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SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION  
& CRISIS SERVICES

ANNUAL  
REPORT  
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December 9, 2002

To: Governor Rick Perry  
Lt. Governor Bill Ratliff  
Speaker Pete Laney  
Members of the Texas Legislature

Re: Sexual Assault Prevention and Crisis Services 2002 Annual Report

Pursuant to the Texas Government Code chapter 420, the Office of the Attorney General respectfully submits the Sexual Assault Prevention and Crisis Services 2002 Annual Report.

Survivors of sexual assault and their families and friends receive help with the complex emotional, medical, and legal aftereffects of the crime from 70 local sexual assault programs. Trained advocates and volunteers are available 24 hours a day to accompany and advocate for survivors. Funded programs are also required to deliver community and professional education and crisis intervention.

Sexual Assault Prevention and Crisis Services also administers a nationally and internationally recognized forensic examiner certification. Registered nurses who complete an intense training curriculum are certified to conduct forensic exams on children and adults. The cooperative working agreements within communities to support survivors and collect forensic evidence affect the prosecution of sex offenders.

Texans deserve information to assist them in preventing sexual assault and services to help victims overcome the repercussions of the crime. Our goal is to augment and strengthen the work of local sexual assault programs. This report, prepared at the end of Attorney General Cornyn's administration, outlines our efforts to help sexual assault programs better serve their communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Greg Abbott  
Attorney General of Texas

# OUR MISSION

## SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION & CRISIS SERVICES

*Sexual Assault Prevention and Crisis Services  
actively commits to the goal of ending sexual  
violence by improving and enhancing the  
quality of services for victims and  
survivors, developing and providing  
interagency training, and promoting  
multi-disciplinary collaboration.*

# OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

## SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION & CRISIS SERVICES FY 2002 ANNUAL REPORT

### BACKGROUND

The Sexual Assault Prevention and Crisis Services (SAPCS) Program in the Crime Victim Services Division of the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) is responsible for distributing state and federal funds to local sexual assault programs.

The effort began in 1982, when the United States Congress mandated that five percent of Public Health and Human Services Block Grant funds be spent specifically on services for sexual assault victims. Sexual Assault Prevention and Crisis Services, at that time housed in the Texas Department of Health, was responsible for distributing these federal funds.

In 1983, the first year of federal funding, a \$145,000 budget funded one administrative staff person and provided grants to the 10 sexual assaults programs in the state. The grants supplemented the donations, foundations, fundraising, and grass-roots efforts that had been the sole source of local program support.

In 1984, the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault (TAASA) petitioned the Legislature for additional funding and received an annual allotment of \$304,000. A group of specialists from TAASA – then an all-volunteer organization – was asked to develop minimum standards for programs receiving the funds. These standards remain in place today and are contained in the enabling legislation that directs the efforts of SAPCS staff.

To receive funding, a local program must offer the following services:

- 24-hour access;
- Crisis intervention;
- Advocacy and accompaniment to medical facilities, law enforcement offices, and prosecutor's offices;
- Public education; and
- Volunteer training.

These 501(c)3 (non-profit) organizations and governmental entities must offer the required services for at least nine months prior to receiving funding.

In 1996, Sexual Assault Prevention and Crisis Services moved to the Office of the Attorney General. SAPCS is part of the Crime Victim Services Division, which is under the supervision of the Deputy Attorney General for Criminal Justice.

## GRANTS & CONTRACTS

Fiscal Year 2002 marked the beginning of two-year contracts between the Office of the Attorney General and sexual assault programs. The two-year contracting process benefits both the State and local sexual assault programs by reducing the previously required paperwork. SAPCS hosts an annual workshop to review the request for proposal (RFP) process with applicants. Applicants seeking funding can now complete an electronically formatted RFP.

