

Program # 50010 - Juvenile Early Intervention Unit (EIU)

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Priority: Safety
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs: 50013, 50022A

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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Early Intervention Unit (EIU) provides immediate intensive mental health and drug abuse therapy to approximately 30 troubled children (age 12 and under) who are referred by police because they have committed serious acts (such as fire-starting, assault and sexual misconduct). The goal is to prevent the child from posing further danger to the community, becoming involved in the juvenile system and dropping out of school. EIU works: 95% of youth do not re-offend in the year after treatment, according to the most recent data.

Program Description

EIU provides in-home family therapy to children who are too young (12 and under) to be prosecuted, but who have committed serious delinquent acts (e.g., assault, theft and arson). These acts are often warning signs for future delinquency and adult criminal behavior. EIU was developed cooperatively by DCJ and DCHS to stop the child from committing new serious acts and prevent future delinquency by providing immediate and intensive family therapy. Therapists specially trained to treat delinquent children provide services in the family's home, in response to their unique risks and needs. The program specifically focuses on meeting the needs of children who are not being successfully served in the community, or cannot be, due to their risks. EIU serves 50 children/families a year. EIU is linked to Informal Intervention, which provides accountability services (e.g., sanctions such as community-service) to these high-risk children.

Program Justification

Research shows that chronic juvenile offenders (who are responsible for 50% of new juvenile crime) are usually involved in delinquent acts, runaway behavior, and alcohol and drug abuse at a younger age than other youth offenders. EIU is an early intervention program that is designed to provide mental health services to troubled children, stop them from committing new delinquent acts and prevent them from going on to enter the formal juvenile and adult justice systems later in their lives. It also fills a gap in services; youth in EIU are generally so high-risk that they are not appropriate to receive treatment in typical community-based programs. Because of their young ages, they also need treatment that is geared to their developmental level. EIU is effective: 95% of youth treated in the program did not re-offend in the year after being treated.

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 by EIU.	26	50	28	30
Outcome	Percent of youth who did not recidivate one year post program exit.	95%	70%	99%	85%
Outcome	Percent of youth who did not recidivate while in the program.	95%	80%	99%	85%

Performance Measure - Description

Recidivism is measured by new criminal referral.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

ORS 419C.001 calls on the juvenile system to include: "reformation and rehabilitation programs and swift and decisive intervention in delinquent behavior." ORS 419C.441 authorizes juvenile courts to "order that the youth offender undergo psychiatric, psychological or mental health evaluation. If warranted by the mental condition of the youth offender, the court may order that the youth offender undergo appropriate care or treatment."

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2006	2006	2007	2007
Personnel	\$182,958	\$94,709	\$91,920	\$119,879
Contracts	\$0	\$32,850	\$0	\$32,850
Materials & Supplies	\$1,225	\$3,847	\$1,320	\$3,880
Internal Services	\$2,483	\$6,244	\$0	\$7,924
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$186,666	\$137,650	\$93,240	\$164,533
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$15,159	\$4,092
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$45,245	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$60,404	\$4,092
Total GF/non-GF:	\$186,666	\$137,650	\$153,644	\$168,625
Program Total:	\$324,316		\$322,269	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	1.12	1.38
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$4,495	\$0	\$3,505	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$137,650	\$0	\$164,533
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$4,495	\$137,650	\$3,505	\$164,533

Explanation of Revenues

This program is partially funded by county general fund \$111,975. In accordance with the Children's Mental Health Redesign, EIU is funded through a collaborative arrangement between Verity, CareOregon and county general fund, which enables the county to increase federal financial participation (Medicaid) in funding treatment services for delinquent youth \$64,943. This is the 2nd year of grant funds of \$99,590 from DHS in collaboration with the Department of County Human Services' Safe and Drug Free Schools Project that funds one mental health consultant, clinical oversight, evaluations, and on-call treatment foster care for approximately 30 additional families.

Significant Program Changes
 **Significantly Changed**

Last year this program was: #50047, Early Intervention Unit (EIU)

The number of youth treated in FY05-06 was less than anticipated because one position remained vacant while a bi-lingual counselor was recruited. The program is now fully-staffed with full caseloads.