

Lead Agency: County Human Services

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs: 25138A

Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

Runaway Youth Services provide a 24/7 Reception Center, crisis line, shelter, support services, family counseling and reunification services, and gender-specific transitional housing services for approximately 1,600 youth ages 12-17 who have run away, or who are at risk of running away, as well as their families, 85% of those served return home or to another stable living environment at exit from service.

Due to reorganization at the state level, funding to maintain current service levels is unknown at this time. If expected funding were to be redirected, the ability to provide current services will be compromised. This program offer requests \$161,132 of pass-through to maintain current service level.

Program Description

Runaway Youth Services include: Reception Center - a collaboration among law enforcement, DCJ and DHS - to directly receive from officers, youth found to have committed minor status offenses such as curfew violation, truancy, etc. as an alternative to detention. The Center is co-located with runaway crisis response services, creating a countywide "child receiving center" for youth up to age 18.

Crisis Line - 24/7 youth and family help line that serves as a central access point for services. Telephone intervention and face-to-face, drop-in intervention are also available. This is the only community-based resource for runaway youth and families in the County.

Emergency Shelter - shelter and emergency assistance in an 11-bed, co-ed group home with services focused on family reunification. Youth receive food, safety from the street, medical care, transportation and case management services. Shelter services operate within a 72-hour intervention timeline. Research shows that the longer a young person is separated from family (where no abuse is present), the potential for eventual reunification decreases and further involvement in the child welfare system increases.

Support Services/Case Management - intake; assessment; individual service plans targeting family reunification; addiction treatment referrals; mental health counseling; and family mediation.

Gender Specific Transitional Housing provides two beds for girls in a group home setting. Research shows that a single gender environment results in better self-sufficiency outcomes for young women.

Services successfully impact detention reform efforts and reduce the number of children entering the child welfare system. County investment in RYS is leveraged by investments from law enforcement, the juvenile justice system and DHS. When families are able to appropriately raise their children at home, community resources are not depleted.

Performance Measures

| Measure Type | Primary Measure | Previous Year Actual (FY11-12) | Current Year Purchased (FY12-13) | Current Year Estimate (FY12-13) | Next Year Offer (FY13-14) |
|--------------|---|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Output | # of youth and families served | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,002 |
| Outcome | % of youth served who return home or exit to other stable housing | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 85.0% |

Performance Measure - Description

Stable housing can describe being in DHS custody which could include foster or group home placement, but most youth are reunited with family.

Total number served is not increased as a result of funding this program offer.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

N/A

Revenue/Expense Detail

| | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Program Expenses | 2013 | 2013 | 2014 | 2014 |
| Contracts | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$161,132 |
| Total GF/non-GF: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$161,132 |
| Program Total: | \$0 | | \$161,132 | |
| Program FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Program Revenues | | | | |
| Intergovernmental | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$161,132 |
| Total Revenue: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$161,132 |

Explanation of Revenues

\$161,132 - OCCF Youth Investment: Based on OCCF estimated funding

Significant Program Changes **Significantly Changed****Last year this program was:** #25138A, Runaway Youth Services

The state funding to maintain the FY13 level of service is shown on this scaled offer.