

Program # 25065 - Therapeutic School

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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

Therapeutic School is a comprehensive, educational and behavioral health service for vulnerable children and youth with severe emotional/behavioral disorders that prevent them from attending a mainstream school. Therapeutic School provides an intensive setting that is specifically geared to meet children's treatment needs. The State funds this through Oregon Health Plan.

Program Description

Therapeutic School is a culturally competent service for children and youth with behavioral issues so severe they are unsafe in mainstream school settings and they could not otherwise attend school. This service is for children ages 3 - 18 who need small classroom sizes, frequent support from behavioral aides, and counselors who they can talk to when they're not able to remain in the classroom due to safety or disruptive behavioral problems. This service is for children who don't have the skills to relate to peers, adults or participate appropriately in activities, and whose families frequently need assistance with day to day living tasks. Through the Oregon Health Plan, the State provides funds designated for this specific type of service.

Program Justification

Therapeutic School is directly linked to the Basics Need Priority by providing access to care that addresses the needs of the whole person, including the child's behavioral health and educational needs. Additionally, Therapeutic School links with the School Aged Policy framework by providing support to the family and caregivers by assisting parents with getting their children to school, addressing problematic behaviors that occur at home as well as assisting parents in connecting with appropriate resources. Finally, Therapeutic School has prevented children from having behavioral crisis that might otherwise land them in costly acute care and/or psychiatric residential services. Children attending Therapeutic School learn to address issues that have prevented them from achieving academic and personal success. Therapeutic School is a highly structured, nurturing environment. This type of care is expected to reduce the number of children hospitalized due to crisis and the number needed to be treated in a long term residential setting.

Performance Measures

Total Number of Children in Therapeutic School
Total Hours of Mental Health Service Provided in Therapeutic School
Total Number of Children Hospitalized in Acute Hospital

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

Total Number of Children in Therapeutic School FY04 was 96.
Total Hours of Mental Health Service in Therapeutic School FY04 was 7451.
Total Number of Children Hospitalized in Acute Hospital FY04 was 0.4 Per Thousand Child and Adolescent Members Per Month.

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

Financial obligations contingent upon County choosing to operate as a CMHP per ORS 430.620 and contract as MHO. Adult Mental Health Rule 309-032-0525, Child Mental Health Rule 309-032-0950

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2005	2005	2006	2006
Program Expenses				
Contracts	\$0	\$1,150,000	\$0	\$700,000
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$1,150,000	\$0	\$700,000
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$5,669	\$16,042
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$16,213	\$18,615
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$21,882	\$34,657
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$1,150,000	\$21,882	\$734,657
Program Total:	\$1,150,000		\$756,539	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$1,150,000	\$0	\$700,000
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$34,657
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$1,150,000	\$0	\$734,657

Explanation of Revenues

Oregon Health Plan funds this program almost entirely.

Significant Program Changes

None Anticipated.