## REVENUE AND EXPENSES

<b>SAPCS FISCAL YEAR 2002 REVENUE AND EXPENSES</b>	
<u>FUNDING SOURCES</u>	
CDC Violence Against Women Act (VAWA I)	\$3,061,693
CDC Public Health Block Grant	510,620
Probation Fees	88,437
OAG - Crime Victims' Compensation Fund	4,751,750
Balance Forward Fiscal Year 2001	<u>583,569</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$8,996,069</b>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Local Sexual Assault Program Awards	\$8,002,310
Special Projects Awards	445,807
Administrative Costs	<u>547,952</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$8,996,069</b>

## AWARDS

For FY 2002, 76 grants/contracts totaling \$8,448,117\* were awarded. These awards included:

- 70 contracts for services by local sexual assault programs across the state;
- One award to TAASA for statewide training for programs serving victims of sexual assault;
- Two contracts for statewide Sexual Assault Research Projects; and
- Three contracts for training sexual assault nurse examiners (SANEs)

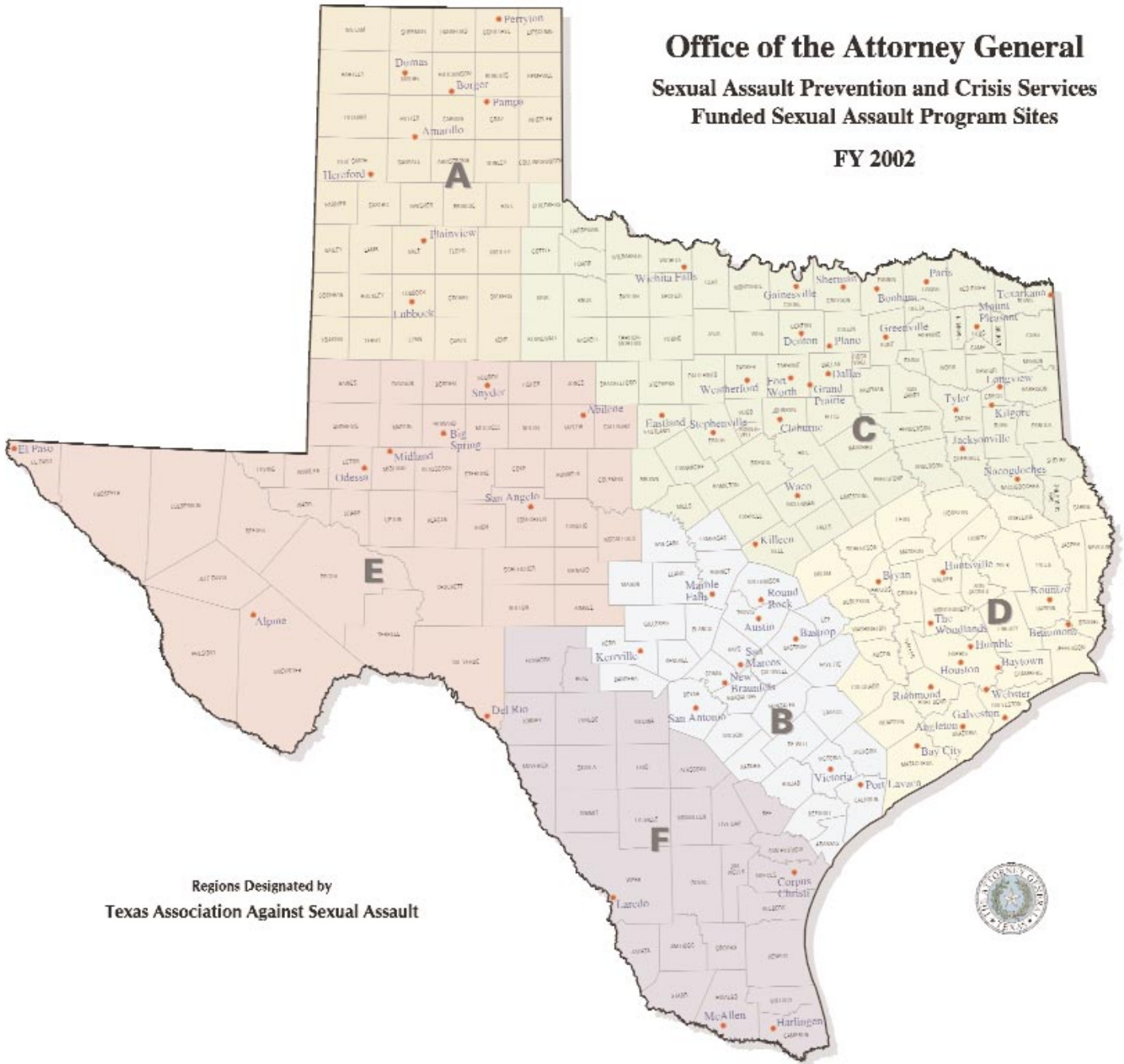
\*includes nine colposcopes that were purchased for existing local sexual assault programs.

## AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES

All contractors received one or more of the following to achieve 100 percent audit or oversight:

- Desk reviews of audited financial statements prepared by external auditors;
- On-site program monitoring; or
- Monitoring of invoices and contract amendments as they occurred.

**Office of the Attorney General**  
**Sexual Assault Prevention and Crisis Services**  
**Funded Sexual Assault Program Sites**  
**FY 2002**



**Regions Designated by  
Texas Association Against Sexual Assault**



## COMMENTS FROM SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS WHO RECEIVED SERVICES IN FY 2002

*“...I am a survivor of sexual assault and I wanted to express my concern for the need for this funding. As a survivor, it is essential to the overall healing process to participate in the programs offered by the Fort Bend County Women’s Center. I attended a support group for the first few years on a regular basis and it was a major part of my healing process. I am now in a position to give back as a volunteer and help other women by utilizing the programs that the survivors program can offer. Both my family and myself could not have made it through this ordeal had it not been for the programs that the FY2002 grant will provide for the Women’s Center.”*

*“...I have been raped twice. The first time it happened I became very bitter. I did not know how to deal with the emotions that came along with it. So when I was raped the second time I spoke up and Family Time was there to help me deal with my problems. Now, I am a strong person who takes one day at a time and I know that I have Family Time holding my hand helping me every step of the way.”*

*“...I am in a group therapy program for male survivors of child sexual abuse, conducted at The Family Place in Dallas and led by staff counselors there. The program is invaluable, especially as there are few resources particularly focused toward the needs of male survivors. The Family Place has been vital for me.”*

## SERVICES PROVIDED

### Sexual Assault Programs report:

29,354	Persons received services.
12,876	Community education presentations were given.
9,361	School structured education presentations were given.
1,731	Professional education presentations were given.
758,385	Participants received educational services.

## SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (SANES)

SAPCS contracted with three experienced, certified SANES in FY 2002 to deliver training across the state. This strategy provided flexibility to meet the needs of communities and nurses seeking certification. Training was provided to 71 RNs in the following communities:

- Longview
- Beaumont
- Mt. Pleasant
- Conroe
- Henderson
- Midland
- Galveston

In an effort to provide the most up-to-date information, the Sexual Assault Community Response Development specialist and trainers revised the training manual before delivering the 56-hour classroom trainings. Upon completion of classroom training, the nurses must also complete six adult and 10 child exams prior to being certified.

The registered nurses who complete the SANE certification process are deeply committed to providing a safe and empathetic environment for forensic exams and to acquiring the special skills necessary to conduct the exams that will lead to prosecution. Many are on call for long periods of time and make personal sacrifices to obtain their certification.

SAPCS contracted with Southwest Texas State University to evaluate the effectiveness of the current SANE program. The University surveyed law enforcement officers, district attorneys, hospital staff, certified SANEs, and sexual assault program staff. After the data is gathered and a preliminary analysis has occurred, Southwest Texas State University will submit a mid-project report the second quarter of FY 2003. The University will work with sexual assault programs to survey sexual assault survivors to determine their satisfaction with the SANE Program and a final report will be submitted the fourth quarter of FY 2003.

