

Program # 50035 - Adult High Risk Drug Unit

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Related Programs: 25082A, 25097, 50037, 50038, 50042, 50049A, 50052A, 50053, 50054, 50068

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

In 2003, 73% of the adult males booked into the Multnomah County jail tested positive for drugs. According to Knight (2002), 66% of all offenders arrested test positive for illegal drugs. The High Risk Drug Unit (HRDU) is designed to reduce drug use, increase treatment success, and prevent further arrests for drug-related activities for more than 420 high-risk, drug-using adult offenders annually. HRDU aggressively involves offenders in alcohol and drug treatment, actively supervising and expecting them to change their criminal behavior. HRDU also supervises offenders released from alcohol and drug treatment programs in the state prisons, ensuring that they receive aftercare services in the community to maintain abstinence. Continued abstinence from illegal drug use has been shown to produce a 40-75% reduction in crime (Harrell and Roman, 2001).

Program Description

This program works closely with community partners to get offenders into alcohol and drug treatment as soon as possible. HRDU understands that in addition to holding offenders accountable, it takes service coordination and collaboration among treatment agencies, the courts, and law enforcement to help offenders change addictive and criminal behaviors. HRDU staff use supervision and case management practices that have been shown to be effective (Andrews, 1994). Andrews' research supports the primary objective of supervision, which is to manage the case in a way that holds the offender accountable, reduces criminal activity, and provides an opportunity to change behavior. HRDU and DePaul Treatment are currently working with UCLA in a research study of collaborative supervision, treatment, and case management strategies.

Program Justification

In Multnomah County, 64% of those booked into jail test positive for one drug and 25% for multiple drugs (ADAM, 2000). Recent research shows that punishment is unlikely to change behavior, but alcohol and drug abuse treatment that also addresses criminal behavior can reduce the number of new crimes committed (Andrews, 1994). HRDU targets the highest risk drug offenders and holds them accountable through active community supervision, applying consequences when needed, and using evidence based services (Andrews 1994) designed to change behavior and reduce new crimes. HRDU is an effective part of the Safety priorities because it works in collaboration with treatment providers, the community, and law enforcement. HRDU holds offenders accountable and fosters recovery from alcohol and drug addiction.

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	Average number of offenders supervised monthly.	300	300	420	430
Outcome	Percent of parolees who will not recidivate (felony reconviction)	67%	70%	75%	75%
Outcome	Percent of probationers who will not recidivate (felony re-conviction)	71%	70%	61%	61%

Performance Measure - Description

Recidivism is measured by three year felony re-conviction rate. Data reflect cohorts who entered supervision three years ago.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

ORS 423.478 requires that "counties, in partnership with the department (of Corrections), shall assume responsibility for community-based supervision, sanctions and services for offenders convicted of felonies who are:(a) On parole; (b) On probation; (c) On post-prison supervision." Counties may opt-out of community supervision, but only if state funding falls below baseline; currently it does not.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds		
Program Expenses	2006	2006	2007	2007		
Personnel	\$77,763	\$686,544	\$206,218	\$781,529		
Contracts	\$73,859	\$74,474	\$72,642	\$76,359		
Materials & Supplies	\$13,364	\$14,066	\$20,019	\$15,959		
Internal Services	\$1,785	\$49,457	\$0	\$63,370		
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$166,771	\$824,541	\$298,879	\$937,217		
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$66,818	\$0		
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$236,764	\$36,112		
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$303,582	\$36,112		
Total GF/non-GF:	\$166,771	\$824,541	\$602,461	\$973,329		
Program Total:	\$991	\$991,312		\$1,575,790		
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	2.50	9.00		
Program Revenues						
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$25,322	\$0	\$36,401	\$0		
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$230,860	\$0	\$937,217		
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Total Revenue:	\$25,322	\$230,860	\$36,401	\$937,217		

Explanation of Revenues

This program is funded by state Department of Corrections \$794,313; county general fund \$298,879; and the final year of UCLA Step'n Out Grant \$142,904.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #50017, Adult High Risk Drug Unit