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Dear Ms. Campbell,

I have been a juvenile probation officer since 1994. In all my years of dealing with State Agencies I have yet to find a more useless agency than the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission. What product or services do they produce? For training our department trains itself, joins other counties for such, or attends classes at Sam Houston State University. T.J.P.C. has scaled back on training. Their main legal counsel, Lisa Capers, is an idiot. I did a Freedom of Information Request about a complaint filed against a Chief Juvenile Probation Office and she denied it. Only when the Attorney General Gregg Abbot sided with me did she comply. T.J.P.C. basically does one thing-----make standards and forms. To give themselves a job they periodically revise such. They do no major changes. Their functions can be done cheaper by other agencies.

The Texas Commission on Jail Standards can inspect Juvenile detention centers and see that the centers are clean, safe, humane, and maintained. The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education can make sure that the juvenile probation officers and juvenile detention officers are trained, law abiding, professional, and ethical. As of Abuse and Neglect a juvenile can complain to the media, the County or District Attorney, the local juvenile board, the Texas Rangers, etc.. So what good is TJPC?

As of getting money from the Federal Government fat chance. That ship has sailed!!!! If we want money from the State let us contact our State Representative. TJPC is just another middle man sucking off their portion and delaying things. TJPC should be abolished. If a juvenile has a problem with the local departments he has a dozen places to go for a redress.

Sincerely,



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