

Priority: Safety **Lead Agency:** Community Justice
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating **Program Contact:** Thach Nguyen
Related Programs: 50010, 50011, 50013, 50016, 50020, 50023A, 50023B, 50024

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Juvenile Accountability Program includes: Community Service, Project Payback, Skill Building, Accountability Center (Day Reporting Center) and Alternatives to Detention (Supervision/Sanctions Weekend). The Program's purpose is to hold juvenile offenders accountable for their delinquent actions and provide them with opportunities to repair harm to victims and the community. Community Service and Project Payback provide youth with opportunities to earn money to repay victims and give back to the community. The skill building activities provide life skills classes to reduce antisocial behavior and equip youth and families with skills to sustain positive change. The Day Reporting Center and Supervision/Sanctions Weekend provides intensive supervision for high-risk offenders during weekends and weekday peak delinquency hours (3-7 pm) and is an alternative to detention.

Program Description

The Accountability Program provides youth with opportunities to complete court mandated community service and pay victims restitution. Youth in Project Payback can also earn money for court ordered unitary assessment fees, court fines and payments to the State Victims' Crime Fund. Supervision/Sanctions Weekend operates as an alternative to detention sanctions for high-risk youth on probation. Skill Building is a series of group counseling intervention classes for youth and families that promote healthy lifestyles, responsible decision-making and conflict resolution. The Day Reporting Center provides highly structured supervision to high-risk, court involved youth not currently attending school for various reasons. Youth participate in educational programs, skill building workshops and community service activities during weekday peak delinquency hours. The Accountability Program provides a structured way of repaying and benefitting the community-at-large through maintenance of parks and other public venues, increasing restitution payments, providing supervision and reducing anti-social behavior.

Program Justification

The Juvenile Accountability Program supports the Department's mission to enhance community safety, hold youth accountable and assist them to develop skills necessary for success. By utilizing best practices and the National Restorative Justice Model, the Accountability Program empowers youth to repair harm done to victims by emphasizing the need to acknowledge the impact of their crimes. The participants in the program include informally sanctioned, post adjudicated and Measure 11 adolescents who are currently under the Department's supervision. Youth receive sanctions and services based on court orders, criminogenic factors indicated by the Juvenile Crime Prevention risk assessment and the case plan. Juvenile Accountability Programs are the primary sanctioning option used by juvenile court judges. Without the Accountability Program, at least 90% of DCJ youth would not be able to earn money for restitution and fines given their age, lack of employment options and lower household incomes. This program also reduces the number of minority youth that are placed in detention. It is the primary Detention Alternative for all DCJ youth, ensuring that only the most out-of-control youth are held in the costly detention facility.

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 that participated in the program	1,395	1,000	1,180	1,100
Outcome	Percent of successfully completed Accountability referrals	82.0%	90.0%	92.0%	90.0%
Output	Dollars of Restitution paid	94,132	80,000	90,232	90,000
Output	Hours of Community Service performed	10,894	7,500	10,902	9,500

Performance Measure - Description

The number of youth participating in the program reflects youth who participated in community service and project payback.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Mandated Program with Funding/Service Level Choice ORS 419C.001 requires "The [juvenile] system shall provide a continuum of services that emphasize prevention of further criminal activity by the use of early and certain sanctions . . .". See also ORS 419C.462 Community Service; 419C.465 Service to Victim; 419C.470 Opportunities to Fulfill Obligations Imposed by the Court; 419C.450 Restitution.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2008	2008	2009	2009
Personnel	\$882,532	\$21,000	\$896,161	\$372,440
Contracts	\$40,136	\$103,121	\$40,136	\$102,368
Materials & Supplies	\$43,763	\$2,178	\$43,116	\$1,878
Internal Services	\$79,064	\$8,467	\$73,714	\$35,274
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$1,045,495	\$134,766	\$1,053,127	\$511,960
Administration	\$79,178	\$19,360	\$87,768	\$20,484
Program Support	\$217,229	\$0	\$218,524	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$296,407	\$19,360	\$306,292	\$20,484
Total GF/non-GF:	\$1,341,902	\$154,126	\$1,359,419	\$532,444
Program Total:	\$1,496,028		\$1,891,863	
Program FTE	10.50	0.25	10.50	4.50
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$6,055	\$0	\$25,407	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$134,766	\$0	\$511,960
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$6,055	\$134,766	\$25,407	\$511,960

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund \$1,053,127. Funds for work performed by youth on-site are received from Portland Water Bureau \$75,000 and Metro Solid Waste and Recycling Department \$36,960 and primarily used for victim restitution payments. Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) \$400,000.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #50021A, Juvenile Accountability Program