants (3 months @ \$2160)	\$ 32,400.00
Drug Screens		
Synthetic Marijuana	960 @ \$20; 10 participants, 3/wk, 8 mo	\$ 19,200.00
EtG	480 @ \$5; 5 participants , 3/wk, 8 mo	\$ 2,400.00
Instant	480 @ \$3.15; 15 participants , 1/wk, 8 mo	\$ 1,512.00
Training for Program Team	National Conference, 13 team members	\$ 19,214.00
		\$ 74,726.00