

Priority: Safety Net Services

Lead Agency: County Human

Program Offer Type: Program Alternative /

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Related Programs: 25070A, 25094, 25095

Frameworks: School Aged Policy Framework

Executive Summary

Children with severe emotional/behavioral disorders who are unsafe, assaultive, suicidal or psychotic may require intensive mental health care provided outside of their home for a period of time. These State-funded services include psychiatric residential care, acute care and crisis respite. Also included in this category is psychiatric day treatment.

Program Description

Children who enter into psychiatric residential treatment and sub-acute care are frequently very disruptive, and potentially violent. Their parents and caregivers are not able to manage their behaviors on a day to day basis. These children require staff who can stay awake all night and multiple staff during the day to redirect the children towards more positive behaviors. Additionally, children typically need to be assessed for neurobiological disorders and may require psychotropic medications. Children who go into crisis respite need a break from their current environment. Children in Psychiatric Day Treatment Services are displaced from their educational setting and are at further risk of displacement from home if their needs are not addressed. Children who receive treatment through Psychiatric Day Treatment need assistance in getting along with peers, following educational lesson plans, tolerating frustration and expressing needs positively. Families need support and assistance in managing the disruptive behaviors that might also be occurring in the home. This links directly with the School-Age Policy Framework by involving families in their children's care and allowing a child to have educational success.

Program Justification

The facility based services meet the Basic Living Needs Priority as a crisis service that intervenes in preventing further behavioral deterioration of vulnerable children, that could lead to suicide, assault, becoming victimized, hurting animals or other serious consequences. Psychiatric Day Treatment also intervene with behavioral health crises as well as addressing educational and behavioral health needs. Psychiatric day treatment and facility based care supports and educates family and caregivers in how to manage the child once he or she returns to the community. Services are provided in a family centered, culturally appropriate way that strengthens the children and their families.

Performance Measures

Increased use of crisis respite services in order to decrease the more costly and more restrictive rate of psychiatric residential use and contribute to the long-term stability of a child in their home.

Reduce total length of stay in subacute treatment.

Reduce length of stay in psychiatric residential.

Treatment providers of acute services will create changes through increased collaboration and work with other agencies and services. Increasing community capacity to provide more alternatives to support parents and natural support networks is expected to keep children more stable in their home.

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

The total number of children receiving respite services in fiscal year 2004 was 13 and the number of days children spent in respite was 175. An increase in those numbers is expected next year. The total number of children receiving subacute care in fiscal year 2004 was 238 and their average length of stay was 16 days. A decrease in the length of stay for these children is expected this year.

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. OAR 410-141-0520 and 410-141-0480.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2005	2005	2006	2006
Program Expenses				
Contracts	\$25,000	\$769,000	\$0	\$1,812,100
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$25,000	\$769,000	\$0	\$1,812,100
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$14,675	\$41,529
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$41,970	\$48,189
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$56,645	\$89,718
Total GF/non-GF:	\$25,000	\$769,000	\$56,645	\$1,901,818
Program Total:	\$794,000		\$1,958,463	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$769,000	\$0	\$1,812,100
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$89,718
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$769,000	\$0	\$1,901,818

Explanation of Revenues

Primarily State Funded.

Significant Program Changes