## OTHER RESEARCH

The School of Social Work at The University of Texas at Austin is conducting an in-depth study to determine the prevalence of sexual assault in the State of Texas. SAPCS and TAASA are funding the two-year study.

## LOOKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE

State funding is becoming more important each year for local rape crisis programs. The goal of SASPC for FY 2003 is to add services for Texas citizens without jeopardizing currently funded programs. SAPCS is committed to an open communication process with our stakeholders to gain their input for the future directions of sexual assault services across the state. Their involvement will be sought to develop a funding formula and quality assurance methodology.

SAPCS will contract with two additional SANE trainers, bringing the total to five and increasing our ability to meet the needs of local communities. The SANE administrator and the Sexual Assault Community Response Development specialist will provide support to certified SANEs and to RNs who are working towards their certification, in addition to preparing communities for training.

Sexual assault advocate/volunteer training certification was instituted through SAPCS's enabling legislation. The voluntary certification of training is intended to help standardize the assistance given to sexual assault survivors and to enhance the knowledge and skill levels of staff and volunteers. The Volunteer Program Certification specialists will assist sexual assault programs in strengthening their volunteer programs and applying for certification. SAPCS will be available for on-site support and training and provide resources for volunteer coordinators.

SAPCS will continue to collaborate with the Department of Human Resources' Family Violence Program and the Office of the Governor to collect data from jointly funded grantees/contractors through an automated process. The Integrated Tracking System (ITS) was designed to collect client data while maintaining client confidentiality. Improving the data collection and supporting and training users will be the focus for FY 2003.

