

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

**Executive Summary**

The Runaway Youth Services unit provides a 24/7 Reception Center, crisis line, shelter, support services, family counseling and reunification services, and gender-specific transitional housing services for approximately 2,500 youth ages 12-17 who have run away, or who are at risk of running away, as well as their families. County investment in Runaway Youth Services 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.

**Program Summary**

This program is a collaboration among DCHS, DCJ, and DHS. Eighty-five percent of those served return home or to another stable living environment at exit from service. 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 and truancy, 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. In FY16, funding was available to expand Reception Center services into Gresham. This work is done in partnership with the Gresham Police Department and other local agencies, reflecting the increase in poverty and the high need for youth services in East County.

**Crisis Line** - 24/7 youth and family help line that serves as a central access point for services. Telephone and face-to-face intervention is also available. This is the only community-based resource for runaway youth and families in the County and fielded 1,800 calls in FY15.

**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.

**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** - 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.

**Performance Measures**

| Measure Type | Primary Measure   | FY15 Actual | FY16 Purchased | FY16 Estimate | FY17 Offer |
|--------------|---|-------------|----------------|---------------|------------|
| Output       | Number of youth and families served   | 2500        | 2500           | 2500          | 2,500      |
| Outcome      | Percentage of youth served who return home or exit to other stable housing <sup>1</sup> | 85%         | 85%            | 74%           | 85%        |

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

<sup>1</sup> Stable housing can be defined as being in DHS custody, which could include foster or group home placement, but most youth are reunited with family.

**Legal / Contractual Obligation**

N/A

**Revenue/Expense Detail**

|                         | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Program Expenses</b> | <b>2016</b>           | <b>2016</b>          | <b>2017</b>           | <b>2017</b>          |
| Personnel               | \$18,196              | \$0                  | \$0                   | \$0                  |
| Contractual Services    | \$857,392             | \$142,871            | \$920,710             | \$175,000            |
| Materials & Supplies    | \$0                   | \$0                  | \$44                  | \$0                  |
| Internal Services       | \$1,196               | \$7,129              | \$1,781               | \$0                  |
| <b>Total GF/non-GF</b>  | <b>\$876,784</b>      | <b>\$150,000</b>     | <b>\$922,535</b>      | <b>\$175,000</b>     |
| <b>Program Total:</b>   | <b>\$1,026,784</b>    |                      | <b>\$1,097,535</b>    |                      |
| <b>Program FTE</b>      | 0.17                  | 0.00                 | 0.00                  | 0.00                 |

| <b>Program Revenues</b>  |                |                  |            |                  |
|--------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------|------------------|
| Indirect for Dept. Admin | \$4,463        | \$0              | \$0        | \$0              |
| Intergovernmental        | \$0            | \$150,000        | \$0        | \$175,000        |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>     | <b>\$4,463</b> | <b>\$150,000</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$175,000</b> |

**Explanation of Revenues**

\$175,000 - OCCF Youth Investment based on current grant award

**Significant Program Changes**

Last Year this program was: FY 2016: 25138-16 Runaway Youth Services (RYS)