

**Department:** County Human Services      **Program Contact:** Rose-Ellen Bak  
**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating Program      **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:** In Target

**Executive Summary**

Domestic Violence Crisis Services improve the quality of life for victims who are currently fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence. Individuals attempting to flee domestic violence need access to the type and level of service they desire when the time is right for them. This offer funds the Defending Childhood Initiative (DCI) which provides technical assistance and staffing to coordinate efforts that recognize, respond to and prevent childhood exposure to violence and trauma.

**Program Summary**

**ISSUE:** Domestic violence is a leading cause of children's exposure to violence and is associated with increased risk for exposure to multiple forms of violence.

**PROGRAM GOAL:** The goal of the Defending Childhood Initiative is to eliminate children's exposure to violence and to promote healthy relationships.

**PROGRAM ACTIVITY:** Preventing children and youth exposure to violence and providing a strong response to violence are complex goals that require multiple, informed solutions. The Defending Childhood Initiative works with partners from a variety of service systems to enhance professionals' capacity to recognize, respond to and prevent childhood exposure to all forms of violence and trauma.

Defending Childhood Initiative activities include:

1. Provide professional development and training to ensure that professionals who spend time with children and youth, such as teachers and daycare providers, have the tools and skills to recognize and respond to childhood exposure to violence in a way that is trauma informed and culturally competent.
2. Collaborate with mental health, education, health care, early childhood, human services, juvenile justice, etc. professionals and partners to ensure that policies and programs are developed to best support children, youth and families impacted by violence and trauma.
3. Public awareness campaigns to highlight the issue of childhood exposure to violence so that communities are educated and possess the tools needed to prevent violence from happening.
4. Collaboration with other departments and systems to coordinate prevention and response efforts around childhood exposure to violence including LPSCC, Health Department, Dept of Community Justice, all local school districts and local social service providers.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY16 Actual	FY17 Purchased	FY17 Estimate	FY18 Offer
Output	# of child and youth-serving professionals trained to recognize and respond to childhood exposure to violence	1598	700	700	700
Outcome	% of trainees who increase their knowledge of the impact of domestic violence on children.	N/A	N/A	N/A	85%

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2017	2017	2018	2018
Personnel	\$0	\$285,694	\$0	\$132,529
Contractual Services	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$130,000
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$24,733	\$0	\$11,305
Internal Services	\$0	\$79,719	\$0	\$41,302
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$390,146</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$315,136</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$440,146</b>		<b>\$315,136</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	0.00	1.80	0.00	1.17

Program Revenues				
Indirect for Dept. Admin	\$17,256	\$0	\$21,440	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$390,146	\$0	\$315,136
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$17,256</b>	<b>\$390,146</b>	<b>\$21,440</b>	<b>\$315,136</b>

Explanation of Revenues

\$315,136 OJJDP DCI Safe & Thriving based on current grant award

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2017: 25045 Defending Childhood Initiative

Eliminates 1.0 FTE Research and Evaluation Analyst 2 position due to reduced funding as part of ending Defending Childhood grant. Adds .3 FTE program specialist to support the new Defending Childhood Safe and Thriving Communities grant. Eliminates \$50,000 funding for the TOSA program.