

Lead Agency: County Human Services

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs: 25139, 25145, 25149, 25151, 25154

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Sexual Minority Youth Services (SMYS) program offers counseling, skill building and support services to over 300 sexual minority youth. Its direct service impact is enhanced through technical assistance and training to approximately 500 SUN Service System, school and other direct service staff so that they may work more effectively with sexual minority youth. SMYS is part of the SUN Service System, a countywide integrated and coordinated system of care for school-aged youth and their families.

Program Description

The SMYS program utilizes two primary strategies: 1) providing direct services and a safe place in which sexual minority youth can feel comfortable and participate in supportive services that reflect their unique needs (70% of the program); and 2) enhancing the understanding and skill levels of community providers to provide competent and relevant services to sexual minority youth (30% of the program).

Due to difficulties with family, peers and the broader community, sexual minority youth often experience isolation and stigmatization, resulting in higher rates of emotional distress, homelessness, school drop outs, suicide attempts, risky sexual behavior and substance abuse. This program provides a safe place for 300 youth to go for support and services that are culturally relevant and responsive; it directly supports the operation and service delivery at the Sexual Minority Youth Resource Center. The program fosters increased school retention and success; last year 97% of youth served re-enrolled or remained in school. In addition to the direct service impact, nearly 99% of training participants reported an increased knowledge of SMY issues and competency in serving these youth.

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	# youth served in counseling and Resource Center services	343	300	300	300
Outcome	% youth accessing services at the SMYRC that remain in or re-enroll in school ¹	97.0%	60.0%	60.0%	60.0%

Performance Measure - Description

Measures were changed for FY 2010 to better capture program participation. The measure "Of the youth receiving therapy/case management services, the % who report reduction in at-risk behaviors by the time of exit" has been dropped due to small sample size.

¹ The outcome "% of SMYRC youth who re-enroll or remain in school" has been revised slightly to "% of youth accessing services at the SMYRC that remain in or re-enroll in school". This latter change will be measured on more youth than the previous measure.

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

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2010	2010	2011	2011
Contracts	\$104,843	\$0	\$106,940	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$104,843	\$0	\$106,940	\$0
Program Total:	\$104,843		\$106,940	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

\$106,940 - County General Fund Subsidy

Significant Program Changes**Last year this program was:**

This program offer includes a 2% inflationary increase of \$ 2,097 over FY10 for the County General Fund portion of contracted client services.