

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

Lead Agency: Community Justice
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Executive Summary

Juvenile Formal Probation (JFP) promotes public safety by annually supervising about 600 high and medium risk offenders, ages 12 to 18 years old. By using evidence based approaches to hold youth responsible for their actions and prevent them from committing new crimes, JFP improves public safety. In FY2008, 81% of probation youth did not reoffend after receiving supervision services.

Program Description

Most Multnomah County youth on probation are medium and high risk delinquents. JFP monitors youth in the community and ensures they abide by probation conditions (e.g. obey the law, attend school and treatment, pay restitution) or face consequences. JFP refers delinquents to behavior change services that target each youth's unique risks and behaviors. Each youth's case is directed by a range of comprehensive risk assessments that review drug abuse, violence and/or mental health issues. Juvenile probation officers meet with the youth and their families in the office, the client's home and sometimes at school. Compliance with probation conditions, progress in treatment, victim restoration, a client's living situation and school attendance/employment are regularly reviewed. If a youth is not in compliance, the probation officer holds the youth accountable and imposes sanctions ranging from community service to detention. Any residential placement of a youth is based on the needs of the youth and is only temporary while the family's home environment stabilizes.

JFP supervises juveniles at a higher risk of reoffending and who are not assigned to specialized probation teams such as GRIT (gangs), FSU (Family Services Unit) and SOPS (sex offenders). JFP youth can not be served by the Juvenile Delinquency Intervention and Prevention (JDIP) unit due to their age, gravity of offense, referral history and/or failure to comply with previous JDIP sanctions. Under JFP, the Juvenile Female Gender Specific Probation unit uses a specialized approach in supervising young female offenders. This approach incorporates evidence based intervention techniques that are specific to the needs of this population.

Program Justification

JFP holds delinquent youth accountable for their actions and reduces juvenile reoffending. DCJ's juvenile probation implementation is consistent with a model that aligns resources with high and medium risk youth. Juvenile probation officers focus on supervision by using evidence based strategies (such as mental health and drug abuse treatment) to change behavior, prevent new crimes and reduce the risk of a youth re-entering the justice system as an adult criminal.

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 probation	647	500	600	600
Outcome	Percent of youth who did not recidivate within one year of probation completion	81.3%	85.0%	84.0%	85.0%

Performance Measure - Description

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	\$1,401,284	\$0	\$1,300,864	\$0
Contracts	\$21,372	\$0	\$21,372	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$28,398	\$0	\$28,638	\$0
Internal Services	\$775,323	\$0	\$489,388	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$2,226,377	\$0	\$1,840,262	\$0
Administration	\$129,161	\$39,143	\$120,138	\$29,711
Program Support	\$401,782	\$0	\$376,044	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$530,943	\$39,143	\$496,182	\$29,711
Total GF/non-GF:	\$2,757,320	\$39,143	\$2,336,444	\$29,711
Program Total:	\$2,796,463		\$2,366,155	
Program FTE	15.50	0.00	13.49	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

Last year this program was: #50011, Juvenile Formal Probation Supervision

This program offer cuts a 1.00 FTE Juvenile Court Counselor from the FY 2009 current service level. Caseload sizes for Juvenile Court Counselors will be increased from 25 to 30, in line with the nationwide standards.

During FY 2009, a 1.00 existing FTE transferred out of this program and into Family Services Unit (program offer 50033), with no programmatic impact.

Additional Local 88 positions were funded using funds made available by Local 88's approval of a wage freeze for FY 2010.