

Priority: Education **Lead Agency:** School and Community
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating **Program Contact:** Peggy Samolinski
Related Programs: 21022, 21031A, 21032A, 21033, 21034, 21035, 21036, 21032B, 21032C, 21031B

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

This program offers direct services to sexual minority youth (SMY) and technical assistance and training so that SUN Service System agencies and other community partners work effectively with sexual minority youth. This program is part of the SUN Service System, which implements the policy direction of the School Age Policy Framework.

Program Description

This program provides community-based services specifically designed to meet the needs of SMY and their families so that youth remain in and/or return to school. Direct services to SMY include counseling services and support groups. The program provides operational support for the Sexual Minority Youth Resource Center so that SMY youth have a supportive environment for socialization and peer support. Direct services comprise 70% of this offer. Technical assistance (TA), training and support to SUN Service System staff and partners increases the awareness of the issues that SMY youth face, and increases competency in working with SMY youth. The TA component is 30% of this offer.

Program Justification

This program supports strategies #1, 4 & 5 of the Education Team, by providing specialized mental health services to SMY youth, fostering supportive relationships between adults and youth and breaking down barriers and bridging gaps to help all youth attend, engage and succeed in school. This is accomplished through the two pronged approach: providing direct services and a safe place in which SMY youth can feel comfortable and participate in supportive services that reflect their unique needs and by enhancing the understanding and skill levels of other community providers to provide competent and relevant services to SMY youth. Due to difficulties with family, peers and the broader community, SMY youth often experience isolation and stigma, which can result in higher rates of emotional distress, homelessness, dropping out of school, suicide attempts, risky sexual behavior, and substance abuse. Research has found a direct link between academic performance and experiences of harassment and unsafe learning environments. The 2005 "From Teasing to Torment: School Climate in America Survey" conducted by the Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network (GLSEN) found that 90% of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered (LGBT) students report being verbally harassed at school. Also 66% reported feeling unsafe at school because of their sexual orientation. A Seattle study found that 28% of SMY youth dropped out. The direct service components provide support for SMY youth while out of school, so that they will remain in school.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY04-05)	Current Year Purchased (FY05-06)	Current Year Estimate (FY05-06)	Next Year Offer (FY06-07)
Output	# of youth served in counseling services	48	40	40	40
Outcome	% of students in counseling who re-enroll or remain in school	100%	60%	100%	90%
Outcome	% of the 300 students who attend the SMYRC who re-enroll or remain in school	0%	60%	70%	70%
Outcome	% of training participants who report an increase in knowledge about LGBTQ issue	100%	85%	99%	95%

Performance Measure - Description

FY04/5 actuals reflect program exceeding the target by the end of the year; FY05/6 data will provide another point in time for comparison to determine whether target number should be increased for FY06/7. The performance measure "% of 300 students at SMYRC will remain in school" is new for FY05/6; "0" for FY04/5 actual means Not Available.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2006	2006	2007	2007
Program Expenses				
Personnel	\$12,413	\$0	\$8,796	\$0
Contracts	\$98,824	\$0	\$102,283	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$314	\$0	\$352	\$0
Internal Services	\$4,288	\$0	\$1,492	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$115,839	\$0	\$112,923	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$1,447	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$29,787	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$31,234	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$115,839	\$0	\$144,157	\$0
Program Total:	\$115,839		\$144,157	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.00
Program Revenues				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

General Fund- Based on current level of service

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #21024, School Svcs - Technical Assistance and Direct Services for Sexual Minority Youth
The current County General Fund costs in this program offer as been increased by 3.5% of contracted services to reflect the inflation factor related to maintaining services at current service level. The amount of COLA included in this program offer is \$3,459 and will be passed through to the community based providers in their FY07 contract. No other significant changes from FY05/6 to FY06/7.