

Lead Agency: Community Justice

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

By providing reintegration and supportive services for 3000 offenders deemed high risk and violent (including psychopaths, predatory sex offenders and persons with special needs), the Transition Services Unit (TSU) reduces the offender's risk to reoffend. Services provided include: housing, access to medical benefits, mental health services and substance abuse treatment. Meeting with the offenders prior to their release ("Reach In") reduces the abscond rate for post-prison releases in Multnomah County to less than one percent.

Program Description

In addition to providing stabilizing services after release, TSU also works with incarcerated offenders to provide re-entry planning up to 120 days prior to their release. This process is facilitated by in-custody interviews, known as "Reach Ins." Potential risks are identified during Reach Ins, allowing for the development of appropriate supervision plans and services which are in place by the time of the offender's release.

TSU supports community safety by initiating supervision planning prior to an offender's release from custody and working to ensure the offender has some measure of stability upon release. Research shows an offender is most likely to reoffend within the community at the time of release from prison (re-entry) due to the culture shock of transitioning from an extremely controlled environment to one that allows and requires people to make decisions for themselves (VERA Institute of Justice 2000). DCJ data show that clients who receive TSU services have a lower recidivism rate than those without services. DCJ data also show that TSU clients have a longer "time to fail" rate than clients who do not receive services, meaning that clients with out transitional services who re-enter the community are arrested much sooner than TSU clients.

TSU data shows that while the overall abscond rate among high risk offenders is 15 percent, the abscond rate of offenders receiving TSU services is three times less at 5 percent. TSU data also shows 87 percent of high-risk, high need offenders were able to move into stable housing, obtain employment, complete their GED and/or obtain entitlements if eligible.

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	Number of service episodes provided	10,200	0	10,200	10,200
Outcome	Percent of offenders with reach in services who report within 14 days of release	99.0%	99.0%	99.0%	99.0%

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	\$438,928	\$0	\$460,004	\$0
Contracts	\$23,898	\$0	\$20,462	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$83,256	\$92,203	\$83,256	\$97,918
Internal Services	\$27,004	\$8,612	\$26,783	\$8,314
Total GF/non-GF:	\$573,086	\$100,815	\$590,505	\$106,232
Program Total:	\$673,901		\$696,737	
Program FTE	5.00	0.00	5.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$6,104	\$0	\$6,649	\$0
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$5,000	\$0	\$3,500	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$100,815	\$0	\$106,232
Total Revenue:	\$11,104	\$100,815	\$10,149	\$106,232

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund - offset by Transitional Housing Rental Revenue \$3,500 deposited to General Fund plus State Department of Corrections \$106,232.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #50028, DCJ Adult Transition and Re-Entry Services