

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Ebony Clarke
Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested
Related Programs: 25075A
Program Characteristics: Measure 5 Education, Out of Target

Executive Summary

The system of care built and maintained by Multnomah County must reflect the demographics of those we serve. Targeted outreach and care coordination to youth of color is imperative to ensure that all members of our community have effective treatment options. Outreach and engagement services are critical elements of treatment for youth and families who may be experiencing challenges utilizing treatment services.

Program Summary

This program offer requests ongoing County General Fund dollars to add culturally responsive capacity. The goal is to increase mental health services to culturally specific groups who experience barriers to access including African American children and youth as well as other people of color. If funded, this position would assist youth by increasing the utilization of services and their ability to understand treatment needs through mastering coping skills, strategies and techniques to better manage mental health symptoms.

The program offer would provide Multnomah County School Based Mental Health services the ability to provide culturally responsive outreach dedicated to African American/Black children and youth as well as other children of color to coordinate services and supports to dissolve barriers that inhibit engagement and retention in mental health services. This will complement the addition of a School Based Mental Health Consultant with a Spanish speaking requirement that is funded through a grant for increased access to mental health services through School Based Health Clinics. The grant will fund the position through 6/30/2015. The demographics of Multnomah County are following national trends of an increasing proportion of the population are people of color. Our current staff by an overwhelming percentage, continue to represent the historic Caucasian dominant culture. The demographics of current student referrals show 47% report race or ethnicity other than White or Caucasian, of which 15% are African American/Black and 23.8% are Latino. This addition will assist in changing this trend and add to the diversification of our staff and provide opportunities for the acquisition of experience within Multnomah County which will aide the person for future hiring recruitment for mental health consultants.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY13 Actual	FY14 Purchased	FY14 Estimate	FY15 Offer
Output	Number of additional referrals for school based mental health services for African American children	-	-	-	100
Outcome	Increase in enrollment and retention of African American children, youth and families of color in services	-	-	-	50%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2014	2014	2015	2015
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$64,172	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$64,172	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$64,172	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

\$64,712 - County General Fund

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: