

Priority: Safety
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs: 50032, 50033, 50034, 50035, 50037, 50038
Program Characteristics: Measure 5 Education
Lead Agency: Community Justice
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Executive Summary

In 2003 the Londer Learning Center (LLC) was identified as a national model by the US Department of Education and currently is the only program in the nation to address literacy, thinking skills and employability needs of the offender population. Through a collaboration with Parole/Probation Officers, treatment providers and employment agencies, LLC is able to offer clients comprehensive case management targeted at promoting long-term behavioral change in addition to managing offender risk.

Program Description

Probation/Parole Officers (PPOs) and treatment providers refer nearly 1000 medium and high-risk offenders to LLC for instruction in employment skills, reading, math, writing; bilingual (English/Spanish) GED preparation, English as a Second Language and cognitive change techniques. More than 70% of offenders who access LLC read below 9th grade levels and lack the planning and problem solving skills that would enable them to maintain employment, help their families and/or break the cycle of crime and violence. Based on a recent client survey, most offenders cite criminal history and lack of a GED as a major barrier to employment. Of the offenders referred to LLC, 42% have suspected learning disabilities or cognitive challenges, 70% suffer from substance abuse and 75% report Attention Deficit Disorder and/or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder symptoms.

Through screening, assessment and educational intervention, LLC successfully provides offenders with strategies needed to overcome learning barriers to success. LLC actively collaborates with One-Stop employment centers and community colleges to increase offender employability and college transition. LLC staff is culturally competent in curriculum development for the diverse, multi-barriered, low-literate adult population it serves.

Program Justification

LLC is linked to the safety priority and has been proven to reduce new arrests (Rhyne, 2001), supervision violations and to increase employment earnings (Finnegan, 1994). Through the use of evidence-based practices, cost effective and innovative programs designed to hold high and medium-risk offenders accountable, LLC is consistent with the county safety priorities.

A large percentage of the adults in Oregon's criminal justice system are school dropouts. Research shows criminal behavior is more likely in people who have low levels of education and/or vocational training (Gendreau, 2002). Research has also shown if these issues are targeted, the possibility of offenders committing new crimes can be reduced (Andrews, 1997). Both issues are addressed by LLC.

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 offenders served annually.	512	750	630	630
Outcome	Percent of participants who did not recidivate within one year of program exit.	78.0%	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%
Outcome	Percent of participants who did not recidivate during program participation.	79.0%	80.0%	80.0%	80.0%

Performance Measure - Description

Recidivism is a measure of re-arrest data during program participation and one year post successful program exit.

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	\$434,387	\$0	\$456,893
Contracts	\$40,000	\$140,316	\$40,000	\$151,152
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$68,413	\$0	\$36,855
Internal Services	\$0	\$60,523	\$0	\$58,346
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$40,000	\$703,639	\$40,000	\$703,246
Administration	\$43,197	\$0	\$38,870	\$0
Program Support	\$150,091	\$23,274	\$147,788	\$20,762
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$193,288	\$23,274	\$186,658	\$20,762
Total GF/non-GF:	\$233,288	\$726,913	\$226,658	\$724,008
Program Total:	\$960,201		\$950,666	
Program FTE	0.00	5.00	0.00	5.00
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$36,118	\$0	\$34,900	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$703,639	\$0	\$703,246
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$36,118	\$703,639	\$34,900	\$703,246

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund \$40,000; State Department of Corrections (DOC) \$703,246

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #50040, Adult Londer Learning Center