HISD CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS PROGRAM

Providing benefits for students whom currently have, or have had, an incarcerated parent during K-12.
The state of Texas has identified that, "without intervention, children of incarcerated parents are six to eight times more likely to become involved in a criminal lifestyle" (Texas Department of Criminal Justice). Further data has found that singular, or double, parent incarceration increases stress, separation anxiety, trauma, conscious/subconscious stigmatization, and romanticism of criminal behavior. Vulnerability to co-existing factors like poverty, abuse, violence, and crime-encased environments further exacerbate the endorsement of misconduct and unlawful activity. Compounded by the absence of the parents, the student, and surrounding family, experience significant challenges like exchanging guardianship for the length of the incarcerated parents' sentence, financial hardships, and become more susceptible to more health and education related issues. With proper initiative to promote positive change in offender behavior and transition and assimilation of said offender from incarceration to community, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice has acknowledged the importance of maintaining familial relationships, including that of children and their incarcerated parent.
The United States has been recognized of having the highest incarcerated population in the world with 2.1 million individuals incarcerated alongside a leading incarceration rate. In addition, 54% of the incarcerated population have one or more minor children representing 2.7 million or 1 in 28 children with an incarcerated parent. This program aims to increase awareness among staff about the prevalence of parental incarceration, identify areas of vulnerability to prevent absenteeism and dropouts, provide support by collaborating with mental health professionals to help students, and more. The mission of this program is to continuously build brighter futures for students while increasing self-knowledge and valuable leadership skills that are primed to surface during students’ transition post high school.
Dedicated Program Resources

- Students qualify for transportation services and are given a metro bus pass for local transport to school.
- Identified students are able to get clothing from HISD Homeless Department to help get uniforms for the school year.
- Counseling is provided for students dealing with emotional instability and behavioral health concerns.
- Eligible students qualify for tutoring with a certified tutor in their desired subject.
- Students will be able to get school supplies for the upcoming year per request by acting guardian.
- Students in high school will be eligible for employment services among hiring professionals.

More resources to be provided...
HISD is in collaboration with a multitude of community agencies whose values and mission statement align closely with the goals of our agency.

- The Salvation Army Adult Rehab Center
  1015 Hemphill St.,
  Houston, TX 77007
  713-869-3551

- The Brothers of St. Dismas-Kolbe House
  10135 West Rd.,
  Houston, TX 77064
  832-477-7729

- The Beacon
  1212 Prairie St.,
  Houston, TX 77002
  713-224-0984

- Houston Health Department Re-Entry Network Program
  4802 Lockwood Dr.,
  Houston, TX 77026
  832-393-5467

- The Salvation Army Jones Residence
  1603 McGowan St.,
  Houston, TX 77004
  713-650-6530

- Liedel Residential Re-Entry Center
  1819 Commerce St.,
  Houston, TX 77002
  713-224-0984

- The Salvation Army Jones Residence
  1603 McGowan St.,
  Houston, TX 77004
  713-650-6530

- Career and Recovery Services Inc.
  2525 San Jacinto St.,
  Houston, TX 77002
  713-754-7000

- The Council on Recovery
  303 Jackson Hill St.,
  Houston, TX 77007
  713-942-4100

- Bethel's Heavenly Hands
  12660 Sandpiper Dr.,
  Houston, TX 77035
  713-729-0125

- Houston Volunteer Lawyers
  1111 Bagby St.,
  Houston, TX 77002
  713-754-7000

- LoneStar Legal Aid
  1415 Fannin St.,
  Houston, TX 77002
  713-652-0077
In correspondence with program resources, HISD also has multitude of community partnerships whom also provide aid in a variety of ways and necessary resources.

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Empowerment Services
Providing the tools today to build a healthy tomorrow

Our Mission
At Empowerment Services we provide services for children and adults that empower the mind. Our services integrate family relationships, building therapy, cultural diversity, and quality of care.

Goal
Provide services that will give a new direction and vision to everyone that we service future.

Locations
1417 Houston Ave, Houston TX 77007

Empowerment Services
30 Wildcrest Dr Houston TX 77042
Unit 110
(713) 636-3255 office
(713) 636-3278 fax

1-833-928-1448 office
1-866-201-0410 fax
225-877-0586 crisis line

Our Staff
We employ individuals with a minimum of 5-year experience and who possess at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited university or college in the field of mental health counseling, rehabilitation, disability studies, psychology, sociology, special education, or social work. Our bachelor's level QMHP's are paired with a master's level QMHP. All non-licensed staff are supervised by a licensed practical counselor. We have multiple Hispanic workers to accommodate our Spanish speaking population. All staff members receive quarterly trainings. We are competitive with salary to ensure we employ the best counselors.

