



The Greater San Marcos Youth Council, Inc. is licensed by the Texas Department of Family & Protective Services as a general residential operation, also known as an emergency shelter, for children under the age of 18 who have been abused and neglected. Providing a structured and nurturing environment where children can feel safe and begin to rebuild trust with caring adults. Each child receives quality care, crisis counseling and assessment services. Additionally, each child attends an appropriate educational setting and receives counseling and therapy as needed.

Through Youth and Family Services, Hays County families with children under the age of 18 are able to access, free of charge, 365 days per year, crisis intervention and counseling services. We make every attempt to provide viable services to all who request them to reduce child maltreatment and juvenile delinquency, as well as, increasing families' protective factors and resiliency to crisis.

Our objective is to reduce family conflict and truancy in our local schools. We also strive to diminish runaways, abuse and neglect, and delinquent behaviors. We continue to be a solid, reliable resource for at-risk youth and their families in a time of need.



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GSMYC is located on the north access road of IH 35 between Hwy 80 and Aquarena Springs Dr. {immediately after the DPS office}

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## Youth & Family Services



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# What We Offer



- Individual & Family Counseling
- Crisis Counseling
- Parenting Classes
- Anger Management Classes
- Truancy Intervention
- Youth & Family Advocacy
- Delinquency Prevention
- Universal Child Abuse Prevention Education



Services are available free of charge to youth under the age of 18 and their families residing in Hays County or who are eligible to attend Hays County schools.

**All services are confidential**

Referrals are welcome from any individual, agency, school, or family.

Youth & Family 24 hour  
Crisis Hotline  
1-800-457-0797

# Programs Provided

## Individual & Family Counseling

### Parenting Classes

STEP is a multi-component seven (7) week parenting education curriculum. The three (3) STEP programs help parents learn effective ways to relate to their children from birth through adolescence through parent education study groups.

### Anger Management Class

Frustration is a natural reaction to stressful situations; however, anger can be harmful to people and their relationships. Anger Management instruction targets these stressful situations and helps participants to identify their personal triggers and develop healthier coping skills.

### Truancy Intervention

Our counselors help discover the problem areas that may cause a youth to miss school, including friends, family, drug issues, peer pressure, and environmental issues. The program calls for weekly school visits by a counselor with the student, while simultaneously reviewing their attendance records and grades.

### Delinquency Prevention

This program allows our counselors to have a seamless working relationship with local courts so that we can identify youth that are at risk for future criminal behavior. Our agency provides counseling services for the at-risk youth and their families at no cost to them.

### Youth & Family Advocacy

Providing parents and youth the skills needed to increase their confidence in their abilities to solve problems, avert crisis, and advocate for themselves. Counselors may advocate on behalf of the family and youth when deemed appropriate.