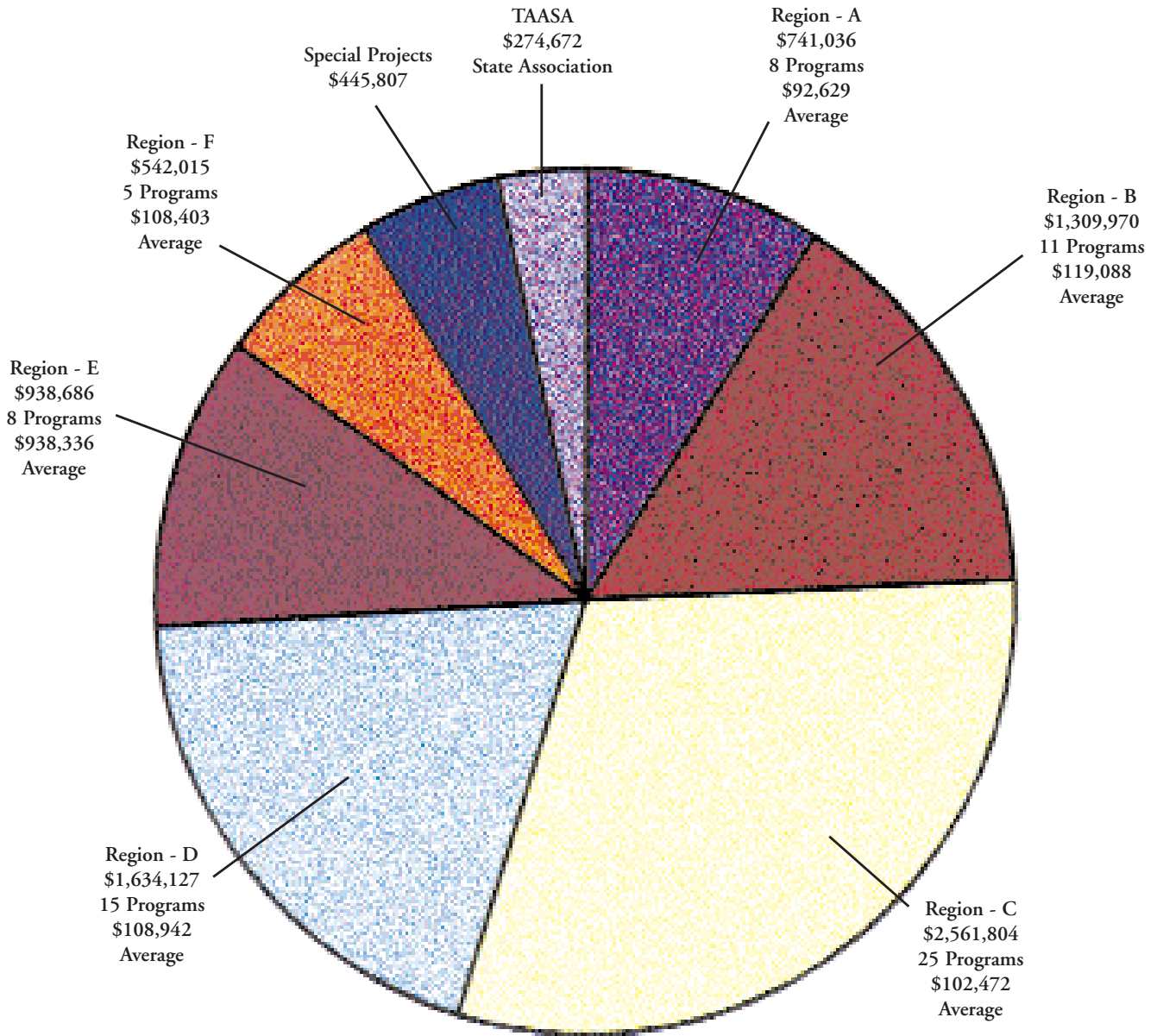










FY 2002 AWARDS TO SEXUAL ASSAULT PROGRAMS

City	Program Name	Total FY02 \$
Abilene	Regional Crime Victims Crisis Center, Inc.	102,843
Alpine	Family Crisis Center of the Big Bend, Inc.	120,579
Amarillo	Family Support Services of Amarillo, Inc., dba Family support Services	162,297
Angleton	Women's Center of Brazoria County, Inc.	60,575
Austin-SP	Travis County Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Survival Center, Inc. dba SafePlace: Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	226,209
Bastrop	Bastrop County Women's Shelter, Inc., dba Family Crisis Center	127,848
Bay City	Matagorda County Women's Crisis Center, Inc., dba Family Crisis Center of Matagorda and Wharton	73,905
Baytown	Bay Area Women's Center, Inc.	92,173
Beaumont	Rape & Suicide Crisis of S.E. Texas, Inc.	91,154
Big Spring	Rape Crisis/Victim Services, Inc.	55,190
Bonham	Fannin County Family Crisis Center, Inc.	68,826
Borger	Hutchinson County Crisis Center, Inc.	67,455
Bryan	Brazos County Rape Crisis Center, Inc.	84,242
Cleburne	Johnson County Family Crisis Center, Inc.	57,619
Corpus Christi	The Family Violence & Sexual Assault Prevention Center Center of South Texas, Inc., dba The Women's Shelter of Corpus Christi Area	114,142
Dallas-FP *	The Family Place, Inc.	131,190
Dallas-VO *	Victims Outreach, Inc.	92,683
Del Rio	Amistad Family Violence & Rape Crisis Center, Inc.	117,882
Denton	Denton County Friends of the Family, Inc.	129,005
Dumas	Safe Place, Inc.	82,503
Eastland	Eastland County Crisis Center, Inc.	100,675
El Paso	Sexual Trauma & Assault Response Services, Inc. (STARS)	242,923
Fort Worth	The Women's Center of Tarrant County, Inc.	256,546
Gainesville	Cooke County Friends of the Family, Inc., dba Friends of the Family	72,040
Galveston	Women's Resource and Crisis Center of Galveston, Inc.	122,808
Grand Prairie	Brighter Tomorrows, Inc., dba Brighter Tommorrow's Women's Resource Center	63,364
Greenville	Hunt County Rape Crisis Center, Inc., dba Rape Crisis Center of Northeast Texas	72,828
Harlingen	Family Crisis Center, Inc.	101,438
Hereford	Hereford Regional Medical Center, Deaf Smith County	65,608
Houston-HAWC	Houston Area Women's Center, Inc.	221,145
Houston-MCC	Montrose Counseling Center, Inc.	95,783
Humble	FamilyTime Foundation, Inc., dba Family Time	126,207
Huntsville	Walker County Family Violence Council, Inc., dba SAAFE House	96,143
Jacksonville	Cherokee County Crisis Center, Inc., dba Crisis Center of Aderson and Cherokee Counties	102,988

