

JUSTICE FORWARD

Justice Forward is a nonprofit based in Houston that promotes recovery rather than incarceration by helping individuals in Treatment Courts achieve health and independence. Our innovative program provides funds for transitional housing, counseling, transportation assistance, employment and education assistance, and other essential services. These programs contribute to lowering recidivism rates and increasing family reunification rates, ultimately delivering fiscal savings to Texas taxpayers. Justice Forward serves as a national model for promoting collaboration among the courts and sharing community resources.

Founded in 2003 as a Social Justice Task Force at the Emerson Unitarian Universality Church, Justice Forward became an independent nonprofit in 2006. Over the years, the organization expanded significantly and now assists 24 Treatment Courts across Harris, Galveston, and Fort Bend Counties. A Treatment Court is

a problem-solving court designed to address the root causes of criminal activity and child neglect by providing a judicially supervised, individually crafted probation with mandated treatment. Treatment Courts bridge the gap between the justice system and therapeutic approaches for participants with substance use disorder, mental illness, and/or other societal challenges. Offenders receive intensive individualized supervision and support from the court team and treatment providers.

In 2024, Justice Forward focused on enhancing our support for clients and graduates of Treatment Courts. In Harris County, we engaged extensively with the Juvenile Treatment Courts,

Supporting Recovery.
Restoring Lives.

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well as access to water and electricity, they can focus clearly on the next chapter of their lives, committed to sobriety and recovery.

Justice Forward also funds professional grief and trauma counseling for clients who have experienced early childhood trauma or trauma on the streets. Through our Clear Path Forward program, we engage attorneys to assist graduates in cleaning up their criminal records via expunctions and petitions for non-disclosure. Additionally, we provide tuition assistance that enables many clients to return to college and pursue their degrees. In 2024, Justice Forward paid over \$10,000 in tuition assistance and project funding, and plans to fund even more in 2025.

Each year, the organization hosts two fundraising events: a Sporting Clays Tournament in the spring and The Path Forward Luncheon in the fall, which is open to the public. Every dollar raised has a lasting impact on individuals who may be your neighbors, coworkers, or even family members. If you would like to support Justice Forward’s mission, please visit [Justice Forward](#) · [Donate Now](#).

particularly the Gang Recidivism Intervention Program (GRIP Court), with an emphasis on reducing gang involvement among youth. To effectively and safely sever the ties between youth and criminal street gangs, Justice Forward offers relocation assistance for both the juvenile and their family within Harris County, ensuring a significant geographical separation from the gang. Last year, we successfully relocated seven families.

For our adult clients, Justice Forward provided funding for sober transitional housing for 90 individuals, giving them a safe place to stay for 2 to 3 months. This time allows men and women from these courts to secure employment and learn how to save money, ultimately empowering them to become independent and thriving members of society. With the assurance of having a safe place to sleep, as