

**Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid
2017 Report to Nueces County Commissioners Court**

FY 16/17
Report
\$ 25,000

Nueces County cases closed in 2017¹: 648

Persons affected: 2,671
Attorney hours: 5,706
Residents served: Agua Dulce, Banquete, Bishop, Corpus Christi, Driscoll, Port Aransas, Robstown
Fragile populations: elderly (232), disabled (246), veterans (59), sexual assault survivors (70), homeless (31), survivors of abuse (312)
Benefits\awards: \$87,746 lump sum awards;
\$5,261 monthly benefits (c\s, s\s, cvc, fs, medicaid, damages, debt cancellation)
Types of cases (top four areas): Disaster Assistance, Family, Housing, Probate

Nueces County current open cases: 365

Residents served: Banquete, Bishop, Chapman Ranch, Corpus Christi, Port Aransas, Robstown
Fragile populations: elderly (142), disabled (117), veterans (15), sexual assault survivors (17), survivors of abuse (75)
Types of cases (top five areas): Disaster Assistance, Family, Housing, Immigration, Probate

Legal Clinics (in coordination with the Volunteer Lawyers Program):

Assisted Pro Se Divorce Clinics:

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| January 17, 2017 | 148 th District Court |
| March 2, 2017 | 347 th District Court |
| April 20, 2017 | 105 th District Court |
| June 2, 2017 | 117 th District Court |
| August 8, 2017 | 347 th District Court |
| November 14, 2017 | 28 th District Court |

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Disaster Assistance – Hurricane Harvey

- TRLA has a partnership with FEMA, the American Bar Association-Young Lawyers Division, State Bar of Texas, and others to provide Disaster Legal Services after each disaster, including Harvey.
- In addition to maintaining a presence in Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs), TRLA fielded all FEMA/ABA/SBOT disaster hotline calls within TRLA's 68-county service area and provided\continues to provide services with available resources.
- TRLA staffed multiple DRCs in Nueces County including Ben Garza Gym, La Palmera parking lot, Robstown, and Port Aransas, and in the coastal bend including Aransas Pass, Ingleside, Refugio, and Rockport.
- TRLA provided disaster assistance training and developed advocacy materials to volunteer attorneys through the area and state

¹ January – December 31, 2017

Nueces County Collaborations:

Coastal Bend Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster
Coastal Bend Disaster Recovery Group
City of Corpus Christi Emergency Operations Center Advisory Group
City of Corpus Christi Assessment of Fair Housing
Coastal Bend Coordinated Community Response Coalition on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
Coalition for Crime Victims' Rights
Coastal Bend Social Services Coalition
Corpus Christi Human Relations Commission
Del Mar Small Business Development Center (Small Business Clinic)
Women's Shelter of South Texas

Nueces County Community Legal Education presentations:

"Basics of FEMA" (Coastal Bend Disaster Recovery Group)
"Disaster Relief" (Coastal Bend Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster)
"Disaster-related Legal Options" (Red Cross shelters)
"Disaster-related Legal Issues and Pro Bono Involvement" Corpus Christi Bar Association
"Issues and Resources in CPS Cases" (Child Protective Services)
"Grandparents & Other Relatives Raising Children" (Nueces County AoA)
"Legal Services for Sexual Assault Survivors" (Corpus Christi Housing Authority)
"TRLA Services, Social Worker Roles, and Crime Victim Compensation" (Child Advocacy Center, Coastal Bend Wellness Foundation, Methodist Children Home Family Outreach)
"TRLA Services" CC Housing Authority, Texas Dept. of Aging and Disability, Greenwood and Zavala Senior Centers, Oveal Williams Senior Center, Bishop Community Center