

Priority: Basic Needs
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs: 50014

Lead Agency: County Human Services
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

This program focuses on African-American adolescent males with addiction and mental health issues, and often criminal involvement. It provides gender and culturally specific addictions treatment (both residential and outpatient), case management, foster care, and aftercare recovery services. This program serves 54 clients annually. Research shows that successful completion of treatment leads to improved health, better social functioning, reductions in criminal involvement and cost savings through decreased use of public programs.

Program Description

Leo Ni Leo ("Time Is Now" in Swahili) is the only African-American culturally specific alcohol/drug adolescent program in Multnomah County. This program is a unique collaborative effort of several community providers. Each youth entering the program is assigned a case manager who coordinates communication and works with the youth to identify new healthy connections. Youth are placed in residential alcohol/drug treatment beds if they are unable to live independently in the community, cannot maintain even a short period of abstinence, and are in need of 24-hour supervision, treatment, and care. Residential services include alcohol/drug treatment groups five days per week; individual alcohol/drug treatment at least once per week; individual mental health sessions as appropriate; weekly family counseling; and academic instruction each weekday. Intensive outpatient treatment is provided for those youth who do not need residential treatment. Youth are at the treatment program all day and participate in daily academic instruction, daily alcohol/drug groups, individual counseling sessions, and weekly conflict resolution groups with a mental health prevention emphasis. The program certifies foster homes to provide housing alternatives for youth who are either not age appropriate for residential treatment or youth who lack a safe and sober environment to live in but who do not meet the residential treatment criteria. Youth aged 13-17 are eligible to live in these homes with African American families. A key element to the success of the young men leaving this program is their ability to develop healthy lifestyles by developing new relationships with healthy adults or peers, through new academic or vocational opportunities, and through developing positive leisure activities, such as arts or athletic participation.

Program Justification

The Leo Ni' Leo program directly links to the Basic Needs Priority by addressing the abuse of alcohol and other drugs by African-American adolescent males. Alcohol use is closely tied to the three leading causes of death among African-American youth ages 12 to 20: unintentional injuries (including motor vehicle crashes), homicides, and suicides. This program specifically addresses the School Age Policy Framework and Poverty Elimination Framework by providing cultural and gender specific services to school-aged children and their families countywide.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY05-06)	Current Year Purchased (FY06-07)	Current Year Estimate (FY06-07)	Next Year Offer (FY07-08)
Output	Number of residential treatment episodes.*	39	13	20	20
Outcome	Percent of youth successfully completing residential treatment.**	60.0%	60.0%	60.0%	60.0%
Output	Number of outpatient treatment episodes.*	77	41	60	60
Outcome	Percent of youth successfully completing outpatient treatment.**	63.0%	60.0%	60.0%	60.0%

Performance Measure - Description

 **Measure Changed**

* Number of treatment episodes: Unique episodes of care delivered and may include more than one episode of care to same individual. The previous measure counted unique individuals and not episodes of care. ** Definition for successful treatment completion: the client meets clinical discharge criteria, completes at least two-thirds of their treatment plan goals, and demonstrates 30 days of abstinence. In Oregon 59.5% of all clients completed treatment. The nationwide average is 51% (TEDS, 2003). Alcohol & drug addicts have higher rates of treatment compliance than those with hypertension, diabetes, and asthma (McClellan, PhD, Treatment Research Institute, and the National Center on Health).

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Because Multnomah County accepts the State Mental Health Grant, we are obligated to spend funds in accordance with regulations regarding State Service Elements (i.e. Service Element A-D 71 is Youth Alcohol and Drug Residential Services).

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2007	2007	2008	2008
Contracts	\$0	\$534,400	\$0	\$619,937
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$534,400	\$0	\$619,937
Administration	\$0	\$18,124	\$0	\$22,195
Program Support	\$0	\$26,384	\$0	\$13,639
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$44,508	\$0	\$35,834
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$578,908	\$0	\$655,771
Program Total:	\$578,908		\$655,771	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$534,400	\$0	\$619,937
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$44,508	\$0	\$35,834
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$578,908	\$0	\$655,771

Explanation of Revenues

\$619,937 from State Mental Health Grant Award - estimated 07-09 biennium contract. The Leo Ni Leo program's residential component is a financial collaboration between the Department of Community Justice and the Department of County Human Services with each department supporting five residential beds.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #25096, African American Youth A&D Treatment