

Priority: Safety **Lead Agency:** County Human Services
Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program **Program Contact:** Mary Li
Related Programs: 50012A

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Youth Diversion, linked to DCJ Program Offer #50012, restores a portion of the County's previously existing comprehensive preadjudicatory system of accountability, consequences, and targeted support services for youth involved in low severity misdemeanors (e.g. thefts, trespassing, vandalism) and ordinance violations (e.g. Minor In Possession, curfew).

This offer addresses current overrepresentation trends for African-American youth, recent increases in "flash mobbing" incidences, and observed patterns of individual African-American youth progressing from multiple warning letters/informal interventions to Ballot Measure 11 crimes that commit them to the State training school. This program will serve approximately 517 African-American youth currently receiving no or low level services, particularly those 162 youth with 2 or more low severity referrals.

Program Description

Youth Diversion will provide community based and culturally specific intervention, backed by system accountability, to African-American youth ages 11-17 involved in low severity misdemeanors and ordinance violations, and their families. Program model is based upon proven recidivism reduction approaches of targeted early intervention and restorative justice, and will focus in three areas - Family Support/Parent Skill Building, Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug (ATOD)/Mental Health Treatment, and School Achievement. All youth will be screened using the statewide Juvenile Crime Prevention Risk Assessment and receive 90 day intensive intervention based on risk factors and including involvement with Neighborhood Accountability Boards for consequences such as community service or restitution. Linking to existing SUNSS efforts, Youth Diversion staff will participate in school retrieval/retention efforts for youth served.

Program Justification

Youth Diversion addresses the County's Safety Priority: "I want to feel safe at home, school, work, and play". Since 2002, no response other than a "warning letter" has been made to over 1000 status and first time misdemeanor offenders annually. Failure to respond to these behaviors contributes to citizen perception of safety and negatively impacts future juvenile crime. Services will provide resources for families and communities to effectively intervene in early delinquency. OSU research indicates that 20% of youth offenders commit 80% of juvenile offenses, and that most of these 20% are "early bloomers" who committed crimes before the age of 15.

Services contribute to Safety Indicators: "Reported index crime per 1000 persons", "Citizen perception of safety", and "% of juveniles convicted of a crime who commit additional crimes", and respond innovatively to Safety Strategy 1: "Hold offenders responsible for their action and apply appropriate consequences", Strategy 2: "Safety system components work effectively together", Strategy 3: "Intervene early to keep juveniles out of the public safety system", Strategy 4: "Treat drug/alcohol addiction and mental health issues", and Strategy 6: "Engage relevant communities in defining public safety need and developing crime prevention and protection programs".

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	# of youth to be served	0	0	0	517
Outcome	# of youth served who end further involvement with the juvenile justice system	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	85.0%
Outcome	# of youth served who increase school attendance	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%

Performance Measure - Description

Expectations for individual measures were determined based upon previous system performance.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2007	2007	2008	2008
Program Expenses				
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$76,523	\$0
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$428,200	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$2,900	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$1,715	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$509,338	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$509,338	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$509,338	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

New County General Fund dollars are being requested

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #21010, Diversion