

COMMUNITY PLAN
Stephens County
FY2025-FY2028

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STEPHENS COUNTY

City of Breckenridge

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With Attachments

Community Plan FY 2025-2027

Stephens County Community Planning Group

The Stephens County Community Planning Group met on December 10, 2024, at the Emergency Operations Center at the Law Enforcement Center in Stephens County.

In attendance were:

Kevin Roach, Stephens County Sheriff
Justin Rose, Stephens County Chief Deputy
William Flournoy, Stephens County Deputy Sheriff
Blake Johnson, Breckenridge Police Department Chief of Police
Irene Laurance, West Central Texas Council of Governments
Heath Henderson, Juvenile Probation
David Leonard, Stephens County Emergency Management
Kellsie Easter, Virginia's House
Rebecca Navarro, Virginia's House
Suzana Cisneros, Juvenile Probation
Sasha Mendoza, ADRC
Wayne McMullen, Stephens County Constable
Clif Westbrook, Texas Parks and Wildlife
Steve Spoon, Stephens County Justice of the Peace
Stephanie Rocha, Beyond Trafficking
Jamaica Gonzales, Beyond Trafficking

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The group identified and prioritized the following problems, resources, and gaps in resources which affect Stephens County.

Note the Issues are Listed in Order of Importance

I. Issues

A. Criminal Justice Issues

A. Drugs- Illegal and Prescription

1. Abuse
2. Trafficking
3. Theft/ Fraud of Prescription Drugs

B. Property Crimes

C. DWI and Alcohol Related Offences

B. Victims Issues

A. Family Violence

B. Child Abuse/Sexual Abuse/Assault

C. Lack of Victim Housing/ Respite Center

D. Sex and Labor Trafficking

E. Property Crime

F. Lack of Nuclear Family

G. Crime Victimization

C. Mental Health Issues

- A. No Local Treatment/ Respite Center**
- B. Lack of Education of the Public about Mental Health**
- C. Lack of Transportation to Mental Health Alternatives**
- D. Veteran involved Mental Health Issues**
- E. Lack of Alternative Actions or Responses**
- F. Remote Access to Assessment Needs**
- G. Lack of Resources for the Homeless**

D. Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Issues

A. Problems

- 1. Uninvolved and Unskilled Parents**
- 2. School Dropouts and Truancy**
- 3. Vaping (THC and Nicotine)**
- 4. Property Crimes**
- 5. Availability of Alcohol and Drugs to Minors**
- 6. Sex Crimes**
 - a. Sexting**
 - b. Internet predators**
 - c. Cyber Crimes**
- 7. Taking Prescription Drugs From Home**
- 8. Teen Pregnancy**
- 9. Lack of Organization of Positive Role Models**
- 10. Overabundance of Negative Role Models**
- 11. Education of Cellphone Usage (wait for 8th)**

I. RESOURCES

A. Law Enforcement

1. Municipal Agencies

- a) Breckenridge Police Department**
- b) Breckenridge Code Enforcement**

2. County Agencies

- a) Stephens County Sheriff's Office**
- b) Constable**

3. Medical

- a) Stephens Memorial Hospital**
- b) Emergency Medical Services**
- c) Resource Care**

B. Corrections

- a) Adult Probation**
- b) Juvenile Probation of Young/Stephens County**

C. Prosecution

- a) County Attorney**
- b) District Attorney**

D. Regional Agencies

- a) West Central Texas Council of Governments**
- b) Hendrick Medical Center SANE Division**

E. State Agencies

- a) Texas DPS**
 - (1) Texas Rangers**
 - (2) Narcotics Division**
 - (3) Criminal intelligence Division**
 - (4) Texas Highway Patrol**
 - (5) Parks and Wildlife**
- b) Texas Department of Family and Protective Services**
 - (1) Child Protective Services**
 - (2) Child Protective Investigations**
 - (3) Adult Protective Services**

