

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

Lead Agency: Community Justice
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Executive Summary

The Family Supervision Unit (FSU) supervises approximately 330 offenders, of whom 50% have children age seven and under. Several offenders supervised by this unit have children involved in the juvenile system and/or are pregnant women. By collaborating with community partners, including the Juvenile Services Division, FSU protects children and works to break the cycle of cross-generational antisocial behavior and crime. Integrating supervision, child welfare, the Family Court, benefits assistance, housing, social and health services, and addiction treatment, allows FSU to efficiently address dynamics that place an entire family at risk.

Program Description

FSU is a unique program which supervises offenders within both the Adult and Juvenile Services Divisions (approximately 125 juveniles - including juveniles with Measure 11 cases). It is comprised of a multi-disciplinary team of staff from Child Welfare, Health Services, the Department of Corrections and mental health agencies. FSU emphasizes collaboration with other agencies for case planning, resource allocation and efficient service delivery.

The Family Support project (a community based component of FSU) reduces recidivism of women through accountability, education and training, prioritizing child welfare, and facilitating access to necessary treatment and/or counseling. FSU supports the County's innovative 'one family/one judge' model, wherein one judge oversees all cases associated with a particular family (everything from adult felony probation to juvenile cases). FSU works closely with the Courts and coordinates interventions for the entire family.

Program Justification

By having whole families under one unit, the FSU approach strengthens the family's resistance to future involvement in the criminal justice system. The program successfully defrays long-term child welfare and criminal justice costs associated with intergenerational criminal activity.

FSU supports public safety by providing prevention and intervention strategies for juveniles. Equipping juveniles with tools to make healthy decisions about their current lives, reduces the likelihood of their future involvement with the adult criminal justice system.

FSU's strategies are consistent with the results of a RAND Corp. study which indicates parent training, graduation incentives and supervision of delinquents reduces inter-generational crime.

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	Average number of offenders supervised monthly	312	285	330	330
Outcome	Percent of probationers who did not recidivate	90.0%	70.0%	90.0%	90.0%
Outcome	Percent of parolees who did not recidivate	71.0%	65.0%	71.0%	71.0%
Outcome	Percent of babies that are born drug-free	95.0%	90.0%	95.0%	95.0%

Performance Measure - Description

Adult recidivism is measured by a three year felony conviction rate. Recidivism data are reflected for those adult offenders who entered supervision three years ago. The 'Current Year Estimate' is based on 'Previous Year Actual' figures due to the lack of DOC reporting for this period.

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	\$1,025,142	\$252,669	\$1,050,534	\$256,314
Contracts	\$2,766	\$1,303	\$2,766	\$620
Materials & Supplies	\$40,116	\$780	\$44,899	\$780
Internal Services	\$56,016	\$18,853	\$29,532	\$24,071
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$1,124,040	\$273,605	\$1,127,731	\$281,785
Administration	\$71,485	\$0	\$67,447	\$0
Program Support	\$275,513	\$38,100	\$290,643	\$41,773
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$346,998	\$38,100	\$358,090	\$41,773
Total GF/non-GF:	\$1,471,038	\$311,705	\$1,485,821	\$323,558
Program Total:	\$1,782,743		\$1,809,379	
Program FTE	10.50	3.00	10.50	3.00
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$13,579	\$0	\$17,061	\$0
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$26,400	\$0	\$23,500
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$247,205	\$0	\$258,285
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$13,579	\$273,605	\$17,061	\$281,785

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund \$1,127,731; State Department of Corrections (DOC) \$258,285; Probation Supervision Fees \$23,500.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #50035, Adult Family Supervision Unit

During FY 2009, a 1.00 existing FTE transferred to FSU from another DCJ program, 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.