

Priority: Basic Needs **Lead Agency:** County Human Services
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating **Program Contact:** Godwin Nwerem
Related Programs: 25067, 25068, 25069, 25070, 25073, 25076A

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

For children who are victims of child abuse, mental health treatment is an important part of the recovery process. During and after evaluation by CARES NW, this program provides an array of services to 1,000 victimized children and their families, including counseling, crisis intervention, and referral to community support services. The focus on excellent care within a multi-agency approach results in a 95% family satisfaction rate.

Program Description

Child Abuse Mental Health Services include crisis intervention to help stabilize families, referral to mental health providers, assisting families in accessing community resources, on-going parent support, family education and individual counseling for the child victim. After child abuse evaluations at CARES NW a key component of this program is helping families obtain counseling for their children. The program has a large network of counseling resources available based on the family's financial resources, age of the child, and therapeutic needs of the child and family. In some cases, the program offers mental health treatment to children whose parent(s) have no ability to pay. The program works to identify culturally specific resources for traumatized children of various cultures. Instances regularly include assisting Spanish speaking child abuse victims in accessing culturally competent treatment providers. Program staff provides consultation and resource support to community partners including medical professionals, forensic interviewers, law enforcement, State Child Welfare DHS caseworkers, and school counselors.

Program Justification

The CDC (National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention) and Kaiser Permanente recently released a large scale study (Adverse Childhood Experiences) claiming that "many of the most common causes of death and disability in this country" are linked to childhood abuse. Untreated child abuse trauma often leads to significant costs to our community. The CARES Family Support Program is a uniquely funded program that works to reduce trauma to vulnerable children and families. The program links directly to Basic Living Needs priority by ensuring child victims and their families gain access to culturally appropriate, comprehensive community supports and services. Providing these important services decreases the likelihood of abuse continuing.

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	Total children receiving treatment readiness svcs w/ referrals to MH providers*	730	400	700	700
Outcome	Percent of families generally or definitely satisfied with svc.	97.0%	95.0%	95.0%	95.0%
Output	Total parents receiving treatment readiness svcs	677	200	600	600
Output	Total children and families assisted in receiving appropriate svcs.	1,049	1,000	1,000	1,000

Performance Measure - Description

*Changed the data collection process last year resulting in more accurate reporting by clinicians, which is the reason for the increased numbers.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Community Mental Health Program obligations, ORS 430.630.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2007	2007	2008	2008
Program Expenses				
Personnel	\$357,707	\$0	\$332,381	\$40,372
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$14,560	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$8,034	\$0	\$6,529	\$0
Internal Services	\$55,899	\$0	\$56,530	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$421,640	\$0	\$410,000	\$40,372
Administration	\$16,703	\$0	\$25,994	\$1,445
Program Support	\$48,343	\$0	\$62,431	\$888
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$65,046	\$0	\$88,425	\$2,333
Total GF/non-GF:	\$486,686	\$0	\$498,425	\$42,705
Program Total:	\$486,686		\$541,130	
Program FTE	3.90	0.00	3.48	0.42
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$40,372
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,333
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$42,705

Explanation of Revenues

\$40,372 from State Mental Health Grant Award - estimated 07-09 biennium contract.

Significant Program ChangesLast year this program was: #25074, Child Abuse Mental Health Services