

Priority: Basic Needs **Lead Agency:** County Human Services
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating **Program Contact:** Godwin Nwerem
Related Programs: 25067, 25068, 25069, 25070, 25072A, 25073A, 25076A, 25077A

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

For children who are victims of child abuse, mental health treatment is an important part of the recovery process. After evaluation by Child Abuse Response and Evaluation Services, this program provides an array of services to the victimized children and to their families, including counseling and crisis intervention.

Program Description

Mental health treatment and family support are often recommended following the Child Abuse Response and Evaluation Services (CARES) evaluation. This program fits into the Early Childhood and School Aged Policy Frameworks by providing crisis intervention to help stabilize families, referral to mental health providers, assisting families in accessing community resources, on-going parent support, family education and individual counseling for the child victim. A key component of this program is helping families obtain counseling for their children. The program has a large network of counseling resources available based on the family's financial resources, age of the child, and therapeutic needs of the child and family. In some cases, the Program offers treatment to children whose parent(s) have no ability to pay. The program works to identify culturally specific resources for traumatized children of various cultures. Instances regularly include assisting Spanish-speaking child abuse victims find competent treatment providers. Program staff is always available to provide consultation and resource support to community partners such as medical professionals, forensic interviewers, law enforcement professionals, DHS caseworkers, and school counselors.

Program Justification

The CDC, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Kaiser Permanente recently released a large scale study claiming that "many of the most common causes of death and disability in this country" can be linked to childhood abuse. Untreated child abuse trauma often leads to increased costs to the community. The CARES Family Support Program is a uniquely funded program that works to reduce trauma to vulnerable children and families. The program links directly to the Basic Living Needs Priority by connecting child victims and their families to culturally appropriate, comprehensive community supports and services. Providing these important services decreases the likelihood of abuse continuing. As a result children can focus on becoming productive, self-sufficient members of their community. Conversely, without this program these children are at greater risk of developing chronic health and mental health problems.

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 treatment readiness svcs with referrals to MH providers	453	400	400	400
Outcome	Percent of Families Generally or Definitely Satisfied With Svc	93%	90%	93%	95%
Output	Total parents receiving treatment readiness svcs	248	200	200	200
Output	Total children and families assisted in receiving appropriate svcs.	1,195	900	1,000	1,000

Performance Measure - Description

Historically the capacity for total served ranged between 700 to 900. The high number served FY 05 was due to a one year limited project by CARES.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Community Mental Health Program obligations, Oregon Revised Statute 430.620
 State of Oregon Mental Health Organization Contract, Oregon Administrative Rule 309-032-0950

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2006	2006	2007	2007
Personnel	\$336,887	\$0	\$361,640	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$595	\$3,050	\$8,034	\$0
Internal Services	\$67,974	\$33,845	\$55,899	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$405,456	\$36,895	\$425,573	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$16,703	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$48,343	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$65,046	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$405,456	\$36,895	\$490,619	\$0
Program Total:	\$442,351		\$490,619	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	3.90	0.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$36,895	\$0	\$0
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$36,895	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues**Significant Program Changes**

Last year this program was: #25076, Child Abuse MH Services
 Program Outcome Explanation:

It is important to track family satisfaction as the more satisfied a family member is with the CARES services the more likely they are to obtain follow up services for their child.