



**Program #25131B - YFS - Peer Navigators** FY 2025 Department Requested

**Department:** County Human Services **Program Contact:** Rachel Pearl  
**Program Offer Type:** Operating **Program Offer Stage:** Department Requested  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:** In Target

**Executive Summary**

Economically disadvantaged people and people of color are 20x more likely to be incarcerated, and even a single arrest can lead to the loss of housing, jobs, children, benefits, and education, creating immediate and intergenerational trauma. Incarceration causes irrevocable harm to about 70 million Americans, exacerbates inequity, and does not make our communities safer. Defense based case managers will provide necessary support to these individuals.

**Program Description**

**ISSUE:**  
 Individuals charged with a crime in Multnomah County often have a high level of need for services. While the type will differ for each client, the most common stabilizing services include housing (temporary, short-term, and long-term), behavioral health, medical, employment, and family/child care. However, given the scarcity of these services, as well as the complexities of accessing them, most clients will not engage with them without assistance.

**PROGRAM GOAL:**  
 Defense-based case managers are uniquely situated to provide that type of support to pretrial clients. In addition to assurances of confidentiality, defense-based case managers can effectively engage clients through shared experience. Case managers with lived experience and/or prior system involvement can connect with clients in ways that system actors, and even defense counsel cannot. They can offer clients advice based on their own struggles with substances, plug clients into existing recovery support networks, and overcome barriers of distrust and skepticism of the criminal legal system. Including a defense-based case manager in the process allows service coordination engagement at the outset of the criminal case.

**PROGRAM ACTIVITY:**  
 The case manager will inquire about service needs and assist the client in accessing them. A strengths and needs evaluation can be conducted quickly and will assess all of the relevant service needs for each client. Depending on the client's needs, the information collected can be used for immediate referrals to services or be passed along to the defense attorney appointed for future referrals and/or release planning.

**Performance Measures**

| Measure Type | Performance Measure                                       | FY23 Actual | FY24 Budgeted | FY24 Estimate | FY25 Target |
|--------------|---|-------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| Output       | Number of clients connected to Peer Support Case Managers | 253         | 200           | 253           | 200         |
| Outcome      | Percent of clients have been connected to services        | 63%         | 75%           | 65%           | 75%         |

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

FY23-24 Program got a late start. Should have an increase now that staff are in place.

Revenue/Expense Detail

|                        | Adopted<br>General Fund | Adopted<br>Other Funds | Department<br>Requested<br>General Fund | Department<br>Requested<br>Other Funds |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---|--|
| Program Expenses       | 2024                    | 2024                   | 2025                                    | 2025                                   |
| Contractual Services   | \$550,517               | \$0                    | \$568,684                               | \$0                                    |
| <b>Total GF/non-GF</b> | <b>\$550,517</b>        | <b>\$0</b>             | <b>\$568,684</b>                        | <b>\$0</b>                             |
| <b>Program Total:</b>  | <b>\$550,517</b>        |                        | <b>\$568,684</b>                        |  |
| Program FTE            | 0.00                    | 0.00                   | 0.00                                    | 0.00                                   |

| Program Revenues     |            |            |            |            |
|----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Total Revenue</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> |

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2024: 25131B YFS - Peer Navigators