

Priority: Safety
Program Offer Type: Program Alternative /
Related Programs:

Lead Agency: Community Justice
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

This program places a drug and alcohol evaluation specialist in Department of Community Justice who screens 1000 low and limited risk offenders for addictions needs, makes referrals to appropriate treatment agencies and assists clients in getting into services. This is the only point of contact for many of these offenders because they are receiving limited supervision and do not have regular contact with a probation officer.

Program Description

A drug and alcohol evaluation specialist is stationed in Department of Community Justice (DCJ) Parole and Probation offices to enhance availability and access for DCJ clients starting on supervision. This interdepartmental cooperation enhances the ability of DCJ staff to meet the addictions treatment needs of their clients, gets the offenders into treatment earlier and enhances their ability to be successful in supervision. Having the evaluation specialist in the same office greatly reduces client 'no shows' when an evaluation is needed. The specialist evaluates and refers over 900 clients annually.

Program Justification

This program links to the Public Safety priority by facilitating criminal justice clients getting into addictions treatment in a timely manner. Treatment is strongly related to reduced criminal behavior. According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse (2006), "most studies suggest that outcomes for those who are legally pressured to enter treatment are as good as or better than outcomes for those who entered treatment without legal pressure". An internal evaluation of residential treatment indicated that of those exiting treatment in 2003 there was a 20% reduction in one year arrest rates (Pascual and Rhyne, 2007). Further, the evaluation showed that those who exited and had a length of stay greater than 90 days had a 32% reduction in one year arrest rates. NIDA reported in its 2006 report that drug abuse treatment is cost effective in reducing drug use and bringing about cost savings associated with healthcare, crime and incarceration. Treatment completion greatly reduces the risk of re-offending in criminal acts and adds to the overall safety of our citizens. The program focuses on low level offenders who are unlikely to receive further active supervision, providing them with the opportunity and assistance to access treatment that they may not be likely to accomplish on their own.

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 clients referred to screening.	950	950	1,000	1,000
Outcome	Percent of referred clients who receive screen	85.0%	85.0%	85.0%	90.0%

Performance Measure - Description

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	\$0	\$81,918	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$1,563	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$1,500	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$84,981	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$947	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$11,358	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$12,305	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$97,286	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$97,286	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	1.00	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 Changes

✔ **Significantly Changed**

Last year this program was: #25082, Addictions Services Adult Offender Screening & Referral Services
 For fiscal year 2009, this position is being moved from the Department of County Human Services - Addictions Services to the Department of Community Justice.