

**AREAS SERVED:** Travis County

**AGES SERVED:** 11-19 Yrs. Old

**SCHOOL:** In SPED or need testing for IDD or entry into SPED

**DIAGNOSIS:** Intellectual and/or Developmental Disability or needs testing for IDD.

For youth who are at-risk or already in the school to prison pipeline.

**GOAL:** Support families and students and see them through into adulthood without offending or re-offending

## EDUCATIONAL ADVOCACY

- Can provide home meetings prior to ARD or school meeting to help prep the family.
- Attend and advocate for client by bridging communication at ARD (Admission, Review & Dismissal).
- Educate guardians about navigating client rights within the Special Education System.
- Tracking of the Special Education paperwork to ensure that the client is in the most appropriate educational setting.

## ADVOCACY IN JUVENILE JUSTICE COURTS

- Accompanies youth and family to Juvenile Court Proceedings.
- Assists the court in understanding how the client's disability may or not affect behavior subject to discipline.
- Provides clarity regarding the youth and Guardians understanding of the legal proceedings.
- Works closely with probation officer to ensure compliance with terms of probation.

## TRANSITIONS PROGRAM

- Clients who have been in the JJS Program who are about to turn 18 can have a voluntary 3, 6, 9 or 12 months of transition planning into adulthood and may be eligible for Adult Case management and/or Guardianship Program.
- Educates families with adult resources and enrichment activities for young adults and works to ensure families are maximizing benefits for supports and services.

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