

Wood County Community Plan

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What Is a Community Plan?

This plan is formally known as the Wood County Criminal Justice Community Plan, the purpose of which is to identify gaps in services regarding criminal justice issues. The Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office (CJD) requires that each county in Texas have a Criminal Justice Community Plan.

The document that is represented here reflects the efforts of many in Wood County that are concerned with assuring that any gaps in services that are identified are closed in a way that will both solve the problem and provide as great a benefit to the community as possible. It is with grateful acknowledgement that the names of those involved in the process of developing this plan are listed in the following page(s) under Part II (Community Planning Group).

Though the final draft of this plan was completed in January of 2011, this is a work in progress. New criminal justice goals are identified, the Planning Group changes as a result of individual and agency circumstances, and requirements concerning the makeup of the Plan are subject to change from year to year. Thus, Wood County is interested in keeping up with these changes, and including such in updates that will be posted from time to time.

If you are reading this Plan and have not been involved in its development, you are invited to join in this ongoing effort. Any questions you may have can be addressed to either Wood County Community Plan Coordinator for Wood County, or to the Criminal Justice Program of the East Texas Council of Governments. Contact information is provided within this document.

The Wood County Commissioners Court supports the concept of community planning by providing staff support and resources for development and implementation of the Wood County Community Plan. Additionally, the Commissioners Court supports grant applications from county departments as well as community organizations that address gaps in services identified in the Community Plan.

Areas Represented

Incorporated Communities:

Alba	Quitman	Hawkins
Winnsboro	Yantis	Mineola

Unincorporated Communities:

Crow	Golden	Holly Lake Ranch
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School Districts:

Quitman ISD	Winnsboro ISD
Mineola ISD	Hawkins ISD
Yantis ISD	Alba-Golden ISD
Harmony ISD	Pittsburg ISD

Brief description and history of Wood County:

HISTORY -

Wood County, Texas
From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia
Wood County, Texas



The Wood County Courthouse in Quitman.



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Location in the state of Texas



Texas's location in the U.S.

Founded	1850
Seat	Quitman
Area	
- Total	696 sq mi (1,803 km ²)
- Land	650 sq mi (1,683 km ²)
- Water	46 sq mi (119 km ²), 6.55%
Population	
- (2000)	36,752
- Density	57/sq mi (22/km ²)
Website	www.co.wood.tx.us

Wood County is a county located in the U.S. state of Texas. As of 2000, the population was 36,752. Its county seat is Quitman[1].

Wood County is one of 30[2] prohibition or entirely dry counties in the state of Texas.

Early in his career, William Jesse McDonald, the Texas Ranger, was a grocer and deputy sheriff in Wood County.[3]

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[edit] Geography


According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the county has a total area of 696 square miles (1,802 km²), of which 650 square miles (1,684 km²) is land and 46 square miles (118 km²) (6.55%) is water.

[edit] Major highways

 U.S. Highway 69

 U.S. Highway 80

 State Highway 37

 State Highway 154

[edit] Adjacent counties

- Hopkins County (north)
- Franklin County (northeast)
- Camp County (northeast)
- Upshur County (east)

Smith County (south)
 Van Zandt County (southwest)
 Rains County (west)
 [edit] National protected area
 Little Sandy National Wildlife Refuge
 [edit] Demographics

Historical populations		
Census	Pop.	%±
1860	4,968	—
1870	6,894	38.8%
1880	11,212	62.6%
1890	13,932	24.3%
1900	21,048	51.1%
1910	23,417	11.3%
1920	27,707	18.3%
1930	24,183	−12.7%
1940	24,360	0.7%
1950	21,308	−12.5%
1960	17,653	−17.2%
1970	18,589	5.3%
1980	24,697	32.9%
1990	29,380	19.0%
2000	36,752	25.1%
Est. 2009	43,136	17.4%

U.S. Census Bureau[4]Texas Almanac[5]

As of the census[6] of 2000, there were 36,752 people, 14,583 households, and 10,645 families residing in the county. The population density was 56 people per square mile (22/km²). There were 17,939 housing units at an average density of 28 per square mile (11/km²). The racial makeup of the county was 89.11% White, 6.12% Black or African American, 0.55% Native American, 0.20% Asian, 0.02% Pacific Islander, 2.91% from other races, and 1.09% from two or more races. 5.72% of the population were Hispanic or Latino of any race.

