

Priority: Safety **Lead Agency:** Community Justice
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating **Program Contact:** Thach Nguyen
Related Programs: 50013A, 50014, 50016, 50019A, 50020, 50021A, 50022A, 50022B, 50023A

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Communities of Color Partnership (COCP) provides integrated services to juvenile probation clients aged 12-18 years old, whose ethnic/cultural backgrounds are disproportionately represented in commitments to youth correctional facilities. Last year this program served 113 youth, many of whom were gang involved. COCP goals are to provide culturally specific services to designated youth of color. Each youth receives a comprehensive assessment and individualized case plan. COCP works: last year 67% of these youth were crime-free six months after they left the program.

Program Description

COCP provides culturally competent services to African-American, Latino, Asian, Native American and Pacific Island youth who are high and medium-risk offenders. Community providers lead by Self Enhancement, Inc. (SEI) and the Latino Network provide a wide range of case management and treatment options. These community partners include Victory Outreach, Multnomah County Education Service District (ESD) and the Department of County Human Services (DCHS), Janus Youth Services (e.g. KOJO House), Lifeworks Programs (e.g. LeoNiLeo), Changepoint and the Oregon Youth Authority (OYA). Mental health consultants and probation officers from the juvenile division also participate on this multi-disciplinary team to identify and interrupt the cycle of crisis and criminality. Educational and vocational services, individual/family and mental health counseling, addiction treatment, mentoring, advocacy and other services are provided in culturally appropriate settings designed to strengthen a youth's pro-social connections to the community and maximize his or her positive support systems.

Program Justification

COCP is a service provision initiative. By coordinating a network of community and government programs that can provide timely access to culturally appropriate services, COCP enhances treatment and reduces duplicated use of public funding. COCP's goal is to prevent high-risk youth of color from committing new crimes and further penetrating the justice system. Culturally competent, strength based programs delivered in homes, schools and the offender's community have been shown to be most effective in working with disenfranchised youth. These evidence-based practices, most often provided by same-culture practitioners, combined with Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST) and other promising treatment models assist youth of color safely remain in the community. It avoids unnecessary involvement in the more expensive detention and correctional facilities track. COCP is consistent with a Streams of Offenders supervision approach - focus resources on those offenders presenting the greatest risk to public safety; youth receiving COCP services have already demonstrated a high degree of criminality.

While more than 50% of the youth referred to COCP have been charged with person offenses and tend to commit multiple offenses, outcomes for these youth improve with COCP involvement; 61% remained crime-free 1 year after exiting the program. The most recent data also indicates that COCP is effective in reducing not only crime committed by these high-risk youth, but also the over-representation of youth of color committed to OYA correctional facilities; Multnomah County commitments of minority youth to state youth correctional facilities is down 78%, compared to 1997.

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 COCP.	113	110	113	120
Outcome	Percent of youth who did not recidivate one year post program exit.	0.0%	65.0%	61.0%	65.0%
Outcome		0	0	0	0

Performance Measure - Description

Recidivism is measured by new criminal referral. COCP works with the highest risk gang youth in the state.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

ORS 419C.001 – “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.”

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2007	2007	2008	2008
Contracts	\$0	\$592,760	\$15,998	\$533,275
Internal Services	\$0	\$44,101	\$0	\$42,875
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$636,861	\$15,998	\$576,150
Administration	\$36,998	\$10,109	\$39,375	\$9,683
Program Support	\$110,586	\$0	\$103,169	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$147,584	\$10,109	\$142,544	\$9,683
Total GF/non-GF:	\$147,584	\$646,970	\$158,542	\$585,833
Program Total:	\$794,554		\$744,375	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$29,519	\$0	\$30,663	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$636,861	\$0	\$576,150
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$29,519	\$636,861	\$30,663	\$576,150

Explanation of Revenues

County general fund \$15,998; State Oregon Youth Authority Gang Transition funds (OYA GTS) \$576,150.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #50017, Juvenile Communities of Color Partnership
COCP's detention alternative shelter care component is managed by KOJO House - a culturally specific, staff supervised shelter care for gang involved and/or high-risk males, 12-18 years of age. To consolidate management functions, this component has been removed from this year's offer and combined with last year's #50024: Juvenile Latino Shelter Beds program offer to form the new FY 08 program offer #50016: Juvenile Confinement Alternatives for Minority Youth. This consolidation will centralize the management of community beds for youth of color without negatively impacting services. Both Latino and African-American youth will continue to receive short-term foster care appropriate to their specific culture given the availability of those treatment beds (approximately 80% of the time). This program offer includes a 3% contract inflation adjustment of \$15,998.