

Priority: Education **Lead Agency:** County Human Services
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating **Program Contact:** Peggy Samolinski
Related Programs: 25139, 25143, 25144, 25145A, 25146A, 25151, 25153, 25154, 25155, 25146B, 25145B

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Social and Support Services for Educational Success program (SSSES) fosters academic achievement by providing year-round school-linked, age appropriate and culturally specific academic support, case management, family engagement, and skill building groups. The SSSES serves approximately 1500 high-risk youth, 87% of whom are ethnic minorities. SSSES has demonstrated success in returning and keeping youth in school, with 94% of clients attending public school full time and a 90% school attendance rate. SSSES is part of the SUN Service System, a countywide integrated and coordinated system of care for school-aged youth and their families.

Program Description

Social and Support Services for Educational Success provides services for 1,500 high-risk youth (6-17) and their families so that youth remain in or return to school. These services are delivered at community and school sites to youth attending regular and/or alternative schools who are at risk of academic failure. SSSES target six specific populations of youth and families of color: African American, African Immigrant, Asian Pacific Islander, Latino, Native American and Slavic, in addition to Caucasian youth. Key services include: case management with identified academic and life goals; skill building groups; academic support activities such as tutoring, mentoring, reading club, gender-specific groups, and conflict resolution classes; and parent outreach/engagement. With a culturally specific focus on youth and families, SSSES staff work with SUN Community School programs and other school personnel. About 71% of students served last year increased state benchmark scores in reading and 72% in math.

Program Justification

SSSES is directly tied to the education priority. Youth in this program are at risk for academic failure due to poor attendance, failing grades, language barriers, family instability and behavior issues: 90% of youth served in FY08 were at risk. Case managers build supportive and mentoring relationships with youth that allow them to build personal assets leading to school and life success. In the report "Critical Hours," Dr. Beth Miller argues that mentor relationships and supports "build intrinsic motivation and initiative" in adolescents who often experience alienation from adults and have a tendency to engage in risky behavior. Developing a consistent relationship with a trusted, caring adult is a primary identified issue by the youth served. SSSES services that meet basic needs allow youth to focus on school and provides their caregivers with the resources to support educational success. SSSES engage youth at risk for academic failure in a variety of school and community activities. Increased access to social services and additional learning opportunities outside of, but connected to, the classroom have been shown as "promising practices" to reducing the achievement gap. SSSES provides this link - in schools and in the community.

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	# served	1,573	2,000	1,735	1,735
Outcome	% who improve state test scores in reading	71.0%	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%
Outcome	% of school days attended	90.0%	90.0%	90.0%	90.0%

Performance Measure - Description

Outcomes are analyzed for students who participate for 45 days or more; for FY08, 945 students participated at that level.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2009	2009	2010	2010
Program Expenses				
Personnel	\$81,504	\$0	\$95,389	\$0
Contracts	\$1,761,422	\$357,366	\$1,761,420	\$332,351
Materials & Supplies	\$2,221	\$0	\$2,221	\$0
Internal Services	\$13,999	\$0	\$18,638	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$1,859,146	\$357,366	\$1,877,668	\$332,351
Administration	\$312,060	\$0	\$344,567	\$0
Program Support	\$114,475	\$0	\$86,605	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$426,535	\$0	\$431,172	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$2,285,681	\$357,366	\$2,308,840	\$332,351
Program Total:	\$2,643,047		\$2,641,191	
Program FTE	0.90	0.00	1.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$357,366	\$0	\$332,351
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$357,366	\$0	\$332,351

Explanation of Revenues

OCCF - \$332,351
 County General Fund - \$1,877,668

Significant Program Changes

✔ Significantly Changed

Last year this program was: #25149, Social & Support Svcs for Education Success