There were 14,583 households out of which 26.70% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 61.50% were married couples living together, 8.20% had a female householder with no husband present, and 27.00% were non-families. 24.10% of all households were made up of individuals and 13.20% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.42 and the average family size was 2.85.

In the county, the population was spread out with 21.80% under the age of 18, 7.90% from 18 to 24, 22.90% from 25 to 44, 26.40% from 45 to 64, and 20.90% who were 65 years of age or older. The median age was 43 years. For every 100 females there were 97.10 males. For every 100 females age 18 and over, there were 95.10 males.

The median income for a household in the county was \$32,885, and the median income for a family was \$38,219. Males had a median income of \$30,558 versus \$20,209 for females. The per capita income for the county was \$17,702. About 10.80% of families and 14.30% of the population were below the poverty line, including 20.50% of those under age 18 and 10.30% of those age 65 or over.

[edit] Cities and towns

Alba (partly in Rains County)

Hawkins

Mineola

Quitman

Winnsboro (partly in Franklin County)

Yantis

Crow (unincorporated)

[edit] See also

Dry counties

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



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[edit] External links

Wood County government's website

Wood County from the Handbook of Texas Online

	Hopkins County	Franklin County and Camp County
		
Rains County	 Wood County, Texas	 Upshur County
		
Van Zandt County	Smith County	

[\[show\]](#) [v](#) · [d](#) · [e](#) Municipalities and communities of Wood County, Texas


County seat: Quitman

Cities Hawkins | Mineola | Quitman | Winnsboro‡

Towns Alba‡ | Yantis

Unincorporated communities Crow, Golden, Holly Lake Ranch (Addition to this document)

Footnotes ‡This populated place also has portions in an adjacent county or counties



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Counties See: Table of Texas counties or List

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In developing this Community Plan, members of the team were divided into several focus groups for the purpose of narrowing the scope of research and data that are incorporated into the Plan. Some members may serve in multiple capacities/categories.

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Identification of Community Problems

General Public Safety Needs and Issues:

Wood County has long been considered a largely rural community. The down-turn in the nation's economy is beginning to be felt locally. The need for additional law enforcement staff is increasing. Homicide cases have increased. Identity thefts, forgeries, property crimes, assaults and DWI's continue to increase. Child abuse, domestic violence, assaults and drug/alcohol related crimes increase when families are in crisis. When crimes increase, demand for victim services increase as well. The Wood County Criminal District Attorney Victim Services Division has experienced an increase in services to victims. The Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center has seen an increase in the number of Child Protective Services and Law Enforcement investigations associated with child abuse. The East Texas Crisis Center has experienced an increase in demand for comprehensive services for domestic violence and sexual assault victims in crisis, as well as intervention services for perpetrators. As the demand for low-cost legal aid increases, long waiting periods for services are not uncommon. There has been an increase in Wood County's Hispanic/Latino population. Insufficient bilingual services for this population and classes are unavailable for public servants. The Wood County Independent School District's have seen an increase of need for law enforcement assistance in their daily operation. School resource officers are needed. Increased family crisis, dysfunctional family patterns, truancy, teen pregnancy, issues surrounding sexual and child abuse, drug/alcohol issues, mental health and behavioral issues are some of the reasons. A county-wide drug problem exists creating a need for a county-wide drug task force unit, a men's drug and alcohol rehabilitation center, a transitional assistance center or halfway house for women and men and the creation of a Teen Court in Wood County.

In each of the areas below, problems are identified and data is included that supports both the existence and severity of the problems as they are found in Wood County. Below is a discussion of the problems, the manner in which the problems are being addressed, and strategically how responses to these community problems could be improved.

