

Priority: Safety **Lead Agency:** Community Justice
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating **Program Contact:** Kathy Brennan
Related Programs: 50011, 50013, 50014, 50015, 50016, 50018, 50022, 50023A, 50023B

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Juvenile Detention Alternatives (JDA) protects the public by safely supervising identified high-risk youth in the community instead of needlessly detaining them in custody. These youth are awaiting court, completing court ordered sanctions, treatment, education and employment obligations. JDA saves the County significant funding each year while ensuring public protection. Last year, 97% of pre-adjudicated youth appeared for court hearings.

Program Description

Oregon Revised Statue (ORS) 419C.145 defines the circumstances under which a juvenile offender may be placed in custody including but not limited to: a felony crime; history of warrants for failure to appear in court; violation of probation or conditions of release; firearm and certain person misdemeanors, etc. This statute also mandates that these youth may be released to a parent, shelter, or other responsible party unless their release endangers the welfare of the community or the youth and/or there is no other way to ensure they will come to court other than to detain them.

DCJ's juvenile division uses the objective criteria of the Risk Assessment Instrument (RAI) to screen all legally detainable youth. Youth are held or released based on their RAI score. As appropriate, some youth are referred to the JDA program. JDA programs supervise several hundred youth each year, keeping them out of costly detention beds. Electronic Monitoring (EM) can serve up to 16 youth a day. Often combined with House Arrest and Community Detention (CD) tracking, EM and CD can jointly supervise up to 40 youth each day. Boys and Girls Aid Society (BGAS), Janus Youth/Harry's Mother and Volunteers of America (VOA) contract with DCJ to provide these services.

Program Justification

Multnomah County is internationally recognized as a leader in Detention Reform initiatives such as the JDA programs. Such programs are essential to decreasing disproportionate minority confinement in institutions. They ensure that regardless of race or gender, only the most dangerous youth or those most likely to not come to court are held in custody. Extensive research conducted by the Casey Foundation and numerous juvenile rights organizations document that institutionalized delinquents are highly likely to re-offend after they return to the community. Evidence-based alternatives to detention provide long-term results which interrupt criminal behavior.

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 Juvenile Detention Alternatives	311	450	300	350
Outcome	Percent of staff secure shelter youth who did not fail to appear for hearing	98.0%	100.0%	94.0%	98.0%
Outcome	Percent of pre-adjudicated youth who did not fail to appear for court hearing	97.0%	98.0%	97.0%	98.0%
Outcome	Percent CDM minority youth who did not fail to appear for court hearing	96.0%	80.0%	96.0%	90.0%

Performance Measure - Description

 **Measure Changed**

This year's offer includes a measure from a separate scale-up program offer from last year for enhanced monitoring to serve more minority youth.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

ORS 419C.145(1) regarding the custody of pre-adjudicated youth or youth in violation of probation or conditions of release;
ORS 419C.145(2) regarding the ability to release these youth with exceptions.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2008	2008	2009	2009
Personnel	\$0	\$87,414	\$0	\$0
Contracts	\$510,862	\$178,000	\$497,554	\$178,000
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$8,000	\$0	\$13,754
Internal Services	\$0	\$23,604	\$0	\$14,189
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$510,862	\$297,018	\$497,554	\$205,943
Administration	\$47,542	\$8,354	\$42,720	\$12,949
Program Support	\$104,601	\$0	\$132,727	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$152,143	\$8,354	\$175,447	\$12,949
Total GF/non-GF:	\$663,005	\$305,372	\$673,001	\$218,892
Program Total:	\$968,377		\$891,893	
Program FTE	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$15,808	\$0	\$10,220	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$297,018	\$0	\$205,943
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$15,808	\$297,018	\$10,220	\$205,943

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund \$497,554; State Oregon Youth Authority Gang Transition funds (OYA GTS) \$205,943

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #50023A, Juvenile Detention Alternatives

This program offer also includes the 2008 scale up offer of \$325,410 in County general fund and State Gang Transition Services funds.

Some positions have been transferred to or from other DCJ program offers, with no programmatic impact.