

Priority: Safety Net Services

Lead Agency: County Human

Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

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Related Programs:

Frameworks: School Aged Policy Framework

Executive Summary

Provides vulnerable children and families with supports to reduce risk factors and increase protective factors affecting substance abuse, school failure, and juvenile crime. Programs are offered where high risk children and families are likely to participate: at public housing facilities, alternative schools, and after school activities.

Program Description

Collaboration with Housing Authority of Portland and Children's Investment Fund provides evidence-based prevention services to children and families at seven public housing sites: After School Clubs provide homework help, socializing, and skill building; Family Support Services include school liaison, tutoring, mentoring, and home visits.

Program Justification

The alcohol and drug prevention program supports the Basic Living Needs Priority by providing education, prevention, and early intervention services for children and families who are at high risk for developing substance abuse, school failure and juvenile justice problems. The program aids service recipients by improving their level of functioning in the community.

Evidence-based prevention programs have been demonstrated as among the most cost-effective approaches to protect vulnerable children and families. Research demonstrates that risk and protective factors impact a broad range of outcomes, such as school success/dropout, juvenile crime, substance abuse, and violence. By assessing risk and protective factors in the community and implementing programs shown to reduce risk factors and increase protective factors, prevention reduces multiple problem behaviors and improve outcomes for children and families. Prevention programs are among the best researched interventions available.

This program supports the school aged policy framework by strengthening partnerships with geographic and culturally specific entities and using natural helpers, professionals and cultural mentors to promote developmental assets and academic achievement.

Performance Measures

Number of children and families served in each program

In Housing Authority program, proportion of students receiving Family Support Services who show: Increased GPA; Improved behavior; Families reading together 6 months after "Reading Together" program completion.

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

The Housing Authority collaboration will serve a minimum of 360 youth at seven public housing sites, providing 450 sessions of after school clubs and provide Family Support Services for 50 families. The alcohol and drug prevention program funds approximately half these collaborative service levels.

Results will match these outcomes from last year:

244 after school sessions were held at four public housing sites, providing an average of 12.5 hours per week of activities at each site. One six-week series of Reading Together curriculum was held at each site. 20 youth received Family Support Services.

Of public housing "core group" students, 78% had increased GPA, 83% showed improved behavior, 75% of parents were reading together with their children after 6 months.

Program Mandate: 3 Program Choice but No Funding/Service Level Choice

This program is funded with federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) substance abuse prevention resources provided through State Office of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OMHAS). Program planning is developed based on OMHAS requirements and submitted in the "Biennial Implementation Plan" in conformance with the local Partners for Children and Families Comprehensive Plan.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2005	2005	2006	2006
Program Expenses				
Contracts	\$62,311	\$361,750	\$0	\$167,518
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$62,311	\$361,750	\$0	\$167,518
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,267
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,112
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,379
Total GF/non-GF:	\$62,311	\$361,750	\$0	\$178,897
Program Total:	\$424,061		\$178,897	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$361,750	\$0	\$167,518
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,379
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$361,750	\$0	\$178,897

Explanation of Revenues

State Office of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OMHAS) planning guidelines stipulate budget assumptions. The 05-06 annual prevention budget estimate is \$250,000, down from the \$358,387 for 04-05.

Significant Program Changes