Kerrville	Hill Country Crisis Council, Inc.	\$74,644
Kilgore	Kilgore Community Crisis Center, Inc.	93,720
Killeen	Families in Crisis, Inc.	94,302
Kountze	Hardin County Crime Victims' Assistance Center, Inc.	69,237
Laredo	Stop Child Abuse & Neglect, Inc., dba SCAN, Inc.	81,420
Longview	Women's Center of East Texas, Inc.	78,074
Lubbock	Lubbock Rape Crisis Center, Inc.	97,054
Marble Falls	Highland Lakes Families Crisis Center, Inc., dba Family Center	93,500
McAllen	Women Together Foundation, Inc., dba Women Together/Mujeres Unidas	127,134
Midland	Midland Rape Crisis Center, Inc.	147,490
Mt. Pleasant	Shelter Agencies For Families in East Texas, Inc.	92,632
Nacogdoches	Women's Shelter of East Texas, Inc.	131,975
New Braunfels	Comal County Family Violence Shelter, Inc., dba The Comal County Women's Center	118,985
Odessa	Odessa Rape Crisis Center, Inc., dba Rape Crisis Center	84,127
Pampa	Tralee Crisis Center for Women, Inc., dba Tralee Crisis Center	75,314
Paris	Family Haven Crisis and Resource Center, Inc., dba Family Haven	66,736
Pasadena	Bridge Over Trouble Waters, Inc.	38,262
Perryton	Panhandle Crisis Center, Inc.	90,768
Plainview	Hale County Crisis Center, Inc.	100,037
Plano	Rape Crisis Center of Collin County, Inc.	103,319
Port Lavaca	The Harbor Children/s Alliance & Victim's Center, Inc.	56,278
Richmond	Fort Bend County Women's Center, Inc., dba Shelter-Outreach- Solutions (S.O.S.)	131,524
Round Rock	Williamson County Crisis Center, Inc., dba WCCC, Inc.	99,909
San Angelo	Assault Victim Services of the Concho Valley, Inc., dba Assault Victim Services	125,844
San Antonio	The Rape Crisis Center, Inc., dba The Rape Crisis Center	222,779
San Marcos	Hays County Women's Center, Inc., dba Hays-Caldwell Women's Center	137,683
Sherman	Grayson County Women's Crisis Line, Inc., dba Crisis Center	143,441
Snyder	Gateway Family Services, Inc.	59,690
Stephenville	Sherwood & Myrtie Foster's Home For Children, Inc., aka Cross Timbers Family Services Sexual Assault Crisis Center	79,337
Texarkana	Domestic Violence Prevention, Inc., dba Battered Women's Shelter/Sexual Assault Services	63,256
The Woodlands	Montgomery County Women's Center, Inc.	227,466
Tyler	East Texas Crisis Center, Inc., dba The Crisis Center	94,280
Victoria	Hope of South Texas, Inc., dba Hope of South Texas	118,275
Waco	Advocacy Center for Crime Victims and Children, Inc.	163,190
Weatherford	Freedom House, Inc.	113,736
Webster	Bay Area Turning Point, Inc.	103,503
Wichita Falls	First Step of Wichita Falls, Inc., dba First Step	96,041
Dripping Springs	Arte Sana	33,860
TAASA	Texas Association Against Sexual Assault, Inc.	274,672

## FY 2002 AWARDS BY TAASA REGIONS AND AWARDS FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS AND TAASA



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|  Region A - Panhandle |  Region A - West  |
|  Region B - Central   |  Region B - South |
|  Region C - North     |  Special Projects |
|  Region D - East      |  TAASA            |