

Priority: Safety
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs: 50032, 50033, 50035, 50037, 50038
Lead Agency: Community Justice
Program Contact: Kathleen Treb

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Housing Services for Dependent Children (HSDC) is aligned with DCJ's Women's Residential Treatment Program and allows 14 children to remain with their mother while she completes residential alcohol and drug treatment. These services help keep children out of foster care while allowing parents to receive treatment, including parenting skills enhancement. Parole/Probation Officers (PPOs) in DCJ's Family Supervision Unit depend heavily on these services since 75% of the offenders they supervise have children under the age of seven.

HSDC eliminates a primary treatment barrier for pregnant women and mothers with young children. HSDC works in collaboration with women's residential treatment to teach women to develop a recovery based lifestyle, make a successful transition into independent living arrangements and be more effective parents.

Program Description

Historically, County Human Services (DCHS) and Community Justice (DCJ) have co-funded treatment for African-American women and their children at one facility. This offer allows this collaborative arrangement to continue. Four other dependent children beds are funded at a facility designed to treat only high-risk female offenders. Here, children are cared for while their mothers engage in residential addictions treatment. Funding for this service can serve up to 14 infants and young children at any one time and is earmarked only for those children's' care and services which includes prenatal and pediatric health care, nursery care, housing for toddlers and preschool services.

Program Justification

This residential treatment option for female offenders is directly linked with the safety priority, as it addresses childcare; a major barrier for women to engage in treatment. This program addresses the basic physical and behavioral health needs (addiction) of high-risk single parents. One study reports that drug-exposed newborns accrue an additional \$7,700 in medical costs before the infant leaves the hospital (Kalotra, 2002).

Other studies have demonstrated higher retention rates and significantly longer stays for women in residential treatment when their children are allowed to stay with them (Szuster et al, 1996; Hughes et al, 1995). Additional research shows that women in women-only treatment programs spend more time in treatment and are twice as likely to complete treatment than women in mixed-gender programs (Copeland & Hall, 1992). Additionally, programs that provide family therapy, that provide childcare and child-rearing services have improved outcomes with regard to treatment completion and reduction or re-offending (National Institute on Drug Abuse, 2006).

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	Average number of beds used daily.	18	14	14	14
Outcome	Percent bed day utilization for Program A.	122.0%	95.0%	99.0%	100.0%
Outcome	Percent bed day utilization for Program B.	108.0%	95.0%	74.0%	100.0%

Performance Measure - Description

 **Measure Changed**

Bed day utilization [number of days in a month times the number of beds available] is tracked. The number of children that are housed annually may go up or down depending on the number of children within a family and how long they stay. The percent of children housed annually was dropped to better reflect program utilization. No treatment is given to youth under this program offer.

Legal/Contractual Obligation**Revenue/Expense Detail**

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2008	2008	2009	2009
Contracts	\$238,516	\$0	\$256,362	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$238,516	\$0	\$256,362	\$0
Administration	\$14,428	\$0	\$13,248	\$0
Program Support	\$30,560	\$7,790	\$28,102	\$7,161
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$44,988	\$7,790	\$41,350	\$7,161
Total GF/non-GF:	\$283,504	\$7,790	\$297,712	\$7,161
Program Total:	\$291,294		\$304,873	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund

Significant Program ChangesLast year this program was: #50050, Addiction Services - Housing Services for Dependent Children