- (4) SCSS
 - c) Texas Board of Pardon and Paroles of Palo Pinto
 - d) TABC of Taylor County
 - e) Office of the Attorney General
 - (1) Crime Victims Services Division
 - f) Office of the Governor
- F. Federal Agencies
 - a) FBI
 - b) ATF
 - c) US Department of Justice
 - (1) Community Oriented Policing Services
 - (2) Office of Juvenile Justice
 - d) DEA
 - e) ICE
 - f) Border Patrol
 - g) NTSB/FAA
- G. Judicial Agencies
 - a) Municipal Court of Breckenridge
 - b) Justice Court of Stephens County
 - c) County Court
 - d) 90th District Court
 - e) 11th Court of Appeals
- H. Private/Public Sector Social/Citizen organizations
 - a) Crime Victims Assistance Center
 - (1) Domestic Violence
 - (2) Sexual Assault Victim Services
 - (3) Open Door
 - (4) Dr. Goodall's House/Virginia's House
 - (5) Clergy and Religious Organizations
 - (6) Ministerial Alliance
 - (7) Beyond Trafficking

- I. **Education Programs (Community, Church, Schools)**
 - a) **Domestic violence**
 - b) **Sexual Assault Awareness**
 - c) **Primary Prevention**
 - d) **Risk Reduction**
 - e) **Juvenile Mental Health**
 - f) **Drug Awareness in Schools by Law Enforcement**
 - g) **Emergency Management Training**
 - h) **Mental Health Training**
 - (i) **Beyond Trafficking Programs**
 - (j) **MBF Program**
 - (k) **ROAR Program**

- J. **Community Resource coordinating Group**
- K. **Betty Hardwick Center**
 - 1. **Betty Hardwick Crisis Team**
- L. **Juvenile First-Offender program**
- M. **Disciplinary Alternative Unit**
- N. **Alcohol/Drug Services**
- O. **Abilene Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse**
- P. **Shattered Dreams Program**
- Q. **Noah Project**
 - 1. **Abilene**
 - 2. **Haskell**
- R. **Hope. INC**
- S. **National Coalition against Domestic Violence**
- T. **Center for the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence**
- U. **Texas Council of Family Violence**
- V. **Texas Association against Sexual Assault**
- W. **National Domestic Violence Hotline**
- X. **Child Services**
 - 1. **STAR Program**
 - 2. **STARRY Program**
 - 3. **Ben Richey Boys Ranch**
 - 4. **Child Advocacy Center of Young and Stephens County**
 - 5. **Child Welfare Board of Young and Stephens County**
- Y. **Beyond Trafficking**

- Z. Breckenridge ISD
 - 1. Mentoring Program
- AA. Neighborhood Watch Program
- BB. Teen Court
- CC. Trained Volunteers
- DD. Private Counselors
- EE. Postal/ Utility Workers
- FF. TSTC Chemical Dependency/ Narcan Counselling
- GG. Resource Care Counseling

II. GAPS IN RESOURCES- The Stephens County Community Planning Group has identified certain areas in which there appear to be less than adequate services and /or resources.

- A. Awareness and understanding within the Rural Community
- B. Local agencies must prioritize services and manpower provided resulting in limited and delayed responses to nonemergency issues.
- C. Overtaxed resources and manpower contribute to lack of understanding and communication between the rural community and involved agencies.
- D. Local Taxes are strained to afford the equipment needed for local Law Enforcement to do the job at hand.
- E. Lack Of Funding
- F. Lack of Skilled Training
- G. Juvenile Criminal Justice issues- Areas that lack resources to address them, or require greater attention from existing resources.
- H. Availability of alcohol to minors
- I. Teen pregnancy School dropouts and truancy
- J. Uninvolved and unskilled Parents
- K. Lack of Positive Role Models
- L. Internet Predators/ Cyber Crimes
- M. Lack of housing for Juvenile Offenders
- N. Lack in Attention to Family Violence

- O. Lack in Attention to Sexual Assault**
- P. Shortage of Resources in rural Texas Communities prevents programs from providing comprehensive services on a consistent basis**
- Q. Lack of easy access to skilled local counselors and volunteers in working with victims dealing with catastrophic circumstances.**
- R. Lack of Mental Health Understanding and Local Treatment**

