

Program # 21023 - School Svcs - Technical Assistance for Gender-Specific Services **Version 2/01/2005 s**

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

Executive Summary

The Gender Specific Services for Girls program is intended to strengthen the ability of School Age Policy Framework (SAPF) direct service providers to deliver gender specific services to Multnomah County girls (ages 8-18) to enhance girls' opportunities for academic success.

Program Description

The program offers technical assistance and training to service providers so that they have competent curriculum and support gender specific services for girls. This happens in the following 3 ways: professional development trainings which educate direct service workers about issues facing girls, enhance skills for developing services tailored to their communities, and teach the use of the GIN-developed curriculum; focus groups which engage the Girls Initiative Network (GIN) in dialogue with SAPF contractors and partners to determine training needs; and volunteer placement which allows GIN to make trained volunteers available to agencies to develop and provide gender-specific services.

Program Justification

This program supports two of the Education team's strategies: promote student retention beyond the fifth grade and bridge the gaps and breakdown the barriers to help all youth attend, engage in and succeed in school. Girls face unique challenges that girls-only programming address. The 2001 Girls Report cites low self-esteem and poor school attendance (attributed to social isolation and substance abuse) as primary barriers to school success for girls. Oregon State University reports that 1 in 4 girls is abused, and girls living in poverty and/or victimized by violence are at greatest risk of school failure. The 2003 Oregon Healthy Teen Survey revealed that one in three girls, grades 7-12 report frequent feelings of hopelessness and depression. In particular, violence is pervasive in many girls' lives. Curriculum supported through these services helps girls, educators, service providers and parents understand relational aggression in girls' lives, and provides concrete strategies for resolving conflict. Gender specific service delivery at school sites is critical to low-income youth, especially those with limited access to transportation.

Performance Measures

- Conduct 10 professional development trainings for SAPF direct service staff and system partners.
- Incorporate GIN curriculum into service sites.
- Incorporate gender-specific programming into all 46 SUN Community School sites.
- Place 20 GIN-trained volunteers at targeted SUN Community Schools and other community sites.
- Conduct a series of focus groups and create an annual plan focusing on the need for gender-specific training among SAPF direct service staff and system partners.

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

Given the new configuration of the program, results are not transferable between fiscal years. In FY05, 46 SUN Community School sites will offer gender-specific services; 20 GIN volunteers will deliver services; 20 SAPF service providers will be trained by GIN as girl's group facilitators and use the GIN curriculum; 20 total SAPF sites will utilize the GIN-developed curriculum; and 10 professional development trainings and workshops will be conducted. For FY06, above Performance Measures apply.

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	\$5,793	\$0
Contracts	\$50,000	\$0	\$51,200	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$146	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$2,123	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$50,000	\$0	\$59,262	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$597	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$3,687	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$4,284	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$50,000	\$0	\$63,546	\$0
Program Total:	\$50,000		\$63,546	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.00
Program Revenues				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

CGF - Based on current service level

Significant Program Changes