

Priority: Safety **Lead Agency:** Community Justice
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating **Program Contact:** Kevin Criswell
Related Programs: 50031, 50032, 50033, 50034A, 50035, 50036, 50037, 50038A, 50039

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Transitional Services Unit (TSU) Offender Services stabilizes 2,900 high-risk and violent adult offenders (including psychopaths and predatory sex offenders) who are newly released from prison or jail, and prepares them to return to the community, avoid re-offending and comply with post-prison supervision. TSU provides dangerous or disabled offenders housing, medical benefits, and access to mental health and drug treatment. 95% of TSU's high-risk offenders comply with supervision during the time they are receiving TSU services.

Program Description

TSU offender services provide re-entry planning up to 120 days prior to release for high risk and/or special needs offenders from every Oregon prison and county jails. Once in the community, TSU works with offenders for the first 90 days after their release and links them to basic services, such as housing, food, clothing, mental health and drug abuse treatment and transportation, that stabilize the offender and lower the risk he or she will violate parole. Pre-release plans are tailored to address the risks each offender poses and the problems in his or her life that spur criminal activity. TSU assists vulnerable offenders, such as mentally, developmentally and physically disabled or the elderly, in addition to violent offenders and predatory sex offenders. TSU also helps offenders stay on medications, obtain disability benefits, and conduct job searches.

Program Justification

TSU is a cost-effective, evidence-based program that protects the public by connecting extremely dangerous or vulnerable offenders with drug abuse and mental health treatment, housing and other services that lower an offender's risk of re-offending. Research shows that offenders who have access to supportive services and housing at re-entry (when they are mostly likely to re-offend) have a much lower re-arrest rate, lower drug use and a greater likelihood of employment (Vera Institute of Justice (2004), Corporation for Supportive Housing (2004)). TSU data is consistent with these findings: while the overall abscond rate among high-risk offenders is 15%, the abscond rate of offenders in TSU is three times less (around 5%). TSU also helps safety system components work together in ways that are cost-effective: for example, the Joint Access to Benefits (JAB) program is a collaborative TSU innovation that helps offenders qualify for federal disability benefits that cover mental health services, psychiatric medications and other care.

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	Average number of offenders who are served annually.	0	0	2,900	3,000
Outcome	Percent of offenders with reach-in services who report within 14 days of prison.	99.0%	99.0%	99.0%	99.0%

Performance Measure - Description

Output is a new measure.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

SB 913 covers offenders incarcerated while receiving Social Security Income and released within 12 full calendar months from the date of incarceration. It also covers offenders who have never received SSI, but meet the criteria based on a mental illness or who were incarcerated while receiving SSI, but have been incarcerated over one year.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2007	2007	2008	2008
Personnel	\$348,585	\$0	\$371,594	\$52,758
Contracts	\$100,544	\$0	\$60,744	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$6,276	\$85,444	\$46,748	\$86,464
Internal Services	\$24,144	\$6,407	\$25,078	\$11,194
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$479,549	\$91,851	\$504,164	\$150,416
Administration	\$28,174	\$0	\$38,061	\$0
Program Support	\$92,849	\$15,224	\$133,178	\$20,486
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$121,023	\$15,224	\$171,239	\$20,486
Total GF/non-GF:	\$600,572	\$107,075	\$675,403	\$170,902
Program Total:	\$707,647		\$846,305	
Program FTE	4.50	0.00	4.50	0.63
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$4,255	\$0	\$8,006	\$0
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$4,000	\$0	\$7,000	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$91,851	\$0	\$150,416
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$8,255	\$91,851	\$15,006	\$150,416

Explanation of Revenues

County general fund \$504,164; State Department of Corrections \$93,416; \$7,000 offender paid fees; \$27,000 State Prisoner Pre-Release Re-Entry Initiative Grant; \$30,000 Home for Good in Oregon Grant.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #50027, Adult Transition and Re-Entry Services

This program offer adds two new grants for fiscal year 2008, the State Prisoner Pre-Release Re-Entry Initiative Grant and the Home for Good In Oregon Grant.