

Priority: Safety
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

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Executive Summary

Young people who commit serious offenses are at a higher risk to become chronic, serious offenders if the system does not provide appropriate interventions quickly. In the last fiscal year, Juvenile Delinquency Intervention and Prevention (JDIP) program served approximately 1,300 youth offenders.

This program offer provides services to 680 youth annually. JDIP goals are: reduce recidivism, repair harm to victims and assist youth developing skills necessary for success and behavioral change. JDIP is highly effective; in the first six months of FY2009, 80% of JDIP participants did not reoffend. Judges rely heavily on JDIP staff to provide critical information and technical support for daily court hearings.

Program Description

JDIP provides cost effective consequences and case management to minors who could be formally adjudicated in court. However, their age, nature of the charge and/or the absence of a significant criminal history make these young people inappropriate for formal probation. Instead, they are held responsible for their behavior through contracts which require them to do community service, repay and apologize to victims, attend Victim Impact classes, participate in mediation, cooperate with assessments and treatment and learn skills needed to stay out of trouble. JDIP youth who do not comply with agreements or who continue to demonstrate unsafe, illegal behavior can be taken to court and placed on formal probation.

Children age 11 and under who commit serious acts such as arson, felony assault, sexual offending and other dangerous offenses are assessed and referred to specialized services in the community.

JDIP manages the Felony Drug Diversion Program, providing consequences and substance abuse treatment for drug-involved youth.

JDIP assists with DCJ dependency and intake cases by providing valuable information and referral services to the public. Staff also continually monitor the daily court docket, coordinate Preliminary Hearings, facilitate hearings and set in motion other court proceedings such as Emancipation, Hospital Holds and Transfer of Jurisdiction.

Program Justification

JDIP is consistent with DCJ's strategy of aligning resources with the highest risk and highest need youth. It represents an effective investment in behavioral change. By safely diverting identified children and youth from the formal justice system, public resources are maximized and better public safety outcomes are achieved for DCJ's most delinquent clients. JDIP addresses individual issues in ways that are developmentally appropriate to eliminate or reduce reoffending. This approach is not appropriate for all young offenders. Research shows that juveniles who are diverted from formal adjudication reoffend at a lower rate than similar youth who have cases processed through the formal juvenile justice system. Additionally, correctional responses to typical adolescent behavior is not effective, practical, and does not decrease recidivism.

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 | Number of youth served by JDIP.* | 1,311 | 1,300 | 1,300 | 680 |
| Outcome | Percent of youth not recidivating within one year of program completion | 73.0% | 75.0% | 80.0% | 80.0% |

Performance Measure - Description

 **Measure Changed**

50010A is related to 50010B. The overall reduction in youth served between program offer A and B results from the new risk assessment tool, which will have the result of moving some medium risk youth to less intensive forms of supervision, and/or services.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Revenue/Expense Detail

| | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Program Expenses | 2009 | 2009 | 2010 | 2010 |
| Personnel | \$482,094 | \$0 | \$561,282 | \$0 |
| Contracts | \$138,073 | \$141,890 | \$32,000 | \$141,723 |
| Materials & Supplies | \$8,852 | \$0 | \$7,833 | \$0 |
| Internal Services | \$17,533 | \$10,500 | \$10,664 | \$0 |
| Subtotal: Direct Exps: | \$646,552 | \$152,390 | \$611,779 | \$141,723 |
| Administration | \$67,676 | \$20,410 | \$47,339 | \$8,059 |
| Program Support | \$217,817 | \$0 | \$151,683 | \$0 |
| Subtotal: Other Exps: | \$285,493 | \$20,410 | \$199,022 | \$8,059 |
| Total GF/non-GF: | \$932,045 | \$172,800 | \$810,801 | \$149,782 |
| Program Total: | \$1,104,845 | | \$960,583 | |
| Program FTE | 9.50 | 0.00 | 6.00 | 0.00 |
| Program Revenues | | | | |
| Indirect for dep't Admin | \$7,563 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Intergovernmental | \$0 | \$152,390 | \$0 | \$141,723 |
| Program Revenue for Admin | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Total Revenue: | \$7,563 | \$152,390 | \$0 | \$141,723 |

Explanation of Revenues

General Fund \$579,779. State funding through the Commission on Children, Families and Communities which are passed through Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) \$141,723.

Significant Program Changes

✔ Significantly Changed

Last year this program was: #50010, Juvenile Delinquency Intervention and Prevention
This program offer moves 4.00 Juvenile Corrections Counselor positions to program offer 50010B.

During FY 2009, a 0.50 existing FTE (Office Asst Sr) transferred to JDIP from another DCJ program, with no programmatic impact.