Juvenile Issues (listed in order of priority, greatest need first)

<i>Identified Problem</i>	<i>Data Collection (statistical information)</i>
Increasing behavioral problems with elementary students.	Wood Co. Poverty Rate 11.9% (US Census, 2008) Wood Co. Unemployment Rate 6% (US Census, 2008) Wood Co. Homeless Rate 3.4% (US Census, 2008) Quitman Elementary School Economically Disadvantaged students – 60.7% (Texas Education Agency, 2010) Students with disciplinary placements in 08-09 year – 17.1% (Texas Education Agency, 2010)
<p>School districts across the state are seeing more behavioral issues that make it impossible for classroom instruction without removing the students from the setting. For diagnosed emotionally disturbed students, Special Education is available but for other students there is no interim solution. The referral process to Special Education can take from 6-8 months. Quitman Elementary School needs a behavioral classroom.</p>	

<i>Identified Problem</i>	<i>Data Collection</i>
Increasing numbers of students’ parents do not speak English.	Hispanic students Quitman Elementary School – 20.1% (Texas Education Agency, 2010) Limited English Proficient students, Quitman Elementary School – 8.6% (Texas Education Agency, 2010)
<p>With the growing numbers of Hispanic students and their families, it is important that staff members be able to communicate with students and parents. We now have English classes for the Hispanic families, but we do not have Spanish classes for public servants and personnel.</p>	

Juvenile Issues continued:

<i>Identified Problem</i>	<i>Data Collection</i>
Increase in crime and family violence situations has created a need for a police presence on campus.	Incarcerated Youth – Wood Co. 6 (Texas Youth Commission, 2008) Incarcerated Adults – Wood Co. 323 (Dept. of Criminal Justice, 2008) Attendance – Quitman Elementary 2008-2009, 96.6% (Texas Education Agency)
All school districts in the state would benefit from the presence of a law enforcement official. This officer develops a rapport with students, families and can be available for drug awareness training. Officers can also help with truancy and attendance issues.	

<i>Identified Problem</i>	<i>Data Collection (statistical information)</i>
Mental Health needs in juvenile probation and school systems.	38% of TYC inmates arriving in 2005 suffered mental health disorders. (Texas Juvenile Probation Commission) It is estimated that between 50 to 75 percent of incarcerated youth nation wide have a diagnosable mental health disorder. (Cocazza, J & Skovyra, R; April 2000)
Mental Health needs for juveniles are not being met in our community. We are seeing an increased number of 10 – 12 year olds being brought in by law enforcement for assaults, criminal mischief and disruption of classroom. The school system is getting these youth at a more rapid pace and they run out of options. The need in our community is one of which involves a better system of referrals, quicker reaction time, and commitment to results by all departments involved.	

Juvenile Issues continued:

Identified Problem

Data Collection (statistical information)

<p>Poor parenting skills have led to an increase in juvenile delinquency and child abuse therefore increasing risk factors leading to criminal behavior at younger ages, increased truancy, mental health issues, and dysfunctional family patterns carried from one generation to the next.</p>	<p>The number of CPS and law enforcement investigations has risen 19% over the last four years along with an increase in assault by 10% according to the Child Protective Services Annual Reports, NETCAC statistics, and the Texas Department of Public Safety Crime Statistics. Fulkerson, and Beebe Research, 1997, validates the increased risk factors associated with child abuse and delinquency.</p>
<p>The Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center prevention program, Caring for Kids, utilizes a national model to strengthen families and prevent juvenile delinquency and child abuse. Research has overwhelmingly established that being abused or neglected as a child increase one’s risk for delinquency, adult criminal behavior and violent criminal behavior. These children are at a higher risk for committing crimes at a younger age and being arrested more frequently than non-abused children. Prevention instruction increases knowledge, inspiring a sense of efficacy and promoting disclosures by children with parental involvement and support. The Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center prevention programs work to provide an early intervention resource for parents and children to gain the support, knowledge and skills they need in conflict resolution, enhanced communication and goal setting thereby reducing child abuse and involvement with the juvenile justice system.</p>	

