

Priority: Safety
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs: 50007A, 50010A, 50011, 50012A, 50014, 50015, 50016, 50017, 50018, 50019A, 50020, 50021A, 50022A, 50022B, 50023A

Lead Agency: Community Justice
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Juvenile Formal Probation (JFP) annually supervises approximately 500 high and medium risk youth offenders, aged 12-18 years old. These youth are those not assigned to specialized probation teams such as GRIT (gangs), SOPS (sex offenders) and FGSP (female gender specific). They are not appropriate for alternative handling such as EIU (early intervention) or JDIP (delinquency intervention and prevention) due to their age, gravity of offense, referral history and/or failure to comply with previous informal sanctions. DCJ develops and utilizes evidence-based approaches that hold youth responsible for their actions and prevent them from committing new crimes. Juvenile probation supervision of higher risk youth improves public safety; last year 86% of probation youth did not re-offend after receiving supervision services.

Program Description

Most Multnomah County youth on formal probation are medium and high-risk delinquents. JFP monitors these youth in the community and ensures that they abide by their probation conditions (e.g. obey the law, attend school, treatment and anger management classes, pay restitution) or face consequences. Probation includes referring delinquents to behavior-change services that target each youth's unique risks and the problems that are contributing to their criminal behavior. Each youth's case is directed by a range of comprehensive risk assessments that may include drug abuse, weapons/violence, sexual offending and/or mental health evaluations. A Probation Case Plan is then developed for each youth and monitored for compliance and progress. Juvenile probation officers, also known as Juvenile Court Counselors (JCCs), meet with the youth and their families regularly in the homes and schools as well as in the office. Cooperation with conditions of probation, progress in treatment, victim restoration, the client's living situation, school attendance/employment are regularly reviewed. If a youth is not in compliance probation officers hold them accountable by imposing sanctions that can range from community service to detention. In some cases youth must be placed out of the home. Probation is indispensable to the juvenile court in addressing public safety concerns. Probation officers investigate the youth's history and assess their strengths and risks prior to court. They make written and verbal recommendations to the judiciary to hold the youth accountable, repair harm to the victim and provide interventions that will reduce a youth's risk to re-offend. They monitor youth and family cooperation with the Court and intervene as indicated. The period of probation is dependent on the nature of the youth's behavior and progress and the gravity of their circumstances.

Program Justification

JFP holds delinquent youth accountable for their actions and reduces juvenile re-offending. This program ensures that youth comply with court orders and imposes appropriate consequences and services when they do not. Probation is consistent with the Streams of Offenders model: resources are focused on high and medium-risk youth. Juvenile probation officers focus supervision on the risks and needs each youth presents using evidence-based strategies (such as mental health and drug abuse treatment) to change behavior, prevent new crimes and reduce the risk that the delinquent youth will re-enter the justice system as an adult criminal.

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 probation.	660	695	505	515
Outcome	Percent of youth who did not recidivate within one year post referral.	85.0%	75.0%	86.0%	80.0%

Performance Measure - Description

Recidivism is measured by a new criminal referral. ACTUAL and CURRENT YEAR PURCHASED data is based on all probationers except those in GRIT (gangs) or SOPS (sex offenders) as these were specialized probation offers. CURRENT YEAR ESTIMATE and NEXT YEAR OFFER data does not include GRIT, SOPS or FGSP (female gender specific). Female Gender Specific Probation is now a specialized offer as well.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

ORS 419C.001 mandates that "The [juvenile] system shall provide a continuum of services that emphasize prevention of further criminal activity by the use of early and certain sanctions, reformation and rehabilitation programs and swift and decisive intervention in delinquent behavior." As a result, counties must provide probation supervision to delinquent youth.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2007	2007	2008	2008
Personnel	\$955,256	\$595,968	\$1,418,938	\$0
Contracts	\$79,120	\$75,000	\$71,992	\$50,000
Materials & Supplies	\$136,403	\$64,141	\$141,535	\$53,327
Internal Services	\$799,949	\$54,691	\$789,831	\$8,307
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$1,970,728	\$789,800	\$2,422,296	\$111,634
Administration	\$193,154	\$52,325	\$168,499	\$41,435
Program Support	\$552,543	\$0	\$441,538	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$745,697	\$52,325	\$610,037	\$41,435
Total GF/non-GF:	\$2,716,425	\$842,125	\$3,032,333	\$153,069
Program Total:	\$3,558,550		\$3,185,402	
Program FTE	10.50	6.50	16.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$36,608	\$0	\$5,941	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$789,800	\$0	\$111,634
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$36,608	\$789,800	\$5,941	\$111,634

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund \$2,422,296; State Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) Flex Funds \$111,634.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #50014, Juvenile Formal Probation Services

In order to keep this program offer at the \$3 million limit, supervision of the majority of DCJ girls on probation has been scaled to program offer 50013B - Juvenile Female Gender Specific Probation.