

Priority: Basic Needs
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs: 25087, 25093, 50054

Lead Agency: County Human Services
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Services are tied to Adult Residential Treatment and allow children and their custodial single parent to stay together in the same residential treatment facility while the parent completes alcohol and drug treatment. Keeps children out of foster care while allowing parents to receive treatment, including parenting skills enhancement.

Program Description

Housing Services for Dependent Children is an integrated part of Alcohol and Drug Adult Residential Treatment (Program Offer 25093). Lack of care for her child can be a barrier for an addicted woman and can keep her from entering treatment. Fear of separation from a newborn child can keep a substance abusing pregnant woman from seeking treatment during her pregnancy. Having your children with you at the treatment center can mean the difference between seeking treatment or not. This program is about eliminating treatment barriers for pregnant women and women with young children. There are three culturally competent adult residential programs that provide simultaneous care for children while allowing the child's parent to maintain a supervised parenting relationship. Comprehensive services are provided for infants and young children (prenatal and pediatric health care, nursery care, room and board for toddlers, and preschool services) as well as enhanced services to the parent (prenatal health care, parenting skills, observed parent/child interactions, vocational, and transportation services). While most of the parents are women, this service can also be provided to men who are parenting. The number of children a woman can have at the time of acceptance into treatment is not limited.

Program Justification

This program directly meets the Basic Needs Priority by providing prenatal and pediatric health care for extremely vulnerable, high-risk infants and children. Studies on drug-exposed infants indicate that it costs an average additional \$7,700 in medical care before the infant can leave the hospital. This program combats the low birth weight and premature delivery that leads to additional medical care for drug-exposed infants. The mothers become and stay drug and alcohol free, the children grow up healthier and the families have a better chance of staying together. By providing housing with the parent in treatment, children can stay out of foster care or children already in foster care be reunited sooner with their parents. The program stops long-term dependency on the social services system by teaching clients to develop a recovery-based lifestyle, make a successful transition into independent living arrangements, and be quality parents to their children. All of this leads to long-term savings in child health and welfare as well as reducing the use of the criminal justice system. Further, this program fits into the Early Childhood Framework by providing culturally competent and coordinated health and social services and by giving parents the tools to strengthen their families.

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 infants and/or young children served.	128	48	152	48
Outcome	Percentage of bed utilization.	131%	100%	127%	100%

Performance Measure - Description

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 62 is Housing for Dependent Children Whose Parents are in Alcohol and Drug Residential Treatment).

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2006	2006	2007	2007
Contracts	\$0	\$350,399	\$0	\$240,899
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$350,399	\$0	\$240,899
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,176
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,902
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,078
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$350,399	\$0	\$260,977
Program Total:	\$350,399		\$260,977	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$350,399	\$0	\$240,899
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,078
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$350,399	\$0	\$260,977

Explanation of Revenues

This program is funded by the State Mental Health Grant, \$240,899. A&D Housing Services for Dependent Children is a financial collaboration between the Department of Community Justice (10 beds) and the Department of County Human Services (22 beds).

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #25090, A&D Housing Services for Dependent Children