Juvenile Issues continued:

<i>Identified Problem</i>	<i>Data Collection (statistical information)</i>
Wood County has no Teen Court.	<p>Teen Court provides opportunity for minors who are charged with misdemeanors to appear before a court of their peers. The decision made is legally binding and allows juvenile offenders to make restitution for their offenses without incurring a criminal record. Punishment can include community service, educational classes or other requirements. If the sentence is completed in the allotted time, the case is dismissed; if the defendant does not comply with the jury's mandate, the case is referred back to the municipal court where the conviction may appear on the offender's criminal record.</p> <p>Recent State Information on Teen Court documents how Teen Court significantly reduces legal cost to the County. Also, early intervention from this type of program involving teens' peers in the judicial process is showing great success.</p>

Victim Issues (listed in order of priority, greatest need first):

<i>Identified Problem</i>	<i>Data Collection</i>
<p>Increase in staff needed to service crime victims</p>	<p>The numerous available programs and services such as the Crime Victims’ Compensation program, VINE victim notification registration for incarcerations and court dates, Protective Order assistance, Victim Impact Statement assistance, court escort assistance and general crisis services available to victims require ample time with each victim or survivors of victims’ to ensure adequate information and support is delivered as mandated by the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.</p>
<p>The Wood County Criminal District Attorney Victim Services Division assists victims of crime by providing information, services and support in an impartial, consistent and compassionate manner during their interaction with the criminal justice system pursuant to Article 56.02 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure. The Victim Services Division disseminates information to victims and stands as a voice for the rights of victims within the criminal justice system. The DA’s Victim Service Division serves as a central information point between the Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center, the East Texas Crisis Center, the Wood County law enforcement agencies, the Wood County Adult Community Supervision Department, the Wood County Juvenile Probation Department in coordinating and delivering services and information to victims. All listed agencies work together in an effort to reduce duplication of services.</p>	

Victim Issues (continued):

<i>Identified Problem</i>	<i>Data Collection (statistical information)</i>
Increase in number of child abuse cases being investigated	Statistics from 2005 through 2009 show an increase of 19% in cases being investigated. In Wood County 106 were investigated for 2005 and 131 were investigated in 2009.
<p>The Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center provides Wood County with a child-friendly environment for investigating agencies to coordinate a multidisciplinary team model on child abuse cases. The center provides trained forensic interviewers, sexual assault exams, therapy, and information to access needed resources for victims and their families. This team approach has proven through evidence-based research to improve the outcomes both in the judicial process and the therapeutic process. The Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center is accredited with the Children’s Advocacy Centers of Texas and the National Children’s Alliance.</p>	

<i>Identified Problem</i>	<i>Data Collection (statistical information)</i>						
<p>Problem Area: Incidents of Family Violence and lack of victim services including volunteer advocacy.</p>	<p>Supporting Statistics: Uniform Crime Report Incidents of family violence in Wood Co.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>2007</u></th> <th><u>2008</u></th> <th><u>2009</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>117</td> <td>153</td> <td>109</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>These numbers only reflect incidents reported, due to the fact that in 2009 there was not a grant to support victim advocacy services in Wood Co. we feel the reporting declined not the incidents.</p> <p>East Texas Crisis Center victims served in Wood Co. so far this year 2010: 92</p>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	117	153	109
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<p>Current Resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Texas Crisis Center- part time victim legal advocate. • Domestic Violence Shelter – East Texas Crisis Center • Safe – T • Family Haven <p>Community Needs: Increase in Victim Services for Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Time Bi-lingual Victim/Legal Advocate • Victim Transportation and families of victims • Advocacy Training for Volunteer Advocacy • Dating Violence Program • Juvenile Batters Intervention Prevention Program (BIPP) • Victim Advocacy and Law Enforcement Training 							