Our Services
- We are a licensed and accredited behavioral health rehab company who have been in business since 2007. We have 2 locations for convenience. We're strategic in where we place our locations so that we can offer additional resources to the families we serve. Our current locations put our clients in touch with food banks, dental assistance, housing assistance, educational assistance, college readiness, etc. We provide Skills Training and Case Management, as well as mentors for those who may not fully meet the qualifications for the program. During the summer we partner with multiple apartment complexes to offer free mental health workshops for any child living in or around the area surrounding the apartment complexes. We offer free tutoring to our clients that need help with their academics. We offer parenting skills workshops to the parents of our clients. We also offer mentors who can assist the parents of our clients with resume building, computer skills, and job searching skills. Our mentors also help parents with budgeting, goal setting, organizational skills, and skills needed to create a structured home. We work closely with the schools to ensure we are treating the clients as a whole. We have MOUs with multiple school districts. We also partner with all of our client's pediatricians to ensure all entities are on the same page. We are Medicaid funded, if a client doesn't have Medicaid, we work with the guardian to get them signed up. No child is ever turned away from services.
WHO WE ARE
The Empowerment Center for Hope and Opportunities (ECHO) is a Faith-based non-profit organization designed to stabilize homeless parents in an effort to stabilize the entire family. The program is structured from a holistic approach that engages individuals through career development training, professional attire, and programs to empower stakeholders by preparing them for interviews, working with collaborative partners, creating economic independence to break the cycle of poverty.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT
The mission of the Empowerment Center for Hope and Opportunities (ECHO) is to remove barriers to success and achievement through intervention-based solutions, comprehensive services, and real-time referrals to support at-risk families.

OUR VISION STATEMENT
The vision of the Empowerment Center for Hope and Opportunities (ECHO) is to spread the power of self-sufficiency, hope, and opportunity to inspire and implement solutions for at-risk and underserved populations.

CLIENT SERVICES
We work with individuals to help them select the best educational and employment opportunities available. Our goal is to ensure that they are mentally and physically prepared to take control of over their circumstances and push forward to success!

EMPOWERMENT CENTER FOR HOPE AND OPPORTUNITIES (ECHO) Services
1. Vocational, Degreed and GED programs
2. Career Coaching
3. Financial Literacy Classes
4. Employment Referrals/Interview Prep
5. Career and Empowerment Gear
6. Success Support Groups
7. Referrals for Social - Emotional Services

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFO
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Empowerment Center for Hope and Opportunities (ECHO)
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catina.flag@houstonisd.org
Engage and Empower

The Beacon is a central hub of services for individuals experiencing homelessness.

Our mission is to provide essential and next-step services to restore hope and help end homelessness in Houston.

Quick Facts
Established in 2007
Annual volunteers: 1,230+
Partner agencies: 100+
Individuals served last year: 4,560+

More Info
beaconhomeless.org

Make Contact
info@beaconhomeless.org

The holistic array of programs engage individuals in the process of recovering from living unsheltered:

- hot homemade meals
- mailbox privileges
- private showers
- full-service laundry
- information and referral
- civil legal aid
- housing case management
- transitional housing, comprehensive case management and therapeutic services with our Brigid’s Hope program
About Hire Houston Youth

Hire Houston Youth (HHY) is the City of Houston’s collective youth workforce program bringing together dozens of unique, outstanding partners from throughout Houston. Youth, ages 16-24, are offered a minimum of $8 per hour for seven weeks of paid summer jobs and internships at the City of Houston and in Houston’s non-profit and private sectors. HHY serves as the facilitator to connect youth to local jobs where they are empowered with an “earn and learn” opportunity in Houston’s dynamic economy.

About the Mayor’s Office of Education

The Mayor’s Office of Education works to create equitable educational opportunity for all Houstonians by collaboration, communication, and coordination with Houston’s education stakeholders. Utilizing a collective impact approach, the office works to enhance and systematize city-wide educational access, equity, and opportunity.

''Summer employment provides young people with an opportunity to gain workforce readiness skills, engages them in positive activities during the summer, and links them to long-term career opportunities. An able and ready workforce is also critical in ensuring a robust economic future for our city. I am committed to providing summer jobs for our young people who live in the city.”

Mayor Sylvester Turner

To learn more about the HHY program, how to sponsor youth or become a partner, contact hirehoustonyouth@houstontx.org or visit www.HireHoustonYouth.org

Benefits to HHY Participants
- Job Readiness Training
- Career Exploration and Coaching
- Financial Literacy Workshops
- Soft Skills and Leadership Development
- Digital Badging and Certificates
- Valuable Work Experience
- Building Social Capital and Networking

2018 HHY Snapshot
- 13,000+ applicants
- 7,530 employment opportunities
- 293 employers
- 353 partners
- $18M+ generated in the local economy