

**Lead Agency:** County Human Services

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**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating

**Related Programs:**

**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

This program offer restores the Youth Gang Prevention (YGP) program to current FY 09-10 service levels. Funds will provide an additional 500 young people and their families with community based, culturally, and gender specific services.

Utilizing an identified program model that is proven best practice, intensive family support and intervention will be provided to young people and their families at highest risk of gang membership, or who are already involved with gangs but have not yet entered the juvenile justice system.

It is expected that 90% of these young people will increase their academic achievement, and avoid or reduce subsequent juvenile justice system involvement.

**Program Description**

The refocused Youth Gang Prevention (YGP) program will serve approximately 500 African-American, Asian, Native American, and Latino, female youth, and their families, annually. Young people served will have one or more of the following risk factors: gang and criminally involved family and friends; early onset of delinquent behaviors; Alcohol, Tobacco, & Other Drugs (ATOD) use; mental illness issues; academic failure; and, lack of social, and economic opportunities.

By utilizing a specific, proven best practice model that provides intensive family focused support and intervention, services will be delivered that are culturally and gender specific, as well as tailored to individual client needs. Services will include: ATOD and mental health assessment and referral to treatment; school retrieval and retention; pro-social skill building activities; employment readiness and placement; basic needs; case management; linkage to support services; and, flexible client service funds. Monthly system/joint case staffing meetings ensure seamless referrals between the juvenile justice system and community based providers.

Intensive family support and intervention has been proven effective in successfully reducing or eliminating gang related behaviors. OSU research indicates that 20% of youth offenders commit 80% of juvenile offenses, and that most of this 20% are "early bloomers" who committed crimes before the age of 15.

YGP prioritizes this exact population in relationship to gang involvement, youth violence, and juvenile delinquency.

**Performance Measures**

| Measure Type | Primary Measure                                                        | Previous Year Actual (FY08-09) | Current Year Purchased (FY09-10) | Current Year Estimate (FY09-10) | Next Year Offer (FY10-11) |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Output       | # of youth served                                                      | 0                              | 0                                | 0                               | 500                       |
| Outcome      | % of youth served who avoid/reduce juvenile justice system involvement | 0.0%                           | 0.0%                             | 0.0%                            | 90.0%                     |

**Performance Measure - Description**

**Legal/Contractual Obligation****Revenue/Expense Detail**

|                         | <b>Proposed General Fund</b> | <b>Proposed Other Funds</b> | <b>Proposed General Fund</b> | <b>Proposed Other Funds</b> |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Program Expenses</b> | 2010                         | 2010                        | 2011                         | 2011                        |
| Contracts               | \$919,937                    | \$0                         | \$937,878                    | \$0                         |
| Total GF/non-GF:        | <b>\$919,937</b>             | <b>\$0</b>                  | <b>\$937,878</b>             | <b>\$0</b>                  |
| Program Total:          | <b>\$919,937</b>             |                             | <b>\$937,878</b>             |                             |
| Program FTE             | 0.00                         | 0.00                        | 0.00                         | 0.00                        |
| <b>Program Revenues</b> |                              |                             |                              |                             |
| Total Revenue:          | <b>\$0</b>                   | <b>\$0</b>                  | <b>\$0</b>                   | <b>\$0</b>                  |

**Explanation of Revenues**

Funded with \$937,878 of one-time-only general funds.

**Significant Program Changes**

Last year this program was: