

Priority: Safety **Lead Agency:** Community Justice
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating **Program Contact:** Thach Nguyen
Related Programs: 50011, 50013, 50015, 50018, 50021, 50022, 50023A, 50023B, 50024

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Communities of Color Partnership (COCP) provides integrated services to medium and high-risk juvenile probationers aged 12-18 years old, whose ethnic/cultural backgrounds are disproportionately represented in commitments to youth correctional facilities. COCP goals are to provide culturally specific services to higher-risk youth of color. Last year, this program served 105 youth, many of whom were gang involved. COCP works: last year 74% of the 105 youth were crime free one year after completing the program.

Program Description

COCP provides culturally specific services to African American, Latino, Asian, Native American and Pacific Island youth who are medium and high-risk offenders. Each youth receives a comprehensive assessment and individualized case plan. Community providers led 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), the Department of County Human Services, LifeWorks NW (e.g. Leo ni Leo), 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, pro-social activities 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 coordinates a network of community and county programs that provide timely access to culturally appropriate services. COCP enhances treatment engagement and reduces duplicated use of public funding. COCP's goals are 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 the Streams of Offenders supervision approach; focus resources on those offenders presenting the greatest risk to public safety. Youth receiving COCP services have already demonstrated high levels 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; 76% remained crime-free one 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 (FY06-07)	Current Year Purchased (FY07-08)	Current Year Estimate (FY07-08)	Next Year Offer (FY08-09)
Output	Number of youth served by COCP	105	120	120	120
Outcome	Percent of youth who did not recidivate one year post program exit	74.0%	65.0%	76.0%	65.0%

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	2008	2008	2009	2009
Contracts	\$0	\$533,275	\$0	\$557,885
Internal Services	\$0	\$42,875	\$0	\$41,283
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$576,150	\$0	\$599,168
Administration	\$39,375	\$9,683	\$34,741	\$10,534
Program Support	\$103,169	\$0	\$107,647	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$142,544	\$9,683	\$142,388	\$10,534
Total GF/non-GF:	\$142,544	\$585,833	\$142,388	\$609,702
Program Total:	\$728,377		\$752,090	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$30,663	\$0	\$29,735	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$576,150	\$0	\$599,168
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$30,663	\$576,150	\$29,735	\$599,168

Explanation of Revenues

State Oregon Youth Authority Gang Transition funds (OYA GTS) \$599,168

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #50015, Juvenile Communities of Color Partnership