

Program # 25076 - Child Abuse MH Services

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Priority:	Safety Net Services	Lead Agency:	County Human
Program Offer Type:	Existing Operating	Program Contact:	Godwin Nwerem
Related Programs:	15015, 25069, 40011, 40047, 40049		
Frameworks:	School Aged Policy Framework, Early Childhood Framework		

Executive Summary

For children who are victims of sexual abuse mental health treatment is an important part of the recovery process. After evaluation by Child Abuse Response and Evaluation Services, this program provides an array of services to the victimized children and to their families, including counseling and crisis intervention.

Program Description

Mental health treatment and family support are often recommended following the Child Abuse Response and Evaluation Services (CARES) evaluation. The program provides these services to any child in the tri-county area who is evaluated at CARES for child abuse. This program fits into the Early Childhood and School Aged Policy Frameworks by providing crisis intervention to help stabilize families, referral to mental health providers, assisting families in accessing community resources, on-going parent support, family education and individual counseling for the child victim. A key component of this program is helping families obtain counseling for their children. The program has a large network of counseling resources available based on the family's financial resources, age of the child, and therapeutic needs of the child and family. In some cases, the Program offers treatment to children whose parent(s) have no ability to pay. The program works to identify culturally specific resources for traumatized children of various cultures. Instances have included assisting a Russian-speaking child abuse victim find a competent treatment provider and coordinating efforts with a local provider to provide culturally specific treatment for a Laotian child with complicated treatment needs. Program staff is always available to provide consultation and resource support to community partners such as medical professionals, forensic interviewers, law enforcement professionals and school counselors.

Program Justification

It is commonly known that untreated child abuse trauma often leads to increased costs to the community. The CARES Family Support Program is a uniquely funded program that works to reduce trauma to vulnerable children and families. The program links directly to the Basic Living Needs Priority by connecting child victims and their families to culturally appropriate, comprehensive community supports and services. Providing these important services decreases the likelihood of abuse continuing. As a result children can focus on becoming productive, self-sufficient members of their community. Conversely, without this program these children are at greater risk of developing chronic health and mental health problems.

Performance Measures

Number of children receiving treatment readiness services with referrals to mental health/health providers.
Number of parents receiving treatment readiness services with referrals to mental health/health providers.

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

During FY05, 939 children and their families were assisted in accessing appropriate resources in the community. Ninety-four percent of the families say they generally or definitely received the services they wanted. A core team of Spanish speaking Mental Health Consultants has been created to better serve children and families. Results should remain consistent in FY06.

Program Mandate: 4 Program and Funding 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				
Personnel	\$280,170	\$27,587	\$336,887	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$7,574	\$0	\$595	\$3,050
Internal Services	\$24,221	\$0	\$67,974	\$33,845
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$311,965	\$27,587	\$405,456	\$36,895
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$3,582	\$10,138
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$10,245	\$11,763
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$13,827	\$21,901
Total GF/non-GF:	\$311,965	\$27,587	\$419,283	\$58,796
Program Total:	\$339,552		\$478,079	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	3.90	0.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$27,587	\$0	\$36,895
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$21,901
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$27,587	\$0	\$58,796

Explanation of Revenues

This program receives 92% of its revenue from County General Funds.

Significant Program Changes

None Anticipated.