

Lead Agency: County Human Services

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Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: Out of Target

Executive Summary

This offer provides a full time domestic violence (DV) prevention specialist at each of the six high schools in Multnomah County in conjunction with the on-site SUN School activities. The specialists will provide dating/domestic violence (DDV) prevention education to approximately 500 students annually, direct services to 100 students impacted by DV and will provide technical assistance to teachers, counselors, and parents.

Program Description

Multnomah County makes a significant investment in intervening in DV among the adult population, through funding for victim services and dedicated prosecution and offender supervision units, and protocols and practices that assure that DV offenders are kept in jail when possible and appropriate. However, the county has no specific funding for early prevention among a population that is at high risk for intimate partner or dating violence.

The following statistics illustrate the high need for prevention and intervention during the teen years:

- One in five high school students report intimate partner violence and/or sexual assault by a dating partner;
- 40% of teenage girls report knowing someone their age who has been hit or beaten by a boyfriend;
- 33% of teenage girls report experiencing physical violence by a dating partner;
- Date rape accounts for almost 70% of sexual assaults reported by adolescents;
- Females 16-24 are at higher risk for intimate partner violence than any other age group, at a rate almost triple the national average; and
- High school-aged victims and abusers attribute the responsibility for the violence to the victim, caused by provocation by the girl, her personality or need for affection.

Despite this clear evidence that the problem is widespread, a survey of parents indicated that a large majority (81%) did not believe it was an issue, and more than half had not spoken to their child about dating violence.

Existing prevention services offered by local programs are, in general, funded by private donations or short-term grants. Their experience indicates a clear need for services at this level. This offer will provide on-going early intervention/ prevention services to this vulnerable population.

This program offer aligns with County Resolution 00-149 (Domestic Violence Policy), which directs the county to "develop effective and integrated responses to domestic violence," and with the School Age Policy Framework and the SUN Service System. It also responds to the Auditor's Special Report observation that there is a need for more collaboration and for prevention services.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY09-10)	Current Year Purchased (FY10-11)	Current Year Estimate (FY10-11)	Next Year Offer (FY11-12)
Output	# students receiving education or intervention on DV or dating violence ¹	0	0	0	500
Outcome	% of students demonstrating improved understanding of DV ²	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	80.0%

Performance Measure - Description

¹ Number of students attending an educational session presented by the DDV Specialist and/or invited speaker relating to dating or domestic violence.

² Of those students receiving DDV education, 80% will show increased knowledge about DDV following an education session based on pre-session and post-session tests administered at the time of the session.

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

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2011	2011	2012	2012
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$86,340	\$0
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$330,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$23,866	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$7,837	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$448,043	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$448,043	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

\$448,043 – County General Fund Subsidy

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

NEW PROGRAM -- Currently there are no DV specific prevention funds or programs in the county.