

Program # 50054 - Addiction Services-Housing Services for Dependent Children

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Priority: Safety
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs: 25082A, 25098, 25100, 50030A, 50031, 50033, 50035, 50053

Lead Agency: Community Justice
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Housing Services for Dependent Children (HSDC) is closely aligned with DCJ's Women's Residential Treatment Program by allowing 14 children to remain with their custodial single parent while the parent completes residential alcohol and drug treatment. This service helps to keep children out of foster care while allowing parents to receive treatment, including parenting skills enhancement. Parole/probation officers (PPOs) in DCJ's Family Supervision Unit depend heavily on these services since 75% of the offenders they supervise have children under the age of seven. HSDC eliminates a primary treatment barrier for pregnant women and single mothers with young children. HSDC works in unison with women's residential treatment to stop long-term dependency on the social services system by teaching women to develop a recovery-based lifestyle, make a successful transition into independent living arrangements, and be more effective parents.

Program Description

Historically, County Human Services (DCHS) and Community Justice (DCJ) have co-funded treatment for African American women and their children at one facility. This offer allows this collaborative arrangement to continue. Four other dependent children beds are funded at a facility especially designed to treat only high-risk female offenders. This service is designed to provide simultaneous care for children in the same residential facility where their mother is getting treatment for drug/alcohol addiction. Funding from this service can serve up to 14 infants and young children at any one time and is earmarked only for these children's care and services. Children may receive prenatal and pediatric health care, nursery care, housing for toddlers, and preschool services. HSDC attempts to eliminate treatment barriers for pregnant women and single mothers with young children. HSDC works in unison with women's residential treatment to stop long-term dependency on the social services system by teaching women to develop a recovery-based lifestyle, make a successful transition into independent living arrangements, and be more effective parents.

Program Justification

Residential treatment for female offenders is linked directly with the Safety priority. The lack of childcare or separation from one's children can be a barrier to entering treatment which could adversely affect the safety of our community. Many mothers who temporarily lost custody are reunited with their children while in treatment. This program also addresses the basic physical and behavioral health needs (addiction) of high-risk, single parents. One study reports that drug-exposed newborns accrue an additional \$7,700 in medical costs before the infant leaves the hospital (Kalotra, 2002). HSDC combats the low birth weight and premature delivery that leads to additional medical care for drug-exposed newborns. Other studies have demonstrated higher retention rates and significantly longer stays for women in residential treatment when their children are allowed to stay with them (Szuster et.al 1996, Hughes et al., 1995).

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	Percent utilization of 36 beds.	0%	0%	0%	95%
Outcome	Percent of successful treatment completions.	0%	0%	0%	60%
Output	Percent of engaged parents who retain custody of child during treatment.	0%	0%	0%	90%

Performance Measure - Description

New measures.

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

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2006	2006	2007	2007
Contracts	\$225,934	\$0	\$241,647	\$0
Internal Services	\$16,006	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$241,940	\$0	\$241,647	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$14,099	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$30,274	\$7,709
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$44,373	\$7,709
Total GF/non-GF:	\$241,940	\$0	\$286,020	\$7,709
Program Total:	\$241,940		\$293,729	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #50012A, Substance Abuse Services For Women - Residential 30 Beds
None anticipated.