

Priority: Safety **Lead Agency:** County Human Services
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating **Program Contact:** Mary Li
Related Programs: 50023A, 25136A, 50023B, 25136B

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Runaway Youth Services provide 24/7 crisis line, shelter, support services, and gender specific transitional housing for approximately 920 youth annually age 12-17 who have run away, and their families. 80% of those served are reunited with their families or placed in another safe, stable living environment.

This program is a collaboration among DCHS, DCJ, and DHS and is linked to DCJ offers #50023A & #50023B.

Program Description

Runaway Youth Services include: Crisis Line - 24/7 youth and family help that serves as central access point for services. Telephone intervention and face-to-face, drop-in intervention is available. This is the only community based resource for runaway youth and their families in the County. In FY 06-07 crisis line services were co-located with the Homeless Youth System Reception Center creating a county-wide "child receiving center" for older youth.

Emergency shelter - shelter and emergency assistance in 11 bed co-ed group home. Services provide overflow capacity for DHS foster care youth and a detention placement alternative. Youth receive food, safety, medical care, transportation, and hygiene services. Shelter services operate within a 72 hours intervention timeline. Research shows that the longer a young person is separated from their family (where no abuse is present), the worse expectations there are for eventual reunification and further penetration into the child welfare system.

Support Services/Case Management - intake, assessment, individual service plans targeting family reunification, ATOD and mental health counseling, and family mediation.

Gender Specific Transitional Housing - 2 beds for girls in single gender group home. Research shows that for some young women, a single gender environment results in better self-sufficiency outcomes.

Program Justification

Runaway Youth Services address Safety Indicator: "Citizen perception of safety" and respond to Safety Strategy 2: "Safety system components work effectively together", Strategy 3: "Intervene early to keep juveniles out of the public safety system", and Strategy 4: "Treat drug/alcohol addiction and mental health issues".

County investment in Runaway Youth Services through DCHS is leveraged by investments from the juvenile justice system and DHS. Success with detention reform efforts, and the reduction of children entering the child welfare system are directly impacted by Runaway Youth Services. When families are able to appropriately raise their children at home, community resources aren't depleted, and those children are more likely to reach their full academic potential, avoid involvement with juvenile justice, and stay out of foster 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	# of youth and families receiving crisis intervention	920	750	750	750
Outcome	% of youth served who return home or exit to other stable housing	79.0%	80.0%	80.0%	80.0%

Performance Measure - Description

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2007	2007	2008	2008
Personnel	\$13,368	\$0	\$14,126	\$0
Contracts	\$396,000	\$203,738	\$408,080	\$203,738
Materials & Supplies	\$504	\$0	\$604	\$0
Internal Services	\$2,388	\$0	\$2,013	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$412,260	\$203,738	\$424,823	\$203,738
Administration	\$4,924	\$0	\$22,279	\$0
Program Support	\$45,170	\$0	\$18,810	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$50,094	\$0	\$41,089	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$462,354	\$203,738	\$465,912	\$203,738
Program Total:	\$666,092		\$669,650	
Program FTE	0.16	0.00	0.16	0.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$203,738	\$0	\$203,738
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$203,738	\$0	\$203,738

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund- Based on FY07 current operating levels

Fed/State Fund- Based on current level of funding from grantors

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #21024, Runaway Youth Services

"This Program Offer includes a 3% inflationary increase of \$11,880 over FY '07 for the County General Fund portion of contracted client services".