

Program # 50016 - Juvenile Confinement Alternatives for Minority Youth **Version 6/15/2007 s**

Priority: Safety **Lead Agency:** Community Justice
Program Offer Type: Program Alternative / **Program Contact:** Thach Nguyen
Related Programs: 50011, 50013A, 50014, 50015, 50019A, 50020, 50022A, 50022B

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Juvenile Confinement Alternatives for Minority Youth (JCAMY) provides detention alternatives for designated Latino and African-American male juvenile offenders, many of whom are gang involved. These youth were traditionally placed in custody at DCJ's Donald E. Long Home (DELH) at disproportionately higher rates than other youth because they lacked the protective factors (e.g. crime-free environment, residential stability, positive adult support, etc.) needed to be successful in the community.

Program Description

The JCAMY program annually provides 55 such youth with culturally appropriate short-term shelter care (up to 30 days) and 20 youth with treatment foster care (up to 6 months). STAFF SECURE SHELTER CARE: Victory Outreach provides culturally specific, staff supervised shelter care to 5 Latino youth at a time. KOJO House provides the same service to 5 African-American youth at a time. Combined, these two community-based programs annually serve approximately 55 gang involved and/or high-risk males (12 to 18 years old) awaiting trial and/or already on probation. They enter shelter care because the juvenile division and the court has determined they are unable to safely remain in their homes. They are in need of stabilization and transition to more appropriate placements. While in shelter care these youth attend school, participate in treatment, skill building and pro-social activities. They work with their juvenile probation officer and other service providers. Historically, standard shelter programs do not meet the needs of these youth in terms of their cultural orientation, gang affiliations and/or level of criminality.

TREATMENT FOSTER CARE: Maple Star Treatment Foster Care works with Latino and African-American youth with highly delinquent profiles. However, these young gang members require mental health and/or drug counseling services that cannot be addressed within the 30 day shelter care model. Their average period of treatment foster care is 120 days but can extend to 6 months or more. Some of the Maple Star youth will be able to return to their homes. Others will require extended out-of-home placement. Such placements may need to be outside of their communities to ensure the public's safety as well as their own.

Program Justification

Research shows that youth who are detained or deeply involved in a correctional system are more likely to continue their anti-social behaviors. For this reason the juvenile division detains youth only when objective criteria has determined they present a significant and immediate risk to the public. Without these shelter care and treatment foster care beds, Multnomah County would detain approximately 75 more Latino and African-American youth each year, often for no other reason than their families lack stable housing. JCAMY enables juvenile justice to hold high-risk youth of color accountable while ensuring they receive fair and equitable treatment. JCAMY is evidence-based and cost effective. It reserves detention beds costing \$308/day for those youth who are most high-risk to the community and who will not remain in staff supervised placement. Research shows that culturally specific programs produce better behavioral outcomes for youth of color.

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 shelter care.	41	30	34	35
Outcome	% of shelter care youth living at home/in a community placement at exit.	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	60.0%
Output	Number of youth served by treatment foster care.	20	0	18	20
Outcome	% of treatment foster care youth living at home/in a community placement at exit	50.0%	0.0%	67.0%	65.0%

Performance Measure - Description  **Measure Changed**

Shelter Care Youth: the number served reflects only KOJO House services. The Victory Outreach program did not begin until July 2006 so no data is available for FY 06. "Number of youth served in treatment foster care" is a new measure. In FY 07 these beds were shared between 50020 Multi-Systemic Therapy and 50015 GRIT rather than being a distinct 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."

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2007	2007	2008	2008
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$201,448	\$385,035
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$30,957
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$201,448	\$415,992
Administration	\$10,505	\$0	\$41,069	\$10,096
Program Support	\$10,950	\$0	\$107,852	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$21,455	\$0	\$148,921	\$10,096
Total GF/non-GF:	\$21,455	\$0	\$350,369	\$426,088
Program Total:	\$21,455		\$776,457	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$0	\$0	\$22,140	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$415,992
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$22,140	\$415,992

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund \$201,448; State Oregon Youth Authority Gang Transition Services (OYA GTS) funds \$415,992.

Significant Program Changes

✔ Significantly Changed

Last year this program was:

This program offer consolidates and centralizes the management of last year's #50024 - Juvenile Latino Shelter Beds and #50017 - Juvenile Communities of Color Partnership, specifically the KOJO House detention alternative shelter care component. This consolidation will not negatively impact services to high-risk minority male offenders, 12-18 years of age. Both Latino and African-American youth will continue to receive short-term foster care appropriate to their specific culture given the availability of those treatment beds (approximately 80% of the time). This program offer includes a 3% contract inflation adjustment of \$17,082.