

**Lead Agency:** County Human Services

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**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating

**Related Programs:**

**Program Characteristics:**

### Executive Summary

The Sexual Minority Youth Services (SMYS) program offers counseling, skill building and support services to over 800 sexual minority youth. Its direct service impact is enhanced through technical assistance and training to approximately 500 SUN Service System, school and other direct service staff so that they may work more effectively with sexual minority youth. SMYS is part of the SUN Service System, a countywide integrated and coordinated system of care for school-aged youth and their families.

### Program Description

The SMYS program utilizes two primary strategies: 1) providing direct services and a safe place in which sexual minority youth can feel comfortable and participate in supportive services that reflect their unique needs (70% of the program); and 2) enhancing the understanding and skill levels of community providers to provide competent and relevant services to sexual minority youth (30% of the program).

Due to difficulties with family, peers and the broader community, sexual minority youth often experience isolation and stigmatization, resulting in higher rates of emotional distress, homelessness, school drop outs, suicide attempts, risky sexual behavior and substance abuse. This program provides a safe place for over 800 youth to go for support and services that are culturally relevant and responsive; it directly supports the operation and service delivery at the Sexual Minority Youth Resource Center. The program fosters increased school retention and success; last year 92% of youth served re-enrolled or remained in school. In addition to the direct service impact, nearly 97% of training participants reported an increased knowledge of SMY issues and competency in serving these youth.

### Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY10-11)	Current Year Purchased (FY11-12)	Current Year Estimate (FY11-12)	Next Year Offer (FY12-13)
Output	Number of youth served in counseling and Resource Center services <sup>1</sup>	561	300	300	300
Outcome	% of youth accessing services at the SMYRC who remain in or re-enroll in school	87.0%	90.0%	90.0%	90.0%

### Performance Measure - Description

<sup>1</sup> Overperformance of target number due to high volume of youth who drop into the SMYRC, and contractor reports all of them to us, not just the amount we purchase.

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

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2012	2012	2013	2013
Contracts	\$106,940	\$0	\$109,614	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	<b>\$106,940</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$109,614</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Program Total:	<b>\$106,940</b>		<b>\$109,614</b>	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Program Revenues</b>				
Total Revenue:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Explanation of Revenues**

\$109,614 - County General Fund

**Significant Program Changes**

Last year this program was: #25155, Services for Sexual Minority Youth