Law Enforcement Issues (listed in order of priority, greatest need first)

<i>Identified Problem</i>	<i>Data Collection (statistical information)</i>
County Wide Drug Problem	Numerous burglaries and thefts throughout the entire county.
<p>Wood County is in desperate need of a County wide drug task force unit. A team designated to work inside the cities as well as the entire county. This job cannot be performed on a part time basis and requires a team that is strictly devoted to illegal drug offenses. The drug sellers/users do not have jurisdictional boundaries and bounce back and forth from Mineola to Hawkins to Alba etc. The majority of the burglaries and thefts committed in our cities/counties can be related to drugs and the purchase of them. Currently drug /suspect information is not openly shared between agencies. Most agencies are working short handed and departments do not have the manpower to devote a person fulltime to just work drugs. It is my belief that with the present day economy and without intervention that the drug, burglary and theft trend will continue to increase throughout our county.</p>	

<i>Identified Problem</i>	<i>Data Collection (statistical information)</i>
<i>Lack of law enforcement In School System</i>	<i>Our statistics show that during the school year our call load increases. Approximately 30% of calls for service initiate through the Quitman Independent School District or through the ISS building located on Earlene St. which is part of the district.</i>
<p>School officials, Juvenile probation officials, and the Quitman Police Dept. believe an officer assigned specifically to the Quitman School would be a benefit to all three parties involved. National studies show that School Resource Officer's help promote a safer environment and a better learning environment. Officers on campus are able to identify potential problems and address those problems prior to escalation. Officers are able to build a relationship with the student body and a bond of trust. This bond can lead to information being passed and obtained about potential threats. This bond can also exist as a possible counseling outlet if a student is thinking of committing violence.</p>	

Health/Medical/Substance Abuse Issues:

<i>Identified Problem</i>	<i>Data Collection (statistical information)</i>
There is no cost-effective treatment center or program for male non-insured, lower economic or indigent population.	No male drug treatment facility available in our County with exception of Johnston SAFPF located in Winnsboro, which is a court ordered mandated treatment program. No cost-effective treatment program that meets the needs of the non-insured or lower economic and indigent in our area.
Recommendation: Establish and fund a men’s rehabilitation treatment center in Wood County.	

<i>Identified Problem</i>	<i>Data Collection (statistical information)</i>
There are no transitional assistance centers or halfway houses for people who have completed substance abuse treatment. This is needed desperately for both males and females.	Most state and national research recommends that a person completing treatment should enter into a ninety (90) day transitional period to allow time after re-entry into the community to find employment and housing, obtain licenses, integrate into relapse education and participation in support groups, etc. These actions need to be taken to promote stabilization before returning into a non-structured environment, and lack of implementation of these measures causes significant relapse percentages because the instability leads to their return to drug-seeking behaviors and addiction.
	Recommendation: Establish and fund transitional assistance centers or halfway houses for women and men.

Resources Available

Included below are resources identified by the Wood County Community Planning Team that are available to provide services that could potentially help in closing criminal justice gaps:

Juvenile Justice:

<i>Name of Agency</i>	<i>Agency Type</i>	<i>Description</i>
Quitman Elementary School Quitman Independent School District	School	Provides education to elementary age children in Quitman school district.
Wood County Juvenile Probation Department	County	Supervises the probation of juvenile offenders

Law Enforcement:

<i>Name of Agency</i>	<i>Agency Type</i>	<i>Description</i>
Quitman Police Department	Law Enforcement/ Criminal Investigation	Responsible for criminal investigation and enforcement of laws in Quitman, Texas.
Mineola Police Department	Law Enforcement/ Criminal Investigation	Responsible for criminal investigation and enforcement of laws in Mineola, Texas.

