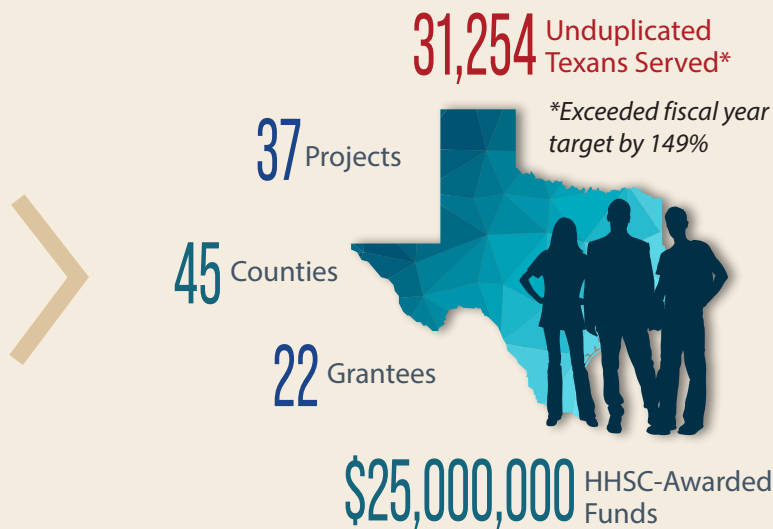


Program Overview

The Mental Health Grant for Justice-Involved Individuals (MHGJII) program aims to effectively address the unmet physical and behavioral health needs of people to prevent initial or subsequent justice involvement and promote recovery. The program supports community collaboratives focused on reducing recidivism rates, wait time for forensic commitments, arrests and incarceration among people diagnosed with mental illness.



TEXAS-SIZED ACHIEVEMENTS

The MHGJII program implemented Behavioral Health Services' newly developed set of standard performance measures in fiscal year 2022. Accomplishments across service domains illustrate the numerous beneficial effects and impacts of MHGJII-funded services.

Mental Health Deputy Programs

Jail diversion programs provide opportunities to divert people with behavioral health needs from jail to mental health interventions:

- **Jail Diversion: 84% diverted from jail** of the 11,837 people encountered.
- **Increased recovery opportunities: 98% of people** encountered were connected to behavioral health treatment.

Adverse Event Prevention

MHGJII is meeting its goals of reducing justice involvement and meeting behavioral health needs of those in crisis:

- **Reduction-Arrest Rate: 5%.**
95% of participants in programming remained in the community and out of justice-involved settings.
- **Reduction-Behavioral Health Hospitalization Rate: 8%.**
92% of participants in programming remained in the community and out of hospital settings.

Recovery and Wellness

MHGJII service participants made notable progress in well-being:

- **Symptom Improvement: Depression — 87% of participants** with depression achieved clinically significant improvement.



Rural Texas

MHGJII-funded projects increased access to mental health services in rural Texas counties:

31 rural counties served by **11 grantees**, reaching over **4,950 rural Texans**.



FY22 GRANTEES

Bluebonnet Trails Community Services
(Bluebonnet Trails Community MHMR Center)

Center for Health Care Services
(Bexar County My Health My Resources Center)

Center for Life Resources (Central Texas MHMR Center)

Central Counties (Central Counties Center for MHMR Services)

Coastal Plains Community Center
(Coastal Plains Community MHMR Center)

Denton County MHMR

Emergence Health Network (El Paso Community MHMR)

Gulf Coast Center (Gulf Coast MHMR Center)

Heart of Texas (Heart of Texas Region MHMR Center)

Helen Farabee Centers (Helen Farabee Regional MHMR Center)

Integral Care (Austin Travis County MHMR Center)

LifePath Systems (Collin County MHMR Center)

MHMR Authority of Brazos Valley

MHMR of Tarrant County

North Texas Behavioral Health Authority

PermianCare (Permian Basin Community Services)

Spindletop Center (Spindletop Center MHMR Services)*

StarCare Specialty Health System (Lubbock Regional MHMR Center)

Texana Community Center

Texas Panhandle Centers (Texas Panhandle MHMR Centers)

Texoma Community Center

Tropical Texas Behavioral Health

**Spindletop Center has two MHGJII grant contracts, a rural project and an urban project.*

MHGJII Success Story

Tropical Texas Behavioral Health's MHGJII-funded project utilizes Mental Health Officer Taskforce (MHOT) programming to decrease incarceration in South Texas. Staff shared a story from their program to illustrate the benefits of their project.

MHOT officers responded to a call concerning a person experiencing a mental health crisis. The man was named Ted, and he had been threatening neighbors and playing loud music. As the officers approached Ted's residence, he began threatening them with a machete and a baseball bat.

Using specialized mental health crisis intervention training, MHOT officers immediately began conversing with Ted. Over the next few hours, officers successfully de-escalated the situation. Ted agreed to go with officers if he could first bathe and feed his cat. After bathing and feeding the cat, Ted was taken into custody for mental health evaluation and treatment without further incident.

MHOT programming helped prevent a potentially deadly incident and diverted Ted from criminal justice-involvement to appropriate mental health treatment.