

**Lead Agency:** Community Justice

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**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating

**Related Programs:**

**Program Characteristics:** Backfill State/Federal/Grant, Out of Target

### Executive Summary

The three year Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) project is scheduled to end two months into FY 2013. An assigned Collaboration Specialist has been responsible for orchestrating the multi-jurisdictional system collaborative process that includes social services leaders, elected officials, state policy makers, criminal justice system representatives, citizens and survivors. The Collaboration Specialist oversees the monthly CSEC Steering Committee meetings (chaired by County Commissioner Diane McKeel), and eight designated workgroups. The goals of the grant funded project include: a) identify exploited youth and youth at risk for exploitation; b) actively investigate and prosecute cases where adults have exploited children; and c) intervene appropriately with youth and compassionately serve victims. The Department of Community Justice (DCJ) works closely with the Department of County Human Services (DCHS). DCHS is submitting a program offer to continue funding for the current shelter and for assertive engagement case management for young children being sexually exploited. This offer is for the continuance of one full time Collaboration Specialist.

### Program Description

The commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) is a prevalent problem in Multnomah County. 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 prey upon and manipulate young people who are desperate for food and shelter. Local and federal law enforcement agencies in Multnomah County have worked on over 200 sex trafficking cases (fraction of the activity in Oregon) involving both domestic and international victims. This project is helping expose and derail this once flourishing "business".

This project began because concerned professionals felt the metropolitan area needed a more strategic and coordinated approach to ending the CSEC. Over the last two and a half years, joint efforts have created a coordinated victim-centered system response. The work is not yet over, as Multnomah County still faces two main challenges. First, service providers and law enforcement professionals must continue to be trained and educated on the evolving sophistication of perpetrators, as well as how to assist victims. Secondly, trafficking victims themselves need information and support services in order to successfully remove themselves from the paralyzing grasp of pimps/traffickers. A comprehensive victim services plan has been developed, but full implementation is reliant upon funding and community partnerships.

The main objectives for this next year include:

- 1) Improve the recognition of CSEC and collaborative response to CSEC;
- 2) Continue to provide support and leadership for the eight specialized CSEC workgroups;
- 3) Continue implementing a comprehensive plan to end the demand for CSEC in Multnomah County;
- 4) Offer CSEC training to hundreds of individuals from 50+ local agencies. Focus on raising awareness within the community and faith groups; and
- 5) Develop and deliver training for first responders (EMT, Fire, ER staff and school resource officers).

### 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 CSEC youth receiving advocacy services	267	125	250	200
Outcome	Number of community agencies that have received training	112	50	100	100

### Performance Measure - Description

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2012	2012	2013	2013
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$89,852	\$0
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$3,216	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$93,068	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$93,068	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.83	0.00
Program Revenues				
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: