

**NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM**

**FY26 LOCAL PRIORITIES
IDENTIFIED VIA REGIONAL STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS**

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM:

Law Enforcement:

Not listed in order of priority:

- Crime prevention programs and/or crime prevention equipment
- Equipment / technology for law enforcement
- Officer safety equipment (i.e., body armor, shields)
- Specialized investigators (i.e., sexual assault, cold case, crimes against children, family violence, financial crimes, human trafficking investigation)
- Specialized training for law enforcement

Judicial / Courts:

Not listed in order of priority:

- Court-based victims services
- Specialized courts (i.e., family violence court, adult / juvenile drug court, mental health court, DWI court, human trafficking court)
- Specialized investigators (i.e., family violence, crimes against children, elder abuse, financial crimes, human trafficking)
- Specialized prosecutors (i.e., family violence, crimes against children, elder abuse, financial crimes, human trafficking)
- Treatment services for offenders

JUVENILE JUSTICE:

Not listed in order of priority:

- Counseling/therapy (including specialized mental health assessment / treatment)
- Drop-out prevention and/or intervention
- First offender programs
- Job skills training – includes vocational / trade skills
- Diversion programs

MENTAL HEALTH:

Not listed in order of priority:

- Access to medications
- Counseling/therapy (including dual diagnosis and/or intensive outpatient treatment)
- Residential treatment programs
- Specialized mental health training (i.e., for court personnel, law enforcement, victim assistance advocates)
- Substance abuse treatment services

SUBSTANCE ABUSE:

Not listed in order of priority:

- Aftercare treatment services
- Alternatives to incarceration
- Counseling/therapy for youth and/or adults (including dual diagnosis and/or intensive outpatient treatment)
- Residential treatment programs
- Substance abuse prevention and/or intervention

VICTIM SERVICES:

Not listed in order of priority:

- Advocacy
- Counseling/therapy for victims of crime
- Crisis intervention (includes hotline, assistance with crime victim compensation claims, information and referral, safety planning)
- Emergency shelter
- Legal services (i.e., protective orders, court accompaniment, court advocacy, court preparation)

UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS:

Not listed in order of priority:

- Children
- Persons experiencing homelessness
- Persons with disabilities
- Senior citizens
- Socioeconomically disadvantaged