

Program # 50017 - Juvenile Communities of Color Partnership

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Priority: Safety
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs: 50014, 50015, 50023A, 50023B, 50024

Lead Agency: Community Justice
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Communities of Color Partnership provides specialized, integrated services and case management for high-risk juvenile offenders on probation (aged 12-18) whose ethnic/cultural backgrounds are disproportionately represented in commitments to Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) correctional facilities. The program served 110 youth last year. Nearly 70% of youth remained crime-free in the six months after they left the program.

Program Description

The Communities of Color Partnership provides culturally competent services to high-and medium-risk delinquent African-American, Latino, Asian, Native American and Pacific Islander youth. A network of community support agencies, lead by Self Enhancement, Inc. (SEI) and the Latino Network, provides a comprehensive range of culturally competent case management and treatment providers. Youth receive educational and vocational services, counseling, mental health and addiction treatment, mentoring and other services in culturally appropriate settings designed to strengthen a youth's pro-social connections to the community and maximize his or her community supports. COCP also provides shelter care as an alternative to detention. KOJO House (operated by Janus Youth Services) provides culturally specific, staff supervised shelter care to gang-involved and /or high-risk males, 12-18 years of age. These youth do not have the appropriate supervision and support at home to be successful on probation. KOJO House helps these youth transition from street life and criminality to violence-free lives and productive citizenship. Youth placed in staff-supervised shelter care services attend school, participate in treatment services and await more permanent placements. Average length of stay is 28 days.

Program Justification

The Communities of Color Partnership (COCP) is a collaborative, community-based initiative that intervenes to keep youth from returning to the justice system. COCP provides a range of culturally competent interventions that helps youth remain in the community and keeps them out of more expensive detention and youth correctional facilities. COCP is also consistent with a streams of offenders approach; youth who receive COCP services have demonstrated a high degree of criminality. More than 50% have been charged with person offenses, and tend to commit multiple offenses. COCP services target youth who present the greatest risk to public safety in Multnomah County. These services improve outcomes for these high-risk youth and reduce juvenile crime: 68% of youth remained crime-free in the six months after they left the program, according to most recent data. Data also indicate that COCP is effective in reducing juvenile crime and the over-representation of minority youth committed to OYA correctional facilities: Multnomah County commitments of minority youth to state youth correctional facilities is down 78%, compared to 1997.

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 COCP. | 110 | 110 | 110 | 110 |
| Outcome | Percent of youth who did not recidivate while in the program. | 77% | 0% | 0% | 75% |
| Outcome | Percent of youth who did not re-offend six months post program exit. | 68% | 0% | 0% | 65% |

Performance Measure - Description

Recidivism is measured by new criminal referral. Recidivism data is from report to Oregon Emergency Board for Gang Transition Services, November 2004.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

ORS 419C.001 – “The [juvenile] system shall provide a continuum of services that emphasize prevention of further criminal activity by the use of early and certain sanctions, reformation and rehabilitation programs and swift and decisive intervention in delinquent behavior.”

Revenue/Expense Detail

| | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Program Expenses | 2006 | 2006 | 2007 | 2007 |
| Contracts | \$0 | \$691,410 | \$0 | \$592,760 |
| Internal Services | \$0 | \$88,431 | \$0 | \$44,101 |
| Subtotal: Direct Exps: | \$0 | \$779,841 | \$0 | \$636,861 |
| Administration | \$0 | \$0 | \$36,998 | \$10,109 |
| Program Support | \$0 | \$0 | \$110,586 | \$0 |
| Subtotal: Other Exps: | \$0 | \$0 | \$147,584 | \$10,109 |
| Total GF/non-GF: | \$0 | \$779,841 | \$147,584 | \$646,970 |
| Program Total: | \$779,841 | | \$794,554 | |
| Program FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Program Revenues | | | | |
| Indirect for dep't Admin | \$31,736 | \$0 | \$29,519 | \$0 |
| Intergovernmental | \$0 | \$779,841 | \$0 | \$636,861 |
| Program Revenue for Admin | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Total Revenue: | \$31,736 | \$779,841 | \$29,519 | \$636,861 |

Explanation of Revenues

This program is funded with \$636,861 in Oregon Youth Authority Gang Transition funds.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #50055, Communities of Color Partnership (COCP)