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6 Local Programs Get Mental Health Grants

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The Hogg Foundation for Mental Health has awarded \$741,029 in grants for mental health research and service projects in Texas, including six programs in Houston.

Established in 1940 by philanthropist Ima Hogg, the foundation financially assists programs and services that address the needs of Texans. While it invites proposals dealing with all aspects of mental health, priority goes to projects targeting children and their families, youth development and minority mental health.

The Houston grant recipients are:

Child Advocates Inc., \$240,000 over three years to study the effects of Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), a volunteer intervention program for abused and neglected children in the court system.

El Centro de Corazon, \$56,250 for continued support of the Community-Based Program for Family Counseling, a mental health intervention program for low-income families with high-risk infants and pre-school children.

University of Houston Department of Psychiatry, \$45,641 for the evaluation of Court-Based Services for Families of Divorce project. The university program collaborated with the Harris County Family Courts to minimize the trauma of divorce for parents and their children through education, mediation and counseling.

Casa de Esperanza de los Niño's Inc., \$21,160 for its post adoption program for children with special needs.

Fifth Ward Enrichment Program Inc., \$3,956 for the development of the Fathers in Families Pilot Project, which assists men ages 17-25 to become effective fathers.

University of Houston Institute of Urban Education, \$2,520 to support a performance evaluation of the Greater Houston Collaborative for Children, which supports projects that improve the lives of children and their families.

In Beaumont, Buckner Children's Village received \$116,642 for its Buckner Family Place, a residential, multi-service, self-sufficiency program for welfare-dependent families.

The Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation received two grants. Its Children's Medication Algorithm Project - a collaboration of medical and mental health experts to establish medication treatments and procedures for children - received \$21,755. And \$19,000 went to its leadership training workshops for mental health care consumers and their families.

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center of Amarillo was awarded \$113,654 for its End-of-Life Care Project.

Also receiving grants were the Center for Parent Education at the University of North Texas, \$30,000; Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Inc. of Fort Worth, \$45,000; the San Antonio Alternative Housing Corp., \$20,000; and the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District, \$5,451.