

Priority:	Safety	Lead Agency:	Community Justice
Program Offer Type:	Existing Operating	Program Contact:	Thach Nguyen
Related Programs:	50042, 50049		
Frameworks:	School Aged Policy Framework		

Executive Summary

Juvenile Sex Offender Probation Supervision keeps the public safe by holding approximately 170 high-risk adolescent sex offenders responsible for their actions, reducing their risk to commit new crimes, protecting victims and notifying schools, law enforcement and the community about the dangers these offenders pose. Since 1998, juvenile sex offenses are down 35%.

Program Description

The Juvenile Sex Offender Probation Supervision supervises 166 high-risk adolescent sex offenders per year who live in the community. The program has three primary goals: youth will commit no new sexual offenses or other crimes; youth will be in school, vocational training, or employed; and youth will be involved in appropriate sex offender treatment. In the program, probation officers monitor the activities of youth, ensure that they register with law enforcement, order polygraphs to ensure they are not re-offending and are obeying supervision conditions and treatment requirements, and impose sanctions when youth violate probation. They also plan for the safety of victims, notify schools and others about the presence of the youth and collect DNA. Because these youth pose a serious danger to the community, staff with specialized training have low caseloads to enable frequent contact. The average caseload size is 28 youth per Counselor.

Program Justification

Juvenile sex offender supervision is an integral part of core county safety strategies. The program holds juvenile sex offenders accountable for their behavior and reduces re-offending by enforcing probation conditions and ensuring that youth cooperate with mandated treatment. Research on juvenile sex offenders indicates that this combination of probation supervision, sanctions, and treatment is the most effective way to reduce re-offending (ATSO, 2002). By intervening early with these sex offending youth, the program prevents them from committing new sex crimes and other offenses, creating new victims and becoming more involved in the juvenile and (later) adult justice systems.

Performance Measures

95% of youth on sex offender supervision will not commit a new sexual offense within 12 months of previous offense; 80% of youth on sex offender supervision will not commit any type of offense within 12 months of previous offense.

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

County data suggests that the program is effective: between 2002-2003, juvenile sex offenses declined 22%, and over the past five years youth sex offenses are down 35% (Keir, 2004). However, no recidivism data were available for specific probation populations in 2002 (the proportion of all juvenile offenders who did not commit a new criminal offense within 12 months of their initial offense was 64%). Next year, we will be able to measure recidivism for specialized caseloads and we expect 95% of youth on sex offender supervision will not commit a new sexual offense within 12 months of previous offense; 80% of youth on sex offender supervision will not commit any type of offense within 12 months of previous offense.

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

The County is mandated by ORS 419C.441, 473 and 507 to provide community supervision to juveniles. The best practices research in juvenile corrections supports a balance of supervision, sanctions, and services to reduce crime and to help youth become productive citizens.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2005	2005	2006	2006
Program Expenses				
Personnel	\$611,793	\$0	\$654,630	\$0
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$60,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$1,560	\$0	\$3,620	\$0
Internal Services	\$14,893	\$0	\$23,410	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$628,246	\$0	\$741,660	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$42,548	\$6,318
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$125,476	\$627
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$168,024	\$6,945
Total GF/non-GF:	\$628,246	\$0	\$909,684	\$6,945
Program Total:	\$628,246		\$916,629	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	8.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Funded with county general fund.

Significant Program Changes

There are no major program changes planned for 2006.