

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

Lead Agency: Community Justice
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Residential drug treatment is an essential part of the alcohol and drug treatment continuum that impacts public safety. When residential treatment is successful for women offenders, the long-term collateral costs of re-arrest, re-incarceration and inadvertent consequences for the children of female offenders, significantly decline.

This program offer is for thirty-five residential drug and alcohol treatment beds for high risk female offenders in a facility that can also accommodate four dependent children. The current community treatment provider has been in existence for over 15 years and works collaboratively with DCJ to treat women with addictions and criminality. Together with program offers 50044C and 50045B, this budgets a total of 48 women's residential beds.

Program Description

This program uses evidence-based practices to address addiction, mental health issues, parenting, healthy relationships, criminality, employment resources and relapse prevention counseling. Regular communication and coordination with a Probation and Parole Officer (PPO) is maintained to develop and implement treatment and supervision plans.

Programs that provide family therapy, childcare and child-rearing services have improved outcomes with regard to treatment completion and reduction or recidivism (National Institute on Drug Abuse, 2006). Additionally, treating women's substance abuse issues reduces future births of drug-addicted babies.

The current five year contracts for all drug treatment providers end on June 30, 2009. The Department of Community Justice and the Department of County Human Services will be working collaboratively to determine which providers will be awarded contracts for the future.

Program Justification

Research is clear that women in gender specific treatment programs spend more time in treatment and are twice as likely to complete treatment than women in mixed-gender programs (Copeland & Hall, 1992). Internal evaluation of residential treatment programs in 2008 indicated that women who exited treatment after a stay of 90 days or more had a 53% reduction in re-arrest rates. The National Institute on Drug Abuse reported that drug abuse treatment is cost effective in reducing drug use and bringing about cost savings associated with health care, crime and incarceration. Research has shown that, due to the impact of a woman's incarceration on children, family and the foster care system, imprisoning a female offender can cost twice what it costs to incarcerate a man (Schiraldi and Greene, 2002).

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 beds available to high risk women offenders annually	0	0	0	35
Outcome	Percent reduction in pre/post treatment arrests	53.0%	55.0%	55.0%	55.0%
Outcome	Percent of exiting offenders admitted to safe and stable housing	55.0%	75.0%	60.0%	60.0%
Outcome	Percent of successfully exiting clients moving toward self-sufficiency	48.0%	60.0%	60.0%	60.0%

Performance Measure - Description

 **Measure Changed**

Recidivism is a measure of re-arrest data one year post successful program exit compared to one year pre-admit. The percent of clients moving toward self-sufficiency is represented by the number of clients successfully completing residential services that indicated a need for economic services at intake and was in receipt of these services at exit.

The number of beds available to high risk women offenders annually is a new output measure.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2009	2009	2010	2010
Program Expenses				
Contracts	\$1,805,276	\$0	\$1,301,884	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$1,805,276	\$0	\$1,301,884	\$0
Administration	\$80,822	\$0	\$62,202	\$0
Program Support	\$191,345	\$43,268	\$189,578	\$38,584
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$272,167	\$43,268	\$251,780	\$38,584
Total GF/non-GF:	\$2,077,443	\$43,268	\$1,553,664	\$38,584
Program Total:	\$2,120,711		\$1,592,248	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

County General Funds

Significant Program Changes

✔ Significantly Changed

Last year this program was: #50047, Addiction Services - Adult Women Residential

In FY2010, 13 beds were moved out of this program offer. Five of the 13 beds are in Program Offer 50045B, and the remaining 8 beds are in Program Offer 50044C.

In FY09, 4 dependent children's beds were in a separate program offer. In FY2010, they are combined with the Women's beds.