

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

Lead Agency: Community Justice
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Executive Summary

This program offer provides services to youth who, without this funding, would otherwise receive only a warning/resource letter in response to criminal referrals. This program offer will also assess the risk of these youth to determine appropriate level of service and/or sanction youth require. This program offer adds another 400 youth to be served to offer 50010A.

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 FY 2009, Juvenile Delinquency Intervention and Prevention (JDIP) program served 1,300 youth offenders. 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 division's 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 restored JDIP*	1,311	1,300	1,300	400
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**

This program offer is related to 50010A.

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	\$361,956	\$0	\$384,513	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$1,685	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$2,665	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$361,956	\$0	\$388,863	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$25,526	\$4,343
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$82,017	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$107,543	\$4,343
Total GF/non-GF:	\$361,956	\$0	\$496,406	\$4,343
Program Total:	\$361,956		\$500,749	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	4.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #50010, Juvenile Delinquency Intervention and Prevention