Victim Services:

<i>Name of Agency</i>	<i>Agency Type</i>	<i>Description</i>
Wood County Criminal District Attorney – Victim Services Division	Prosecution	Assists victims of crime by providing information, services and support in an impartial consistent manner during their interaction with the criminal justice system including crisis intervention, assistance with Crime Victims' Compensation and VINE registration, court notification, court accompaniment, and protective order assistance.
Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center	Non-Profit agency with a Multidisciplinary team approach to child abuse investigations	The Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center services 8 counties in partnership with District Attorney's Offices, Child Protective Services and Law Enforcement Agencies providing services to child abuse victims and their families that are referred to the CAC. Referrals to the CAC are made from the above partnership agencies. The NETCAC and its partner agencies work together under an agreed protocol to provide services to child victims and their families to reduce the effects and trauma of childhood sexual and/or physical abuse.

East Texas
Crisis Center

Non-Profit
agency serving
domestic
violence and
sexual assault
victims

Services include shelter, counseling, advocacy, a 24 hour toll free hotline,
a Batterer's Intervention Program (BIPP), a SART program and a outreach program.

Substance Abuse/Prevention/Intervention:

<i>Name of Agency</i>	<i>Agency Type</i>	<i>Description</i>
Enough Is Enough	Non-Profit community organization	A non-profit organization committed to the eradication of drug and alcohol abuse. Community education and information related to drug awareness and development of community resources to achieve a safe and drug-free environment.

Interagency Cooperation

In the space below write a description of how the various resources listed in the previous pages could cooperatively work together to accomplish the goal of closing identified gaps in services:

Cooperative Working Agreements between the agencies ensure that victims will receive adequate assistance by (1) reducing duplication of services, (2) promoting interagency networking, (3) providing for a collaborative exchange of information and (4) fostering coordination between agencies and businesses within the community.

The Wood County Criminal District Attorney-Victim Services Division, all Wood County law enforcement agencies, the Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center, the East Texas Crisis Center, the Wood County Adult Community Supervision Department and the Wood County Juvenile Probation Department work closely by providing victims information, referrals, services, and support in an impartial, consistent and compassionate manner throughout the victims experience with the criminal justice system in an effort to reduce duplication of services.

The Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center along with cooperative partnerships of law enforcement, legal services, child protective services, medical services and therapeutic care providers, provides a safe child friendly environment to children between the ages of 2-17 who have been sexually or severely physically abused or have been a witness to a violent crime. The Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center and its partner agencies work together under an agreed protocol to provide services to child victims and their families to reduce the effects of the abuse.

The East Texas Crisis Center along with its outreach program are dedicated to providing safety, shelter, and education for victims of family violence, sexual assault, and other violent crime. Commitment to restoring dignity and purpose in the lives of victims and promoting public compassion and awareness in order to reduce violence in our community. To do so, the East Texas Crisis Center relies on special working relationships with the DA's office, law enforcement agencies, certain Wood County courts and the Wood County Adult Community Supervision Department.

The Wood County Juvenile Probation Department works closely with the Wood County ISD's and with agencies and citizens throughout the community to impact the lives of children, young adults and the families of Wood County.

Long-Range Plan Development, Monitoring and Evaluation

The Wood County Community Planning Team works in conjunction with other planning groups in the county to ensure a regular exchange of ideas. Individuals active in the planning process generally serve on many of these committees and share mutual concerns.

The Wood County Community Planning Team strives to meet periodically to review the plan and make necessary additions and deletions. At least one formal meeting of the entire group is held each fall, but agency and community representatives typically submit suggestions and changes via telephone and e-mail throughout the year to the Community Planning Coordinator.

Drafts and annual updates of the Community Plan are circulated by e-mail with requests for comments, changes, etc. Whenever possible, email is used to reduce the need for meetings, printing, postage, etc.

It is the intent of the Community Planning Group to improve outcomes for Wood County families struggling with problems described in the plan's focus areas. Efforts are being made by many Wood County agencies and organizations to address problems with local funds as well as grant funds from multiple state and federal sources. To the extent that these funds are available, the Community Planning Team will continue to urge agencies to provide programming that addresses the outlined focus areas.

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