

Program # 50047 - Early Intervention Unit (EIU)

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Priority:	Safety	Lead Agency:	Community Justice
Program Offer Type:	Existing Operating	Program Contact:	Wayne Scott
Related Programs:	50041		
Frameworks:	School Aged Policy Framework, Early Childhood Framework		

Executive Summary

The Early Intervention Unit (EIU) -- the clinical component of Informal Intervention -- provides immediate intensive mental health and drug abuse therapy to 50 troubled children (12 and under) who are referred by police because they have committed serious acts (such as fire-starting and sexual misconduct). The goal is to prevent the child from posing further danger to the community, becoming involved in the juvenile system and dropping out of school. EIU treats children who are too delinquent at an early age to be treated in the community.

Program Description

EIU provides in-home family therapy to children who are too young (12 and under) to be prosecuted, but who have committed serious delinquent acts (e.g., assault, theft and arson). These acts are often warning signs for future delinquency and adult criminal behavior. EIU was developed cooperatively by DCJ and DCHS to stop the child from committing new serious acts and prevent future delinquency by providing immediate and intensive family therapy. Therapists specially trained to treat delinquent children provide services in the family's home, in response to their unique risks and needs. The program specifically focuses on meeting the needs of children who are not being successfully served in the community, or cannot be, due to their risks. EIU serves 50 children/families a year. EIU is the clinical component to Informal Intervention, which provides accountability (e.g., sanctions such as community-service) to these high-risk children.

Program Justification

EIU provides prevention and early intervention services to juveniles that reduce re-offending and keep troubled children out of the formal juvenile and adult systems. Research shows that chronic juvenile offenders (who are responsible for 50% of new juvenile crime) are usually involved in delinquent acts, runaway behavior, and alcohol and drug abuse at a younger age than other youth offenders. By intervening early, and in ways that are appropriate for their age, EIU's goal is to prevent troubled children from becoming chronic juvenile (and later adult) offenders, thereby reducing juvenile crime. EIU is also an inter- and intra-agency collaboration that maximizes service availability. It operates under a DCHS certificate of approval to provide mental health services, since the high-risk children it serves are not appropriate for typical community-based programs. It also supports the department's Informal Intervention unit, providing a clinical, behavior-change intervention that supports Informal's accountability services.

Performance Measures

80% of youth will not commit a criminal offense while on the EIU probation caseload; 70% of youth served through EIU will not commit a new criminal offense w/in 12 months of their initial offense.

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

As a new program (1-year-old), outcome data are not yet available. For next year, we expect this rate to meet the goal set out in the performance measures above.

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

ORS 419C.001 calls on the juvenile system to include: "reformation and rehabilitation programs and swift and decisive intervention in delinquent behavior." ORS 419C.441 authorizes juvenile courts to "order that the youth offender undergo psychiatric, psychological or mental health evaluation. If warranted by the mental condition of the youth offender, the court may order that the youth offender undergo appropriate care or treatment."

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2005	2005	2006	2006
Program Expenses				
Personnel	\$0	\$121,358	\$182,958	\$94,709
Contracts	\$0	\$23,764	\$0	\$32,850
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$4,350	\$1,225	\$3,847
Internal Services	\$0	\$22,557	\$2,483	\$6,244
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$172,029	\$186,666	\$137,650
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$18,605	\$2,763
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$54,870	\$274
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$73,475	\$3,037
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$172,029	\$260,141	\$140,687
Program Total:	\$172,029		\$400,828	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	2.37	1.13
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$6,412	\$0	\$4,495	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$172,029	\$0	\$137,650
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$6,412	\$172,029	\$4,495	\$137,650

Explanation of Revenues

Program partially funded with ITAX dollars \$74,266. In accordance with the Children's Mental Health Redesign (part of the School Aged Policy Framework), EIU is funded through a collaborative arrangement between DCHS (Verity), CareOregon, and DCJ (County General Fund), which allows the County to increase federal financial participation (Medicaid) in funding treatment services for delinquent youth. This program expects to receive \$38,060. New grant funds of \$99,590 from DHS in collaboration with the Department of County Human Services' Safe and Drug Free Schools Project will fund one mental health consultant, clinical oversight, evaluation, and on-call treatment foster care services for approximately 30 additional families.

Significant Program Changes