

**Priority:** Safety **Lead Agency:** Community Justice  
**Program Offer Type:** Program Alternative / **Program Contact:** Tim Nacoste  
**Related Programs:** 50013A, 50014, 50015, 50016, 50017, 50018, 50019A, 50019B, 50021A, 50022A, 50022B

**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

Juvenile Detention Alternatives (JDA) protects the public by safely supervising identified youth in the community as opposed to needlessly detaining them in custody. These youth are awaiting court and/or completing court ordered sanctions. JDA has proven itself to successfully reduce the disproportionate lock-up of minority youth in Multnomah County. JDA saves the County significant funding each year while protecting the public. It has reduced the use of costly detention beds (\$308/youth/day) while holding designated youth offenders accountable for their behavior.

**Program Description**

Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 419C.145 defines the circumstances under which a juvenile offender may be placed in custody including but not limited to: a felony crime; history of warrants for failure to appear; violation of probation or conditions of release; firearm and certain person misdemeanors, etc. This statute also mandates these youth may be released to a parent, shelter or other responsible party unless their release endangers the welfare of the community or the youth and/or there is no other way to ensure they'll come to court other than to detain them.

DCJ's juvenile division uses the objective criteria of the Risk Assessment Instrument (RAI) to screen all legally detainable youth. Some of these youth are held. As appropriate and depending on their RAI score, other detainable youth are referred to a JDA program. Several hundred youth each year safely use JDA services instead of detention beds that cost the County \$309/youth/day. JDA has several components. The Staff Supervised Shelter component costs \$75.00/youth/day and accommodates up to seven youth at a time. Electronic Monitoring (EM) costs an average of \$26.00/youth/day and can serve up to 16 youth. Often combined with House Arrest and Community Detention (CD) tracking at a cost of \$23.00/youth/day, EM and CD can jointly supervise up to 30 youth each day. Boys and Girls Aid Society (BGAS), Janus Youth/Harry's Mother and Volunteers of America (VOA) contract with DCJ to provide these services.

**Program Justification**

Multnomah County is internationally recognized as a leader in Detention Reform initiatives such as the JDA programs. Such programs are essential to correcting the issue of minority youth being overrepresented in institutional settings. They ensure that regardless of race or gender, only the most dangerous youth or those most likely to not come to court are held in custody. Extensive research conducted by the Casey Foundation and numerous juvenile rights organizations document that detained and institutionalized delinquents are highly likely to re-offend. Evidence-based practices regarding alternatives to detention such as those utilized by DCJ offer the most promising, long-term results to interrupt criminal behavior.

**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 JDA   | 379                            | 0                                | 450                             | 450                       |
| Outcome      | Percent of staff secure shelter youth who did not fail to appear for hearing. | 95.0%                          | 0.0%                             | 100.0%                          | 100.0%                    |
| Outcome      | Percent of pre-adjudicated CD/EM youth that did not fail to appear for court  | 97.0%                          | 0.0%                             | 98.0%                           | 98.0%                     |

**Performance Measure - Description**

✔ **Measure Changed**

Recidivism is measured by a new criminal referral. The three JDA contracts (BGAS, VOA and JANUS) were incorporated into last year's offer 50023A - Juvenile Detention 48 Beds. The above measures were not broken out for purchase so there is no data for "Current Year Purchased FY 0607".

**Legal/Contractual Obligation**

ORS 419C.145(1) regarding the custody of pre-adjudicated youth or youth in violation of probation or conditions of release;  
 ORS 419C.145(2) regarding the ability to release these youth with exceptions.

**Revenue/Expense Detail**

|                           | <b>Proposed General Fund</b> | <b>Proposed Other Funds</b> | <b>Proposed General Fund</b> | <b>Proposed Other Funds</b> |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                           | 2007                         | 2007                        | 2008                         | 2008                        |
| <b>Program Expenses</b>   |                              |                             |                              |                             |
| Contracts                 | \$0                          | \$0                         | \$510,862                    | \$0                         |
| Subtotal: Direct Exps:    | <b>\$0</b>                   | <b>\$0</b>                  | <b>\$510,862</b>             | <b>\$0</b>                  |
| Administration            | \$0                          | \$0                         | \$34,001                     | \$8,354                     |
| Program Support           | \$0                          | \$0                         | \$89,750                     | \$0                         |
| Subtotal: Other Exps:     | <b>\$0</b>                   | <b>\$0</b>                  | <b>\$123,751</b>             | <b>\$8,354</b>              |
| Total GF/non-GF:          | <b>\$0</b>                   | <b>\$0</b>                  | <b>\$634,613</b>             | <b>\$8,354</b>              |
| Program Total:            | <b>\$0</b>                   |                             | <b>\$642,967</b>             |                             |
| Program FTE               | 0.00                         | 0.00                        | 0.00                         | 0.00                        |
| <b>Program Revenues</b>   |                              |                             |                              |                             |
| Program Revenue for Admin | \$0                          | \$0                         | \$0                          | \$0                         |
| <b>Total Revenue:</b>     | <b>\$0</b>                   | <b>\$0</b>                  | <b>\$0</b>                   | <b>\$0</b>                  |

**Explanation of Revenues**

County General Fund \$510,862.

**Significant Program Changes**

 **Significantly Changed**

**Last year this program was:**

This program was a part of FY 2007 50023A: Juvenile Detention Services - 48 Beds. For FY 2008, Juvenile Detention Alternatives is a separate offer. This program offer includes a 3% contract inflation adjustment of \$14,096.