

Program # 21016B - School Svcs - Full Svc Schools - Touchstone (b)

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Priority:	Education	Lead Agency:	School and Community
Program Offer Type:	Existing Operating	Program Contact:	Peggy Samolinski
Related Programs:	21003, 21005, 21007, 21009, 21014, 21015A, 21018, 21020A, 21022, 21023, 21024, 21016B, 21020B, 21025A, 21025B, 21026		
Frameworks:	School Aged Policy Framework, Poverty Framework		

Executive Summary

Touchstone provides individual family support through case management, emergency services, and connection with other community resources. It removes barriers for at-risk families and improves academic achievement by helping children be ready to learn. This program offer describes an alternate Touchstone program which would operate the full 12 months per year. Touchstone is the component of a full services school continuum that provides direct service/case management. The other components of this continuum are SUN Community Schools (extended day activities, family engagement and service access and integration) and School Attendance Initiative (attendance services).

Program Description

Touchstone services stabilize families so that children can learn, working to ensure that their basic needs are met for food, stable housing, clothing, and physical and mental health. Building on family strengths to overcome economic and social barriers to self sufficiency, Touchstone staff provide case management and intervention services for families in 43 County schools. (For more, please see the Program Description for offer 21016A.)

Program Justification

(See also the Program Justification for offer 21016A.) Research has shown that summer break may decrease children academic achievement scores and increase delinquent behaviors. In the summer, Touchstone staff keep at-risk families and children linked to resources and get children involved in academic or recreational camps and outings, thus maintaining their links to school and overseeing a successful transition into the upcoming school year with a readiness to learn.

Poverty, abuse, and mental health issues don't disappear when summer comes; children and families struggle all year long, and in the summer they often lose the stability that school provides--for some, this includes regular meals. Children are also more likely to be unsupervised in the summer, and families can lose their attachment to schools during the summer months. A 12-month program will allow Touchstone to improve the sustainability of its services, to maintain high quality and efficient resource delivery throughout the summer, help prepare youth for the upcoming school year, and to maintain community partnerships.

Performance Measures

DSCP does not currently have the capacity to capture student success as measured by school promotion, state benchmark scores or school attendance; this is under development. The interim measures that are captured include: 460 children and families will receive support services (case management) and offer crisis intervention to over 1,000 children and families.

70% of children enrolled will participate in summer school and community programs.

100% of clients will indicate that presenting issues were addressed by the time of program exit.

Summary of last year's program results and this year's expected results

Program results for the summer portion of Touchstone are not available. Through the 10 month program, Touchstone case managed 550 families in FY04, provided crisis intervention for over 5,000 children and families, addressed the presenting issue of 87% of clients by the time of their exiting the program, and engaged 66% of the children in extracurricular activities that supported their academic achievement. Program measures outlined above will apply for FY05, in progress are measures to demonstrate school promotion and success, as capacity allows.

Program Mandate: 4 Program and Funding Level Choice

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2005	2005	2006	2006
Program Expenses				
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$241,050	\$0
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$13,776	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$10,949	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$4,585	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$270,360	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$270,360	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$270,360	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	3.57	0.00
Program Revenues				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

CGF Funding based on projected service levels for Scaled Program Offer

Significant Program Changes