

## **Girls Empowerment Mentoring Program Project Abstract**

Collin County is applying for funding in the amount \$522,921.94. This project serves Collin County and serves an estimated population of 1,005,146. The Mission is to help female juvenile offenders who have been traumatized and may be acting out or violating the law as a result of the negative experiences of their past. Utilizing a multidisciplinary approach, the team will effectively address underlying trauma associated with at-risk behaviors and/or related to delinquent conduct. We aim to hold participants accountable for their actions and building on their strengths while reconnecting them to healthy peers, family, and adult relationships as well as pro-social activities.

The Girl's Empowerment Mentoring Support (GEMS) Program will work with at-risk girls and juvenile offenders.

Goal: Deliver services to individuals with cases in the criminal justice system

Objectives:

1. Ensure minimum of 95% of participants seeking assistance, deemed eligible for the GEMS committed to program are served.
2. Demonstrate maximum 10% increase yearly in participant enrollment.
3. Graduate 45 from project by 3rd year.

Measures:

1. Provide assistance services to 60 participants (over the course of the three years).
2. Provide case management and advocacy for 65 participants (over the course of the three years).
3. Provide advocacy and assistance for participants.
4. Provide treatment referrals for 70 individuals (whether ultimately accepted into the GEMS Program or not) (over the course of the three years).
5. Assist 60 participants with developing plans (over the course of the three years).