

Priority: Basic Needs
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs: 50009, 25098B

Lead Agency: County Human Services
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Family Involvement Team (FIT) connected 400 parents entering Family Dependency Court in FY08 with addictions treatment as expeditiously as possible and provided enhanced services to keep them in treatment. These parents had an allegation of child abuse/neglect with drugs and/or alcohol involved. This offer provides approximately 50% less service (200 families) than current service levels. FIT has dramatically reduced the waiting time for families for treatment, thus increasing the likelihood of successful family reunification. Purchase of 25098A and 25098B will restore FIT to the current service level.

Program Description

The FIT core team housed at the Family Dependency Court works with Child Welfare parents and their children until they enter treatment. Additional team members located at the five treatment providers begin working with the parent and their children once the parent and/or the parent and child enter treatment. After parents enter treatment, the Family Involvement Team staff at the treatment agencies provide the family with support services including case management, family therapy, and wrap around services to assist the client to remain successful in treatment. Grant funds enable FIT to 1) expand the number of Child Welfare clients that can access alcohol and drug treatment, and 2) provide enhanced and previously unavailable aftercare and parent mentoring services to those clients. FIT is a collaboration of Multnomah County's Department of County Human Services and Department of Community Justice, State Child Welfare, the five community-based treatment providers serving women and their children, and five additional community-based providers of other support services. Through the work of these agencies approximately 400 parents accept FIT services and enter alcohol and drug treatment.

Each year, approximately 538 parents have allegations of child abuse or neglect that require intervention at the County Family Court approximately 400 parents accept FIT services and enter alcohol and drug treatment. By accepting services, parents are demonstrating to the state Department of Human Services (DHS) Child Welfare they are recognizing that drugs or alcohol are affecting their abilities to parent effectively and are willing to take steps to reunify the families.

Program Justification

The Family Involvement Team links directly to the Basic Living Needs Priority that addresses promoting healthy behaviors by assisting parents who have had a child/children removed by the state Department of Human Services for abuse or neglect with drug or alcohol involvement to enter treatment. A state DHS report shows that drug and/or alcohol abuse was the leading stress factor in families where children have been abused or neglected. In FY 08, FIT Core Team staff identified 538 families entering the dependency court with allegations of abuse or neglect with alcohol and/or drugs involved. Of the qualifying families, 400 accepted FIT services. By accepting FIT services the parents are demonstrating to DHS they are recognizing that drugs or alcohol are affecting their ability to parent effectively and are willing to take steps to reunify the family.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY07-08)	Current Year Purchased (FY08-09)	Current Year Estimate (FY08-09)	Next Year Offer (FY09-10)
Output	Percent of eligible parents accepting FIT screenings ¹	76.0%	80.0%	80.0%	80.0%
Outcome	Average time to treatment in days ²	28	28	32	32
Outcome		0	0	0	0

Performance Measure - Description

Data is available through the FIT for Recovery data base.

¹ There will be no reduction in screening services, but will be a reduction in the number of families receiving services.

² Due to the reduction in treatment services available, parents will wait longer to enter treatment. We are unable to estimate the degree to which waittimes will increase at this time.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Because Multnomah County accepts the State Mental Health Grant, it is obligated to spend funds in accordance with regulations regarding State Service Elements (i.e. Service Element A-D 60 is Special Projects).

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2009	2009	2010	2010
Program Expenses				
Personnel	\$0	\$30,803	\$0	\$87,966
Contracts	\$0	\$1,450,632	\$0	\$829,886
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$140
Internal Services	\$0	\$36,661	\$0	\$43,922
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$1,518,096	\$0	\$961,914
Administration	\$0	\$53,536	\$0	\$37,629
Program Support	\$0	\$23,010	\$0	\$8,951
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$76,546	\$0	\$46,580
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$1,594,642	\$0	\$1,008,494
Program Total:	\$1,594,642		\$1,008,494	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.60
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$16,690	\$0	\$21,493	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$1,518,096	\$0	\$961,914
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$16,690	\$1,518,096	\$21,493	\$961,914

Explanation of Revenues

COPS Meth Grant - \$25,722
 Child & Family ACYF Federal Grant - \$768,750
 State Mental Health Grant - \$105,142

Significant Program Changes

✔ Significantly Changed

Last year this program was: #25098, Enhanced Family Involvement Team

In FY 08/09 this program was larger than what it is anticipated to be in FY 09/10. The reduction is due to a reduction in the Governor's proposed budget.