

Lead Agency: Community Justice

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

This three year project has just completed its first year of addressing the commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC). The project provides a victim-centered coordinated response in Multnomah County through a victim advocate who coordinates efforts and trainings on behalf of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). The goals of OJJDP are to identify exploited youth and youth at risk for exploitation; actively investigate and prosecute cases where adults have exploited children; and intervene appropriately with youth and compassionately serve victims. The Department of Community Justice (DCJ) Community Response to CSEC is a collaborative project with the Portland Police Bureau, the Sexual Assault Resource Center (SARC), Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Anti-Trafficking Task Force, the FBI, the State of Oregon Department of Human Services and other community providers.

Program Description

The commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) has become a prevalent problem in Multnomah County in recent years. Because the I-5 corridor passes directly through Portland, this city is an easy transport artery for CSEC victims and illegal drugs. Runaways from Oregon, Idaho and Southwest Washington migrate to downtown Portland. Traffickers and exploiters realize these young people are desperate for food and shelter and therefore coax or manipulate them into exchanging sex acts for money.

Local, state and federal law enforcement agencies in Multnomah County have worked on over 55 sex trafficking cases involving both domestic and international victims. This is believed to be only a fraction of suspected activity in Oregon.

This project (being grant funded by OJJDP) is helping expose and derail this once flourishing "business". However, Multnomah County still faces three main challenges. First, both service providers and law enforcement professionals must be trained to identify and refer victims for assistance. Second, trafficking victims themselves are often unaware they are victims of a federal crime and as such, entitled to benefits. A third challenge is to develop resources within the youth services continuum that address the needs of this population. A comprehensive victim services plan has been developed, but full implementation is reliant upon funding and community partnership. The objectives of the program are to:

- 1) Maintain a full-time Program Coordinator for Multnomah County's response to victims of CSEC;
- 2) Contract with a full-time Program Advocate and volunteers to provide 24-hour crisis responses to an estimated 70 CSEC youth annually;
- 3) Offer CSEC training to hundreds of individuals from at least 50 local agencies; and
- 4) Hold steering committee meetings at least quarterly, so that partners may conduct assessments of service needs and gaps, collect and provide data about the number of CSEC youth within Multnomah County.

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	Number of CSEC youth receiving advocacy services	57	50	125	125
Outcome	Number of community agencies that have received CSEC training	50	0	50	50

Performance Measure - Description

 **Measure Changed**

Outcome is new.

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	\$101,665	\$0	\$105,508
Contracts	\$0	\$71,284	\$0	\$70,557
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$10,700	\$0	\$7,589
Internal Services	\$0	\$15,592	\$0	\$20,251
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$199,241	\$0	\$203,905
Program Total:	\$199,241		\$203,905	
Program FTE	0.00	1.00	0.00	1.00
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$12,470	\$0	\$14,725	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$199,241	\$0	\$203,905
Total Revenue:	\$12,470	\$199,241	\$14,725	\$203,905

Explanation of Revenues

US Dept of Justice Grant for Intervention into the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children \$203,905. Award period is 9/1/2009 - 8/31/2012.

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

50010 DCJ Community Response to Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children