

Priority: Safety
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs: 50023A, 50023B
Lead Agency: Community Justice
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Juvenile Confinement Alternatives for Minority Youth (JCAMY) provides detention alternatives for designated high-risk Latino and African American juvenile offenders, many of whom are gang involved. These youth were traditionally placed in custody at DCJ's Donald E. Long Home (DELH) at disproportionately higher rates than other youth because they lacked the protective factors (e.g. crime-free environment, residential stability, positive adult support, etc.) needed to be successful in the community. The JCAMY program annually provides 55 such youth with culturally appropriate short-term shelter care (up to 30 days) and 20 youth with treatment foster care (up to 6 months). Last year, 72% of shelter care youth were living at home or in a community placement at exit.

Program Description

Victory Outreach provides culturally specific, staff supervised shelter care to up to five Latino youth at a time. New Decisions and MapleStar, two treatment foster care providers, offer short-term and long-term beds. New Decisions (30-60 days) and MapleStar (4-6 months) have five beds available for youth. Combined, these three programs annually serve approximately 55 gang involved and/or high-risk youth (12-18 years old) awaiting trial and/or already on probation. They enter shelter care or treatment foster care because the juvenile division and the court have determined they are unable to safely remain in their homes. They are in need of stabilization and transition to other placements when appropriate. While in care, these youth attend school, participate in treatment, skill building and pro-social activities. They work with their juvenile probation officer and other service providers. Historically, standard shelter programs do not meet the needs of these youth in terms of their cultural orientation, gang affiliations and/or level of criminality.

When these youth require longer length of stays due to instability at home or community, MapleStar Treatment Foster Care can also provide placement. MapleStar providers work with youth with highly delinquent profiles. These high-risk youth require mental health and/or drug counseling services that cannot be addressed within the 30 day shelter care model. Their average length of stay in treatment foster care is 120 days but can extend to 6 months or more. Some of the MapleStar youth will be able to return to their homes. Others will require extended out-of-home placement. Such placements may need to be outside of their communities to ensure the public's safety as well as their own.

Program Justification

Research shows youth who are detained or deeply involved in a correctional system are more likely to continue their anti-social behaviors. For this reason, youth are detained only when objective criteria has determined they present a public safety or flight risk. Without these shelter care and treatment foster care beds, Multnomah County would detain approximately 75 more Latino and African American youth each year, often for no other reason than their families lack stable housing. JCAMY enables juvenile justice to hold high-risk youth of color accountable while ensuring they receive fair and equitable treatment. JCAMY is evidence-based and cost effective. It reserves costly detention beds for those youth who are most high-risk to the community and who will not remain in staff supervised placement. Research shows culturally specific programs produce better behavioral outcomes for youth of color.

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 shelter care | 47 | 35 | 32 | 55 |
| Outcome | % of shelter care youth living at home/in a community placement at exit | 72.0% | 60.0% | 72.0% | 65.0% |
| Output | Number of youth served by treatment foster care | 17 | 20 | 22 | 20 |
| Outcome | % of treatment foster care youth living at home/in a community placement at exit | 41.0% | 65.0% | 41.0% | 65.0% |

Performance Measure - Description

The number of youth served by shelter care includes youth served by KOJO House up to the time their contract ended and New Decisions Treatment Foster Care which replaced KOJO House.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

ORS 419C.001 mandates that "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 | \$201,448 | \$385,035 | \$566,830 | \$36,347 |
| Internal Services | \$0 | \$30,957 | \$0 | \$2,689 |
| Subtotal: Direct Exps: | \$201,448 | \$415,992 | \$566,830 | \$39,036 |
| Administration | \$41,069 | \$10,096 | \$35,157 | \$10,652 |
| Program Support | \$107,852 | \$0 | \$109,548 | \$0 |
| Subtotal: Other Exps: | \$148,921 | \$10,096 | \$144,705 | \$10,652 |
| Total GF/non-GF: | \$350,369 | \$426,088 | \$711,535 | \$49,688 |
| Program Total: | \$776,457 | | \$761,223 | |
| Program FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Program Revenues | | | | |
| Indirect for dep't Admin | \$22,140 | \$0 | \$1,937 | \$0 |
| Intergovernmental | \$0 | \$415,992 | \$0 | \$39,036 |
| Program Revenue for Admin | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Total Revenue: | \$22,140 | \$415,992 | \$1,937 | \$39,036 |

Explanation of Revenues

General Fund \$566,830; State Oregon Youth Authority Gang Transition funds (OYA GTS) \$39,036

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #50016, Juvenile Confinement Alternatives for Minority Youth