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Spindletop Center Awarded Department of Justice Grant for Orange County Justice and Mental Health Liaison Program

BEAUMONT, TX – The Department of Justice has awarded a grant of \$550,000 to Spindletop Center under the Bureau of Justice Assistance’s Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCPC). The grant funds will aid Spindletop Center’s current psychiatric services and care to inmates in the Orange County Jail, as well as the implementation of Spindletop Center's Justice and Mental Health Liaison Program (JMHLPC).

With the awarded grant funds, the Justice and Mental Health Liaison Program will be able to coordinate and integrate services between and with the court, the jail, and other community based providers in Orange County. The JMHLPC Liaison will focus on meeting the mental health needs of defendants as well as the expectations of the judicial system, and promote a collaborative approach to criminal cases involving defendants with mental illness, focusing on timely identification of mental illness and appropriate re-emergence into the community.

“This is a collaboration that we’re going in with Orange County to help expand the program we already have in this area to help individuals who are in the judicial system and have a mental health condition,” said Thomas Smith, a Crisis Prevention Specialist at Spindletop Center. “We’re looking forward to moving ahead with this opportunity.”

The Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program is an opportunity for funding from the Bureau of Justice Assistance for support of cross-system collaborations that are to improve public safety responses and outcomes for individuals with mental health disorders or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders who come into contact with the justice system. Spindletop Center received one of only twenty-eight JMHCPC grants awarded for fiscal year 2022.

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Spindletop Center is a non-profit healthcare organization specializing in behavioral healthcare, programs for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and substance use services for each stage of life. Our Center serves more than 10,000 people annually throughout Jefferson, Hardin, Orange and Chambers counties and has campuses in Beaumont, Port Arthur, Orange and Silsbee. We promote healthy living in our community through innovative and best-practice options that meet the unique needs of every family.

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The mission of the Spindletop Center is to help people help themselves by providing resources and supports.

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