

Lead Agency: Community Justice
Program Offer Type: Program Alternative /
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: In Target

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Executive Summary

Almost 4,000 individuals were admitted to the Department of Community Justice (DCJ) during FY 2013. The Assessment and Referral Center (ARC) combines in-custody interviews, intakes (post prison and probation) and specialized services for those released from state and local custody. Enhanced services will reduce duplication of efforts and increase the amount of screenings, referrals, and re-entry services available when an individual is first placed on supervision. These "up-front" coordinated and immediate services should increase motivation of clients to change and be a contributing factor to reduced criminal activity.

Program Description

DCJ's strategic plan includes additional and enhanced initial assessments, referrals and re-entry services for individuals sentenced to probation or post-prison supervision. For the last six months of FY 2013, a group of DCJ and Information Technology staff has used the equity lens to begin the redesign of processes that support this goal.

The individuals being supervised by DCJ use a standardized tool for assisting staff with predicting the risk of clients re-offending. The ARC staff will perform improved and additional assessments for individuals considered high risk to reoffend to determine which strategies and services are most appropriate to reduce risk. Our hypothesis is that the increase of initial assessments, referrals and re-entry services will reduce re-offending. In addition to paid staff, these services will be increased through the assistance of graduate students.

ARC staff meets with the majority of offenders prior to their release from prison (reach-in visits). This practice reduces the abscond rate for post-prison releases in Multnomah County. Potential risks and strengths are identified during reach-in sessions, allowing for the development of appropriate supervision plans and preparation for potential roadblocks that could impede an offender's successful transition. In addition to state custody, this practice includes some offenders in local jails.

Short- and long-term housing/shelter is provided to 262 high risk and disabled offenders a day using several community contracted agencies. Providing housing to offenders is cost-effective. It costs approximately \$37.37 per day to house an offender in transitional housing, as compared to \$80.00 to \$170.00 per day to keep an offender incarcerated. In addition to housing, ARC staff will facilitate access to a variety of physical and behavioral health services.

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 | Average number of offenders housed monthly | 248 | 0 | 220 | 220 |
| Outcome | Percent of offenders that do not abscond first 6 months of prison release | 86.5% | 0.0% | 80.5% | 85.0% |
| Outcome | Percent of offenders that are not revoked first 6 months from prison release | 81.8% | 0.0% | 89.9% | 85.0% |
| Outcome | Percent of offenders employed during first 6 months of prison release | 8.0% | 0.0% | 10.6% | 10.0% |

Performance Measure - Description

✔ Measure Changed

New measures.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Revenue/Expense Detail

| | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Program Expenses | 2013 | 2013 | 2014 | 2014 |
| Personnel | \$0 | \$2,968,701 | \$66,433 | \$3,141,589 |
| Contracts | \$1,144,773 | \$479,352 | \$1,183,919 | \$348,012 |
| Materials & Supplies | \$261,408 | \$59,901 | \$253,407 | \$95,543 |
| Internal Services | \$16,215 | \$336,361 | \$19,679 | \$401,346 |
| Total GF/non-GF: | \$1,422,396 | \$3,844,315 | \$1,523,438 | \$3,986,490 |
| Program Total: | \$5,266,711 | | \$5,509,928 | |
| Program FTE | 0.00 | 29.67 | 0.51 | 30.49 |
| Program Revenues | | | | |
| Indirect for dep't Admin | \$266,188 | \$0 | \$325,300 | \$0 |
| Fees, Permits & Charges | \$0 | \$5,350 | \$0 | \$4,475 |
| Intergovernmental | \$0 | \$3,838,965 | \$0 | \$3,982,015 |
| Total Revenue: | \$266,188 | \$3,844,315 | \$325,300 | \$3,986,490 |

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund plus State Department of Corrections (DOC) \$3,861,911. This is the budgeted amount for the first half of the FY13-15 biennium; Interstate Compact fees from clients \$4,475 per ORS 423.570. This is a one-time-only fee set at \$50 per Board Resolution for clients applying to be supervised in another state; State Treatment Transition Program \$55,535. This is the budgeted amount for the first half of the FY13-15 biennium; US Dept of Justice JAG Grant \$64,569. Grant ends 9/30/2013, but anticipating grant will be renewed for another year.

Significant Program Changes

✔ Significantly Changed

Last year this program was:

This is a new program offer for FY14 - combining programs in FY13 offer 50039 - Adult Transition and Re-Entry Services and some of the services that were part of offer 50041A-Adult Field Services-High Risk Generic Supervision. This program is being created as part of our Strategic plan with goal to increase initial assessments, referrals and re-entry services to our clients. This programs offer reflects a net increase of 1.33 FTE; during FY 2013 0.33 FTE transferred from another DCJ program, in FY 2014 a new 1.00 FTE Clinical Coordinator and a new 1.00 FTE Office Assistant 2 is added, a 1.00 FTE Corrections Counselor is eliminated.