

**Program # 21010 - Diversion**

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**Priority:** Safety  
**Program Offer Type:** New Program  
**Related Programs:** 50013  
**Program Characteristics:** Joint Offer

**Lead Agency:** School and Community  
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**Executive Summary**

The Diversion Service System restores the County's preadjudicatory system of accountability, consequences, and targeted support services for youth involved in low severity misdemeanors (e.g. thefts, trespassing, vandalism) and ordinance violations (e.g. MIP, LTO, curfew).

This program is linked to DCJ Program Offer #50013 and is a collaboration among DSCP, DCJ, law enforcement, and the community.

**Program Description**

The Diversion Service System provides system and community based intervention to youth ages 11-17 based upon proven recidivism reduction approaches of targeted early intervention and restorative justice.

Services are client specific and accessed through formal referral by law enforcement and informal referral from partner schools. All youth are screened using the standard Juvenile Crime Prevention Risk Assessment. Those at highest risk for future criminality are served by juvenile court staff and those at lesser risk are served through the SUN Service System. All youth receive 90 day intensive intervention plans based on risk factors and include involvement with Neighborhood Accountability Boards for consequences/sanctions such as community service. With existing SUN and Touchstone staff, Diversion staff also participate in school retrieval/retention efforts, such as in-school suspension options.

**Program Justification**

The Diversion Service System addresses Safety Indicators - Reported index crime per 1000 persons, Citizen perception of safety, and % of juveniles convicted of a crime who commit additional crimes, and meets Safety Strategy 2 - Safety system components work effectively together, Strategy 3 - Engage relevant communities in defining public safety need and developing crime prevention and protection programs, Strategy 4 - Intervene early to keep juveniles out of the public safety system, and Strategy 5 - Treat drug/alcohol addiction and mental health issues.

Since 2002, no response other than a "warning letter" has been made to over 1000 status and first time misdemeanor offenses annually. Failure to respond to these behaviors certainly contributes to citizen perception of safety. Services provide resources to effectively intervene early in delinquent behaviors. Early intervention is critical: recent research by OSU indicates that 20% of youth offenders commit 80% of the juvenile offenses, and that most of this 20% are "early bloomers" who committed crimes before the age of 15.

**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	Youth to be served	0	0	0	1,010
Outcome	Youth served end further involvement with juvenile justice system	0%	0%	0%	85%
Outcome	Youth served increase school attendance	0%	0%	0%	50%

**Performance Measure - Description**

Services are restored from 2002, thus no current information on proposed performance measures exists. Based upon the previous system, expectations of successful service impact on identified measures will be high and readily produced in the following year.

**Legal/Contractual Obligation****Revenue/Expense Detail**

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
<b>Program Expenses</b>	2006	2006	2007	2007
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$1,748,406	\$0
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$280,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$56,816	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$33,698	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,118,920</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Total GF/non-GF:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,118,920</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Program Total:	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$2,118,920</b>	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	24.00	0.00
<b>Program Revenues</b>				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Explanation of Revenues**

General Fund- Based on projected costs of this model

**Significant Program Changes**

Last year this program was: