

Lead Agency: County Human Services

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Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request, Out of Target

Executive Summary

This program offer requests one-time-only funding to develop and implement a culturally-specific pregnancy prevention program for girls and young women who are homeless. Approximately 100 young women will be served and an estimated 50% of those served will not become pregnant while in the program.

Program Description

A disturbing new trend has emerged among homeless young women. Providers in the Homeless Youth System (HYS) report alarming increases in the number young women who pregnant. Street outreach workers report that because when pregnant, women can sometimes experience small instances of respite from the realities of streetlife - access to additional services, prioritization in receiving services, courtesy and positive attention from service providers and among homeless youth themselves, a type of cachet around being pregnant has developed. In addition, young homeless women are becoming pregnant for all the reasons other teens do - desire to parent, past child sexual abuse, early sexual activity, ignorance, etc.

In the past year at least two HYS clients have given birth and within a short period of time brought the child to service providers to place them into the care of others. Infants living in these families bear double the risks - those associated with having teen parents and those associated with homelessness.

A national search showed no pregnancy prevention curricula culturally competent for use with homeless youth.

Building upon existing evidence-based teen prevention curricula, a culturally-specific model for homeless youth will be developed. This model will be implemented and tested with homeless young women currently receiving services through the HYS.

If successful, the HYS will refocus current assertive engagement services to align with the new model with the expectation that over time, rates of pregnancy will decrease.

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	# of girls served	0	0	0	100
Outcome	% of girls served who do not become pregnant while in the program	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%

Performance Measure - Description

Legal/Contractual Obligation

N/A

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2011	2011	2012	2012
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$250,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

\$250,000 - County General Fund

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: