

Priority: Safety
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs: 50011, 50012A, 50013A, 50022A, 50022B
Lead Agency: Community Justice
Program Contact: Wayne Scott

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Early Intervention Unit (EIU) provides immediate intensive mental health and drug abuse therapy to approximately 40 troubled children, aged 12 and younger. These children have been referred by the police to DCJ's juvenile division because they have allegedly committed serious acts such as fire setting, assault and sexual misconduct. EIU's goal is to prevent the child from continuing to pose a danger to the community, becoming further involved in the justice system and dropping out of or being removed from school. According to the most recent data EIU is effective; last year 100% of these children did not re-offend in the year following EIU intervention and treatment.

Program Description

EIU provides in-home family therapy to children who are too young (aged 12 and under) to be prosecuted but who have committed serious delinquent acts e.g. arson, assault, burglary, etc. These acts are often warning signs for future delinquency and adult criminal behavior. EIU was developed cooperatively by DCJ and DCHS to stop the child from committing new serious acts and further penetrating the justice system by providing immediate, intensive family therapy. Therapists that are specifically trained to treat delinquent children provide services in the family's home in response to their unique risks and needs. EIU focuses on meeting the needs of children who are not being successfully served in the community or who cannot be treated in the community due to their level of dangerousness. EIU serves 40 children and their families a year. It is closely linked to the Juvenile Delinquency Intervention and Prevention (JDIP) program which provides accountability services such as community service to these high-risk children.

Program Justification

Research shows that chronic juvenile offenders (who are responsible for 50% of new juvenile offenses) are usually involved in delinquent acts, runaway behavior and alcohol and drug abuse at a younger age than other youth offenders. EIU is an early intervention program that is designed to provide mental health services to troubled children, stop them from committing new delinquent acts and prevent them from going on to enter the formal juvenile and adult justice systems later in their lives. It also fills a gap in services; youth in EIU are generally so high-risk that they are not appropriate to receive treatment in typical community based programs. Because of their young ages, they also need treatment that is appropriate to their development. EIU is effective; 100% of the youth treated in EIU did not re-offend in the year after being treated.

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 EIU.	42	30	41	30
Outcome	Percent of youth who did not recidivate one year after exiting the program.	100.0%	70.0%	80.0%	70.0%
Outcome	Percent of youth who did not recidivate while in the program.	92.0%	80.0%	100.0%	90.0%

Performance Measure - Description

Recidivism is measured by new criminal referral.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 419C.001 directs the juvenile system to include "reformation and rehabilitation programs and swift and decisive intervention in delinquent behavior." ORS 419C.441 authorizes juvenile courts to "order that the youth offender undergo psychiatric, psychological or mental health evaluation. If warranted by the mental condition of the youth offender, the court may order that the youth offender undergo appropriate care or treatment."

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2007	2007	2008	2008
Personnel	\$90,883	\$119,879	\$96,412	\$115,040
Contracts	\$0	\$32,850	\$17,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$1,320	\$3,880	\$7,113	\$1,892
Internal Services	\$0	\$7,924	\$51	\$9,401
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$92,203	\$164,533	\$120,576	\$126,333
Administration	\$15,159	\$4,092	\$0	\$0
Program Support	\$45,245	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$60,404	\$4,092	\$0	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$152,607	\$168,625	\$120,576	\$126,333
Program Total:	\$321,232		\$246,909	
Program FTE	1.12	1.38	1.05	0.95
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$3,505	\$0	\$6,723	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$164,533	\$0	\$126,333
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$3,505	\$164,533	\$6,723	\$126,333

Explanation of Revenues

EIU is partially funded by County General Fund revenue \$120,576. In accordance with the Children's Mental Health Redesign, EIU is funded through a collaborative arrangement between Verity, CareOregon and County General Fund enabling the County to increase federal financial participation (Medicaid) in funding treatment services for delinquent youth \$59,477. State Juvenile Crime Prevention (JCP) \$66,856.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #50010, Juvenile Early Intervention Unit (EIU)

EIU was in the final year of a two year grant from the Department of County Human Services (DCHS) which funded \$32,850 annually for an on call therapeutic foster care bed. This grant is no longer available and this bed will not be included as an EIU program offer. In response to SB 267 Evidence Based Practices, \$61,881 of State JCP funds was moved into this program offer from other program offers within the Juvenile Services Division for 2008.