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**From:** Julie Fullingim on behalf of Sunset  
**Sent:** Friday, November 21, 2008 12:55 PM  
**To:** Cecelia Hartley  
**Subject:** FW: Proposal to abolish TYC and TJPC and merge into one agency

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**Subject:** Proposal to abolish TYC and TJPC and merge into one agency

I was informed by Al Jsmison, County Judge of Colorado County that the Sunset Commission is proposing to abolish TYC and TJPC and merge them into the Texas Juvenile Justice Commission. We are opposed to this action. Colorado County Youth and Family Services, Inc. has collaborated with Juvenile Probation Departments in Austin, Colorado and Fayette Counties for over 10 years. Together, we have provided comprehensive prevention and intervention services to juvenile probationers. These services are family oriented, evidence-based and highly effective. Our records inciate a 50 to 80% success ratio in reducing the number of juveniles sanctioned into TYC. The cost of these services are minimal compared to incarceration.

Most importan, however, is that the policies and measures of prevesntion and intervention are totally different from that of incarceration and rehabilitation and, in our opinion,, should never be mixed. Prevention and intervention are aimed at building character and resiliency in youth that help empower them to become productive citizens instead of becoming a ward of the state who needs to be rehabilitated. Rehabilitation originates as a punitive action while prevention and intervention is of a positive nature. Positive and negatives do not mix. Even if you combine the agencies for savings in administrative costs, please coonsider making separate divisions for rehabilitation vs. prevention/intervention.

Respectfully Submitted

Daniel A. Peevy, LCDC  
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