

Priority: Safety
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs: 50007A, 50010A, 50011, 50012A, 50014, 50015, 50016, 50017, 50018, 50019A, 50020, 50021A, 50022A, 50022B, 50023A

Lead Agency: Community Justice
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Juvenile Female Gender Specific Program (JFGSP) supervises over 160 young female probationers who are not appropriate for assignments to other units. Staff carry female specific caseloads. They receive training in and utilize best practices to supervise and secure services for these girls. Females have been and continue to be more vulnerable to victimization than males. At the same time, their propensity to commit their own acts of violence and aggression is increasing as evidenced by police reports received. JFGSP is highly effective; 88% of these girls did not recidivate one year after completing probation.

Program Description

JFGSP is a specialized team of 2 Adjudicators and 2 Probation Officers, also known as Juvenile Court Counselors (JCCs), that work with over 160 girls each year. This unit was formed approximately 2 years ago in recognition of the differences in behavior, issues, risks and needs between juvenile male and female probationers. The 4 JCCs assigned to this team are specially trained to work with high-risk, high-need young women who cannot be served in another unit. JFGSP clients are girls who require formal probation and are not committing acts of domestic violence (e.g. Delinquency Intervention and Prevention female clients). They are not supervised by DCJ's Family Supervision Unit (FSU) because they are not pregnant/parenting at the time they are placed on probation, nor are their parents currently under corrections supervision. JFGSP staff utilize best practice strategies regarding female communication and relationship styles. They are knowledgeable regarding the limited community based resources for female delinquents and work closely with other programs serving young females (e.g. Girls, Inc.; OYA and DHS specialized case staff) to access and expand services for delinquent girls.

Program Justification

While all juvenile probationers present with multiple problems, needs and community safety risks, those of female clients are particularly difficult to address. With few exceptions, girls assigned to JFGSP are victims of parental neglect and domestic violence. Most have been sexualized or have experienced hands-on sexual violence. These girls repeatedly engage in high-risk behaviors to obtain drugs, shelter or attention. Many of them have at least one experience with foster care. All these young women were raised in substance abusing households and/or are using drugs, with methamphetamine increasingly being the drug of choice. A high percentage of their referrals are for person felonies. Issues such as "relational aggression" are causing females to commit assaults at a rate comparable to/almost exceeding male delinquents. Mental health assessments show juvenile female probationers as being more in need of victimization and trauma treatment than are male clients. Delinquent females are more inclined to run away than delinquent males. The State has virtually no foster homes for these girls. Specialized probation officers and caseloads make a positive difference: last year 88% of these girls had not recidivated one year after probation. JFGSP works to ensure that girls do not become lost in the system.

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 youth served by JFGSP.	147	165	165	160
Outcome	Percent of youth who did not recidivate within one year post referral.	88.0%	88.0%	88.0%	88.0%

Performance Measure - Description

Recidivism is measured by new criminal referral. Last year this program was contained in 50014 - Juvenile Formal Probation. This is the first year that Juvenile Female Gender Specific Probation is being presented as a separate offer for purchase.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

ORS 419C.001 mandates that "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." As a result, counties must provide probation supervision to delinquent youth.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2007	2007	2008	2008
Personnel	\$245,437	\$0	\$397,480	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$3,059	\$0	\$20,005	\$0
Internal Services	\$5,197	\$0	\$3,946	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$253,693	\$0	\$421,431	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$28,218	\$6,891
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$78,185	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$106,403	\$6,891
Total GF/non-GF:	\$253,693	\$0	\$527,834	\$6,891
Program Total:	\$253,693		\$534,725	
Program FTE	4.76	0.74	4.50	0.00
Program Revenues				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund \$421,431.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #50014, Juvenile Formal Probation Services

This program was part of Juvenile Formal Probation Services in FY 2007, and was separated out as 50013B for FY 2008 in order for 50013A Juvenile Formal Probation Services to meet the \$3 million general fund limit for program offers.