

Priority: Safety
Program Offer Type: Program Alternative /
Related Programs: 50011, 50013, 50014
Lead Agency: Community Justice
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Program Characteristics: Measure 5 Education

Executive Summary

The Educational Success Team assists high-risk delinquent youth on probation who are not currently enrolled in school. The goal of this program is to keep high-risk and/or gang-affiliated youth involved in school to reduce the risk of recidivism and continued gang activity. One out of three youth involved in the juvenile justice system is not enrolled in school. Yet research tells us that lack of education is a key factor in whether or not youth are able to leave the justice system successfully. Reconnecting these youth with school will dramatically improve their chances of living productive lives and lower their risk to public safety. The Educational Success Team works closely with community partners, particularly the Portland Public School District.

Program Description

The Educational Success Team provides services to 130 high-risk youth at a time. Youth are identified for this unit due to school failure, drop out, suspension or expulsion. Specialized juvenile probation officers, also known as Education Advocates, help the youth and their families create an education plan. Many of these youth have been expelled or suspended from multiple school placements and encounter obstacles upon re-enrollment. The Education Advocates meet with the youth, family, school personnel and other stakeholders to facilitate school enrollment. The Educational Success Team also provides informational groups for parents on topics such as Individual Educational Plans (IEPs), school responsibilities, school obligations and disciplinary processes. The Education Advocates act as a liaison with the schools to help reconnect probation youth to an appropriate educational environment. In addition to direct case management, the Education Advocates provide consultation and problem solving to juvenile probation officers on specific cases.

Program Justification

Approximately 71% of high-risk youth are youth of color. Most of these youth are not enrolled in an educational program. Not being enrolled in school is a risk factor for recidivism. Research shows that school completion significantly reduces the risk that a teen will become or remain delinquent, or become gang-involved. Avoiding suspension/expulsion and promoting academic success also lowers the risk a youth will be detained. Youth are more likely to retain community placements when they are appropriately engaged in school. Educational success greatly reduces disproportionate incarceration of minority youth and the possibility of future criminal institutionalization. By focusing on high-risk youth, the Educational Success Team supports the Streams of Offenders model.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY06-07)	Current Year Purchased (FY07-08)	Current Year Estimate (FY07-08)	Next Year Offer (FY08-09)
Output	Number of youth served by unit	0	0	0	0
Outcome	Percent of youth enrolled in school at the time of exit	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Outcome	Percent of youth who did not recidivate while in the program	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Performance Measure - Description

This is a new program and has not yet produced measurable data.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2008	2008	2009	2009
Personnel	\$0	\$102,705	\$582,537	\$252,450
Contracts	\$50,620	\$54,437	\$50,620	\$66,044
Materials & Supplies	\$77,949	\$53,327	\$83,159	\$57,347
Internal Services	\$0	\$16,922	\$0	\$20,871
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$128,569	\$227,391	\$716,316	\$396,712
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$64,787	\$19,569
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$206,352	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$271,139	\$19,569
Total GF/non-GF:	\$128,569	\$227,391	\$987,455	\$416,281
Program Total:	\$355,960		\$1,403,736	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	6.48	2.72
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$12,102	\$0	\$15,032	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$227,391	\$0	\$396,712
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$12,102	\$227,391	\$15,032	\$396,712

Explanation of Revenues

71% of a 0.7 FTE JCC position is funded through the Project Safe Neighborhood Grant (PSN) and the remaining 29% is funded by Oregon Youth Authority Gang Transition Services(OYA GTS). County General Fund \$716,316; State Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) Flex Funds \$115,095; Federal Project Safe Neighborhood (PSN) Anti-Gang Initiative Grant \$67,347; State Oregon Youth Authority Gang Transition (OYA GTS) funds \$20,470; Federal Youth Offender Grant through Worksystems Inc.(WSI) \$93,800; Portland Public School Grant \$100,000.

Significant Program Changes

✔ Significantly Changed

Last year this program was:

This is a new program offer for fiscal year 2009, although the program costs are ongoing and include elements from the Juvenile Accountability Program and the Juvenile Formal Probation Supervision Program.

Juvenile Counseling and Court Services programs have undergone a reorganization mid-year 2008. Those changes may be reflected here in budget and staffing; other programmatic changes are so noted.