

Priority: Safety Net Services

Lead Agency: County Human

Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Program Contact: Godwin Nwerem

Related Programs:

Frameworks: Early Childhood Framework

Executive Summary

Children who are in the custody of Child Welfare often have severe physical and sexual abuse histories. This early childhood day treatment program provides mental health treatment for these children. The County's funding of this program ensures matching federal dollars so that more children can be served.

Program Description

The County currently contributes general fund match to leverage federal dollars to increase capacity at the Hand in Hand early childhood day treatment program. This funding purchases an additional 10 slots per year for young children with severe physical and sexual abuse history in the custody of child welfare. Hand in Hand addresses the trauma experienced by young children and works with these young children and their adoptive parents to create a lasting placement and family relationship.

Program Justification

The primary manner in which Hand in Hand day treatment links to the Basic Living Needs Priority is through preventing young children from experiencing a behavioral health crisis and being moved to multiple foster homes or on to psychiatric residential treatment. The Hand in Hand day treatment program supports caregivers to manage the young children's behavior at home in order to prevent disruption. Hand in Hand provides care that addresses the whole child, including the need for stable housing, appropriate attachment figures, school readiness, nutrition, health and other therapeutic services all delivered in a culturally appropriate manner.

Performance Measures

Eighty-five percent of young children who receive these services will experience no placement disruptions for at least two years after discharge.

Increase the number of young children with serious emotional and behavioral problems who are adopted and remain in those adoptive homes.

Increase the long-term stability of living arrangements by decreasing the number of children having more than one living arrangement after six months in services as measured by Average Decrease in Placements During Six Months Before and After Start of Day Treatment

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

Ten children received day treatment services from funding provided through this match.

Program Mandate: 4 Program and Funding Level Choice

This program leverages matching federal funds.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2005	2005	2006	2006
Program Expenses				
Contracts	\$113,164	\$0	\$113,164	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$113,164	\$0	\$113,164	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$916	\$2,593
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$2,621	\$3,009
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$3,537	\$5,602
Total GF/non-GF:	\$113,164	\$0	\$116,701	\$5,602
Program Total:	\$113,164		\$122,303	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,602
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,602

Explanation of Revenues

This is entirely funded with County General Fund.

Significant Program Changes

None Anticipated.