

Priority: Basic Needs

Lead Agency: County Human Services

Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

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Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

This project provides alcohol/drug treatment, case management, foster care, and continuing care recovery services for African-American adolescent males between the ages of 14 to 18. Services are gender specific, culturally specific, and culturally competent. These African-American boys have significant needs besides addiction, including mental health issues, school failure concerns, and often legal and gang involvement.

Program Description

Leo Ni Leo ("Time Is Now" in Swahili) is the only African-American culturally specific alcohol/drug adolescent program in Multnomah County. This program is a unique collaborative effort of several community providers. Each youth entering the program is assigned a case manager who coordinates communication and works with the youth to identify new health connections. Youth are placed in residential alcohol/drug treatment beds if they are unable to live independently in the community, cannot maintain even a short period of abstinence, and are in need of 24-hour supervision, treatment, and care. Residential services include alcohol/drug treatment groups five days per week, individual alcohol/drug treatment at least once per week and individual mental health sessions as appropriate, weekly family counseling, and academic instruction during each weekday. Intensive outpatient treatment is provided for those youth who do not need residential treatment. Youth are at the treatment program from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and participate in daily academic instruction, daily alcohol/drug groups, individual counseling sessions, and weekly conflict resolution groups with a mental health prevention emphasis. Multi-family groups and individual family groups sessions are also provided. The program certifies foster/proctor homes to provide housing alternatives for youth who are either not age appropriate for residential treatment or youth who lack a safe and sober environment to live in but who do not meet the residential treatment criteria. Youth aged 13 to 17 are eligible to live in these homes with African American families. A key element to the success of the young men leaving this program is their ability to develop healthy lifestyles by developing new relationships with healthy adults or peers, through new academic or vocational opportunities, and through developing positive leisure activities, such as arts or athletic participation.

Program Justification

The Leo Ni Leo program directly links to the Basic Needs Priority by providing alcohol/drug treatment, case management, foster care, and continuing care recovery services to vulnerable African-American adolescent males who have become involved with alcohol and drugs and are in danger of or have become involved with the criminal justice system. This program specifically addresses the School Age Policy Framework by providing cultural and gender specific services to school-aged children and their families countywide.

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	Number of youth served at Leo Ni Leo	51	54	54	54
Outcome	Percentage of youth that show improvement in school behavior	52%	50%	53%	50%
Outcome	Percentage of youth that show improvement in school attendance	55%	50%	57%	50%

Performance Measure - Description

Annually, at least 54 youth will receive services at Leo Ni Leo. 50% of youth will show improvement in school behavior. 50% of youth will show improvement in school attendance. 90% of the youth entering this program are failing school or have been suspended or expelled.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Contractual Obligations: Because Multnomah County accepts the State Mental Health Grant; we are obligated to spend funds in accordance with regulations regarding State Service Elements (i.e. Service Element A-D 71 is Youth Alcohol and Drug Residential Services).

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2006	2006	2007	2007
Contracts	\$0	\$534,401	\$0	\$534,400
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$534,401	\$0	\$534,400
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$18,124
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$26,384
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$44,508
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$534,401	\$0	\$578,908
Program Total:	\$534,401		\$578,908	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$534,401	\$0	\$534,400
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$44,508
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$534,401	\$0	\$578,908

Explanation of Revenues

Funded entirely with State Mental Health Grant - \$534,400. The Leo Ni Leo program's residential component is an equal financial collaboration between the Department of Community Justice and the Department of County Human Services with each department supporting five residential beds.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #25027, African American Youth A&D Treatment