

Lead Agency: Community Justice

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: Measure 5 Education

Executive Summary

Youth Development Services (YDS) provides a continuum of services to connect probation youth with education and employment and develop pro-social thinking and behavior. Evidence shows these connections and skills contribute to youth becoming successful, self-sufficient, crime-free adults. YDS provides educational assessments, credit recovery, GED preparation/referrals, educational advocacy and liaison functions with local school districts, employment services and cognitive behavioral skill building courses. Programming includes school reconnection for 200 youth, behavioral and academic school reentry programming for 150 youth, employment readiness training and work experience for 100 youth and cognitive-behavioral skill building courses for 200 youth. This program serves the highest risk youth in the juvenile justice system.

Program Description

YDS provides structure, supervision, assessment, cognitive behavioral interventions, skill building, educational supports and other services for high risk probation youth who typically are not enrolled in an educational setting and are predominately youth of color. The School Reconnection program addresses the concerns that research has shown: a lack of education is a key factor in whether or not youth are able to leave the justice system successfully. YDS counselors will serve as school liaisons, collaborating with family and other stakeholders to facilitate educational services and appropriate educational placement. A partnership with Multnomah Education Service District provides academic programming to prepare youth for school reentry using regionally-accepted academic assessments, literacy programming and credit retrieval. Cognitive behavioral interventions combined with employment readiness training gives youth the skills necessary to be successful in the community. Day and evening sessions will accommodate up to 12 youth each.

Budgetary constraints continue to challenge our ability to provide consistent, positive interventions for our highest risk youth. These added components of YDS will provide an alternative for addressing over-representation of youth of color in the juvenile system while reducing recidivism. Approximately 55% of our highest risk youth are youth of color. Most of these youth are not enrolled in an educational program. YDS will provide a structured environment offering cognitive behavioral interventions and skill building activities to address conflict resolution and cultural awareness; educational assessment, placement, referral, and advocacy; and job readiness training and internship placement.

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	Percent of youth attending school for a minimum of 60 days	75.0%	0.0%	70.0%	70.0%
Outcome	Percent of youth reconnected to school	88.0%	75.0%	85.0%	85.0%

Performance Measure - Description

✔ **Measure Changed**

Output is new.

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

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2010	2010	2011	2011
Personnel	\$808,374	\$328,803	\$756,189	\$427,769
Contracts	\$18,268	\$0	\$42,136	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$29,187	\$0	\$20,068	\$884
Internal Services	\$54,404	\$30,710	\$15,886	\$36,390
Total GF/non-GF:	\$910,233	\$359,513	\$834,279	\$465,043
Program Total:	\$1,269,746		\$1,299,322	
Program FTE	8.74	3.76	7.60	4.20
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$21,766	\$0	\$29,104	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$359,513	\$0	\$465,043
Total Revenue:	\$21,766	\$359,513	\$29,104	\$465,043

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund plus State Juvenile Crime Prevention (JCP) \$303,775; Portland Public School Grant \$161,268.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #50016B, Juvenile Accountability and Educational Support

During fiscal year 2010, two positions were transferred to this program from Juvenile Detention. For fiscal year 2011, one position has been cut.