

**Priority:** Safety **Lead Agency:** Community Justice  
**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating **Program Contact:** Kathleen Treb  
**Related Programs:** 25082, 25098, 50033, 50034A, 50036, 50038A, 50038B, 50049

**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

Housing Services for Dependent Children (HSDC) is closely aligned with DCJ's Women's Residential Treatment Program by allowing 14 children to remain with their custodial single parent while the parent completes residential alcohol and drug treatment. These services help keep children out of foster care while allowing parents to receive treatment, including parenting skills enhancement. Parole/Probation Officers (PPOs) in DCJ's Family Supervision Unit depend heavily on these services since 75% of the offenders they supervise have children under the age of seven. HSDC eliminates a primary treatment barrier for pregnant women and single mothers with young children. HSDC works in collaboration with women's residential treatment to stop long-term dependency on the social service system by teaching women to develop a recovery-based lifestyle, make a successful transition into independent living arrangements and be more effective parents.

**Program Description**

Historically, County Human Services (DCHS) and Community Justice (DCJ) have co-funded treatment for African-American women and their children at one facility. This offer allows this collaborative arrangement to continue. Four other dependent children beds are funded at a facility especially designed to treat only high-risk female offenders. This service is designed to provide simultaneous care for children in the same residential facility where their mother is receiving treatment for drug/alcohol addiction. Funding for this service can serve up to 14 infants and young children at any one time and is earmarked only for those children's' care and services. Children may receive prenatal and pediatric health care, nursery care, housing for toddlers and preschool services. The services provided by HSDC eliminate the primary treatment barrier for this offender population.

**Program Justification**

This residential treatment option for female offenders is directly linked with the safety priority, as it addresses a major barrier for women to engage in treatment--childcare. This program addresses the basic physical and behavioral health needs (addiction) of high risk, single parents. One study reports that drug-exposed newborns accrue an additional \$7,700 in medical costs before the infant leaves the hospital (Kalotra, 2002). HSDC combats the low birth weight and premature delivery that leads to additional medical care for drug exposed newborns. Other studies have demonstrated higher retention rates and significantly longer stays for women in residential treatment when their children are allowed to stay with them (Szuster et al, 1996; Hughes et al, 1995).

**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 children housed annually	63	0	60	60
Outcome	Percent utilization of beds.	89	95	100	95
Output		0	0	0	0

**Performance Measure - Description**

 **Measure Changed**

The performance measure "Percent of successful treatment completions" was dropped. No treatment is given to youth under this program offer.

The performance measure "Percent of engaged parents who retain custody of child during treatment." was dropped. Number of children housed annually is a new measure.

**Legal/Contractual Obligation****Revenue/Expense Detail**

	<b>Proposed General Fund</b>	<b>Proposed Other Funds</b>	<b>Proposed General Fund</b>	<b>Proposed Other Funds</b>
<b>Program Expenses</b>	2007	2007	2008	2008
Contracts	\$241,647	\$0	\$248,897	\$0
<b>Subtotal: Direct Exps:</b>	<b>\$241,647</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$248,897</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Administration	\$14,099	\$0	\$14,428	\$0
Program Support	\$30,274	\$7,709	\$30,560	\$7,790
<b>Subtotal: Other Exps:</b>	<b>\$44,373</b>	<b>\$7,709</b>	<b>\$44,988</b>	<b>\$7,790</b>
<b>Total GF/non-GF:</b>	<b>\$286,020</b>	<b>\$7,709</b>	<b>\$293,885</b>	<b>\$7,790</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$293,729</b>		<b>\$301,675</b>	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Program Revenues</b>				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Explanation of Revenues**

County General Fund \$248,897.

**Significant Program Changes**

**Last year this program was:** #50054, Addiction Services-Housing Services for Dependent Children  
 This program offer includes a 3% contract inflation adjustment of \$7,250.