

Priority:	Safety	Lead Agency:	Community Justice
Program Offer Type:	Existing Operating	Program Contact:	Cindy Stadel
Related Programs:	50007, 50008A, 50022, 50023, 50031A, 50068		
Frameworks:	Early Childhood Framework, Poverty Framework, 10-year Plan to End Homelessness		

Executive Summary

Londer Learning Center (LLC) protects public safety by reducing arrests among 1,000 medium and high-risk adult offenders who are school dropouts, increasing their employability and literacy, and changing their criminal thinking and behavior. LLC is the only program targeting offenders to improve reading and math skills, obtain GEDs and make better decisions. Data show that LLC reduces arrests by 58%.

Program Description

PO's and treatment providers refer nearly 1,000 high and medium risk adult offenders to the LLC for instruction in reading, math and writing, GED preparation and testing, English as a Second Language and group counseling aimed at helping offenders correct their criminal thinking. LLC offers instruction consistent with proven practices effective in reading and adult learning, working closely with A&D community treatment providers. More than 60% of offenders who access LLC read at or below an 8th grade level. Their learning problems are compounded by substance abuse. LLC actively collaborates with community agencies to increase the employability of offenders whose criminal history and lack of education pose barriers to finding employment. U.S. Office of Vocational and Adult Education (2003) identified LLC as 1 of 12 national models for adult learning due to its holistic approach and collaboration with POs, alcohol and drug providers, and employment agencies.

Program Justification

Evidence shows that LLC lowers crime and contributes to a safer community: LLC participants have fewer parole violations, fewer new arrests, and greater employment earnings (Finnegan,1994). In the two years after LLC, participants had 58% fewer arrests than they did in the two years prior to LLC (Rhyne,2001). LLC is consistent with County safety priorities by using evidence-based, cost-effective and innovative programs that hold high and medium risk offenders responsible using appropriate interventions. Research shows that low levels of education and vocational achievement are factors in criminal behavior (Gendreau,2002) and that programs can reduce the chances of offenders committing new crimes if they target criminal thinking (Andrews,1997). LLC addresses precisely these crime-producing factors.

Performance Measures

- * 56% of offenders who enter the program will successfully complete criminal thinking groups.
- * 52% who enter basic education will complete successfully.
- * 95 offenders will obtain employment through community agencies.

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

In 2003, LLC offenders had 58% fewer arrests. In 2003, 56% successfully completed 15 hours of criminal thinking groups. 52% successfully completed basic education component. 89 DCJ offenders obtained employment through community agencies. Next year's will be the same.

Program Mandate: 2 Mandated Program with Funding/Service Level Choice

ORS 423.478 requires that "counties, in partnership with the department (of Corrections), shall assume responsibility for community-based supervision, sanctions and services for offenders convicted of felonies who are:(a) On parole; (b) On probation; (c) On post-prison supervision." Counties may opt-out of community supervision, but only if state funding falls below baseline; currently it does not.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2005	2005	2006	2006
Program Expenses				
Personnel	\$0	\$529,758	\$0	\$575,085
Contracts	\$40,000	\$95,351	\$40,000	\$99,651
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$23,145	\$0	\$28,232
Internal Services	\$3,136	\$58,384	\$3,020	\$68,955
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$43,136	\$706,638	\$43,020	\$771,923
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$41,127	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$171,667	\$24,004
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$212,794	\$24,004
Total GF/non-GF:	\$43,136	\$706,638	\$255,814	\$795,927
Program Total:	\$749,774		\$1,051,741	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.30
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$27,810	\$0	\$32,266	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$706,639	\$0	\$771,923
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$27,810	\$706,639	\$32,266	\$771,923

Explanation of Revenues

Portland Community College provides grant revenue to Londer Learning Center to serve offenders at the Learning Center that are not suitable to attend classes at the local community college campuses \$59,943. Program is primarily funded with State Department of Community Corrections funds \$711,980. DOC funding will most likely be reduced for the new biennium.

Significant Program Changes

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