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# 78744 CYD

**Dove Springs Community Youth Development Program**

The Community Youth Development Program is funded through a Grant from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Service through the City of Austin.


## CYD History

The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (TDFPS) awarded funding to the City of Austin, to prevent juvenile delinquency through positive youth development in 78744 area. This area was one of the original 15 communities across the state which TDFPS solicited proposals for funding under the Community Youth Development (CYD) Grants Program.

The 78744 Community Youth Development Program funds an array of prevention services that support families and enhance the positive development of youth in the 78744 zip code.

Since 1996, the project has engaged more than 9000 children, youth and parents in primary delinquency prevention efforts in order to reduce and prevent juvenile crime in the area.

Today, CYD continues to have a lasting affect on the 78744 community. CYD is proud to have a 100% rate of youth who are involved in a CYD not engaging in delinquent behavior while attending a program.

## CYD Goals

- To reduce and **prevent juvenile delinquency** in 78744
- To increase **youth leadership** and community development
- To increase the use and availability of role models, **positive examples**, mentors and tutors of youth
- To provide **life skills** enhancing programs for youth

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# CYD Programs

The 78744 Dove Springs CYD Program offers seven free youth programs to 10 - 17 year olds who live in or attend school in the 78744 zip code. The following is a list of the programs that are currently being offered in the area. Please feel free to contact the service provider listed to obtain more information.

## Creative Action Programs:

These programs are provided by Creative Action and are offered at various elementary schools in the 78744 zip code.

**To register or for more information:**

**Shobie Partos, Program Director**
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### Crossing the Line

Creative Action's actor-teachers help middle school students devise solutions to the everyday problems they face. Students learn concrete conflict resolution skills, focusing on articulating their feelings, controlling anger, and identifying personal goals. Sessions are held during the school day at various times during the school year. (Offered only at Ojeda and Mendez Middle Schools.)

### Courage to Stand/Courage in Action

Students learn to approach the challenge of bullying through interactive performance. By exploring acts of courage throughout history, students learn to examine the choices, risks, and consequences of intervention to help the target in bullying situations. This program is available for 4th and 5th grade students and sessions are held during the school day at various times during the school year.

### Creative Action Summer Program

We place train "Artists-in-Residence" at sites in the 78744 community to implement an arts-based curriculum that is designed to prepare students to be active, creative and positive members of their community. Activities include theatre, visual arts, puppet and mask making, dance, drumming, team building, creative writing, music, filmmaking and much, much more. This program is available for 4th-12th grade and is offered during the summer.

## Workers Assistance and Youth Advocacy Programs:

These programs are provided by the Workers Assistance program and Youth Advocacy. They are offered at various elementary and middle schools (4th-8th grade) in 78744 for youth that reside and/or attend school in 78744.

**To register or for more information:**

**Maria Matthews, CYD Program Coordinator**
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### Group Mentoring

Youth Advocacy provides an after-school group mentoring program that focuses on building relationships between young people and caring adults who serve as role models and life coaches. Mentors help the youth develop character, learn and develop leadership and communication skills, build self-esteem, and understanding of positive ways to resolve conflicts.

### Youth Leadership Development

YLD Program is an eleven-session youth leadership program that provides participants with the opportunity to develop strong and effective leadership skills by using skill building activities to promote self-esteem, empowerment, conflict resolution, communication skills, goal settings and academic skills.

## Youth Advisory Committee

The YAC program is provided by the City of Austin Health and Human Services Department. It is offered at the Dove Springs Recreation Center to youth from the 78744 area that are between the ages of 11-17.

**To register or for more information:**

**Dina Haines, YAC Coordinator**
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YAC participants build their leadership, communication, and teamwork skills while becoming actively involved in the community. The YAC participants serve as the youth voice of the 78744 area.

## Art Outreach and Perspectives Programs

This program is provided by Mexic-Arte Museum and is offered at various elementary schools in 78744 during and after school, and after school at Travis and Akins high schools.

**To register or for more information:**

**Olivia Tamzarian, Education Director at Mexic-Arte Museum** (512) 200-7277
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Mexic-Arte's Art Outreach Program brings local artists into schools to explore the printmaking and/or paper mache process with students. Students will learn about Mexican and Latino art and culture as they engage in art-making activities. Students investigate the theme of respect in all artwork to discover the role that respect plays in art, in the classroom, and in our lives. At the completion of classes, students are invited to the Museum for a guided tour of the current exhibit.