

Priority: Basic Needs
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs: 25067, 25069

Lead Agency: County Human Services
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Children's Intensive Mental Health Services are designed to keep children with serious emotional and behavioral challenges in the community with their families or with highly trained foster parents. These services are specifically designed to reduce or prevent unnecessary usage of costly facility based care.

Program Description

Children with serious emotional and behavioral challenges are often very disruptive and unsafe and their parents and caregivers may no longer feel capable of keeping them at home. To keep the child in his or her home and out of facility based care, families and foster families need frequent day and after hours support, respite, training, school support, culturally competent and flexible services designed to intervene in crisis situations. The array of intensive services include crisis respite, intensive family search and preservation, treatment foster care, intensive in-home treatment, behavioral rehabilitation services, and psychiatric day treatment. Children who go into crisis respite need a brief break from their current environment in order to stabilize their symptoms and remain safe. Children in psychiatric day treatment are displaced from their educational setting and are at further risk of displacement from home if their needs are not addressed. For children who do not have identifiable attachment figures (family or foster family), a subset of services are designed to find natural supports such as unknown kin or other healthy attachment figures who can be available to the child. Children who require these intensive mental health services may have been displaced from their educational setting and are at further risk of displacement from home if their needs are not addressed. They need assistance in getting along with peers, following educational lesson plans, tolerating frustration and expressing needs positively. Intensive Mental Health Services are designed to give both the child and his/her family all the supports and treatment necessary to be successful in school and in the community. This program serves children with Oregon Health Plan insurance who are enrolled in Verity, the County's mental health organization. The County was given responsibility as of October 1, 2005 for some of the array of services within this program offer.

Program Justification

Children's Intensive Mental Health Services are directly related to the Basic Living Needs Priority and the School Aged Policy and Early Childhood frameworks through the development of family centered plans designed to intervene in crisis situations and keep high-need, vulnerable children with serious emotional and behavioral disorders in the community with their families or caring foster families, in stable housing. Keeping families in stable housing is a key part of the 10-year Plan to End Homelessness. These services will prevent further behavioral health crises that might lead to high cost facility based services. The County became fiscally responsible for all residential and day treatment services on October 1, 2005. Children's Intensive Mental Health Services are a primary vehicle to keep children out of these costly services.

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 | Total Children Receiving Intensive Community Based Services. | 0 | 182 | 197 | 250 |
| Outcome | Percent Children Receiving Intensive Care In Community. | 0% | 73% | 73% | 75% |
| Quality | Percent Of All Services Provided Outside Of Mental Health Office | 0% | 0% | 40% | 70% |

Performance Measure - Description

Legal/Contractual Obligation

State of Oregon Mental Health Organization (MHO) Contract. We are obligated to provide these services by the MHO contract.

Revenue/Expense Detail

| | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| | 2006 | 2006 | 2007 | 2007 |
| Program Expenses | | | | |
| Personnel | \$0 | \$291,512 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Contracts | \$0 | \$8,204,261 | \$0 | \$4,374,794 |
| Internal Services | \$0 | \$41,878 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Subtotal: Direct Exps: | \$0 | \$8,537,651 | \$0 | \$4,374,794 |
| Administration | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$94,534 |
| Program Support | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$195,690 |
| Subtotal: Other Exps: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$290,224 |
| Total GF/non-GF: | \$0 | \$8,537,651 | \$0 | \$4,665,018 |
| Program Total: | \$8,537,651 | | \$4,665,018 | |
| Program FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Program Revenues | | | | |
| Intergovernmental | \$0 | \$8,537,651 | \$0 | \$4,374,794 |
| Program Revenue for Admin | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$290,224 |
| Total Revenue: | \$0 | \$8,537,651 | \$0 | \$4,665,018 |

Explanation of Revenues

Oregon Health Plan revenue based on December premium rates and assuming 66,970 insured members - \$3,995,744. \$100,000 from State Mental Health Grant Award per 05-07 biennium contract and \$279,050 from Fed/State Sources via billings.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #25096, Children's Intensive Community Based MH Services