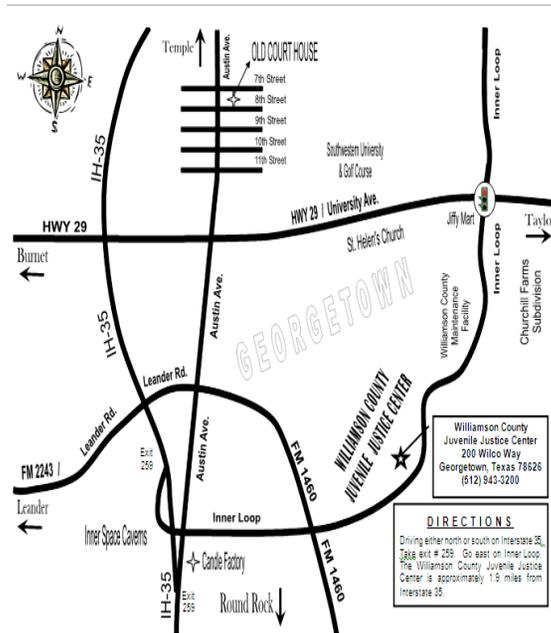


Developmental Assets: Search Institute has identified 40 positive supports and strengths that young people need to succeed. Half of the assets focus on the relationships and opportunities they need in their families, schools, and communities (external assets). The remaining assets focus on the social-emotional strengths, values, and commitments that are nurtured within young people (internal assets).

Developmental Relationships: Search Institute has identified five elements, expressed in 20 specific actions, that make relationships powerful in young people's lives. We refer to this as the developmental relationships framework. For more information visit <https://www.search-institute.org/>

SPARKS: Search Institute has conducted extensive research on why some young people thrive, while others just "get by." Many factors play a role, but a key dimension is what we call "sparks," something that gives your life meaning and purpose.

Adverse Childhood Experiences: Adverse childhood experiences are traumatic events that can have negative, lasting effects on health and well-being. These experiences range from physical, emotional, or sexual abuse to parental divorce or the incarceration of a parent or guardian. For more information visit www.samhsa.gov.



Directions:

From South (Austin, Round Rock)

Take IH-35 Northbound
Exit 259
Stay on frontage road for approximately 2 miles
At stop sign, go right on Inner Loop
Proceed to four way stop light at Leander Rd.
Continue north on SE Inner Loop.
Juvenile Services is approximately a half mile on the left.
200 Wilco Way, Georgetown, TX.

From North (Georgetown, Jarrell)

Take IH-35 Southbound
Exit 259
At stop sign, go left under the overpass
At stop stay straight onto Inner Loop
Proceed to four way stop light at Leander Rd.
Continue north on SE Inner Loop
Juvenile Services is approximately a half mile on the left.
200 Wilco Way, Georgetown, TX.

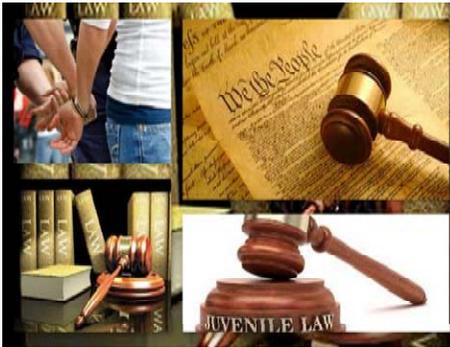


A diversionary class helping participants understand juvenile laws, the justice system, and their individual rights and responsibilities.

Williamson County
Juvenile Justice Center
200 Wilco Way
Georgetown, TX 78626

What is the START class?

START is a half day class where at-risk youth and their parent(s)/guardian(s) are provided an overview of the Williamson County Juvenile Justice Center, the Williamson County C.O.R.E Residential program, and the Texas Juvenile Justice System.



Topics Covered:

- Age of criminal responsibility
- Williamson County Juvenile Services (WCJS) structure and programs
- Juvenile Justice flowchart
- Developmental Assets
- SPARKS
- Developmental Relationships
- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

Who may attend?

Anyone 10 to 16 years of age that has been referred by Williamson County Juvenile Services, a school official, court, juvenile probation officer, or a parent. Although many participants attend due to the youth's involvement with law enforcement, START is offered for families and youth stakeholders working to prevent youth from entering the Juvenile Justice system.

What is required of parents?

A parent or guardian is required to attend with their child for the entire class. All persons must dress appropriately: no hats or open midriiffs. Failure to dress appropriately will result in dismissal from the class.

When and where is the START class held?

START is held on the first and third Saturdays of each month. It starts at 9:00 a.m. (sharp) and ends at 12:00 p.m. The class is held at the Williamson County Juvenile Justice Center located at 200 Wilco Way, Georgetown, TX 78626

**Space is limited for the class. All participants must register prior to attending the class.*



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