

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

Children are entitled to grow up in an environment that preserves quality of life and provides access to education. Children who become runaways need a system of care that helps them get off the streets and into stable housing with appropriate services. 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 youth ages 12-17 who have run away, or who are at risk of running away, as well as their families.

Program Summary

ISSUE: It's estimated that over 1,000 youth run away in our community each year, due to a variety of factors including unsafe home environments, LGBTQ status, mental health or addictions issues. Unaccompanied youth living on the streets are at high risk of rape, assault and other trauma.

PROGRAM GOAL: The goal of the runaway system is to provide a safe place for runaway youth until they can reunite with family members, if possible, and to find appropriate foster care placement for those who can't return home.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: 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 - Reception is a collaboration among law enforcement, DCJ, and DHS and offers a place for officers to drop off youth that have committed minor status offenses, such as curfew violation and truancy, as an alternative to detention. Reception Centers are co-located with runaway crisis response services, creating a countywide "child receiving center" for youth up to age 18. This offer reflects a decrease in funding for reception center due to decreased utilization by police of these services.

Crisis Line - Crisis line services provide a 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.

Emergency Shelter - Specialized shelter and emergency assistance are provided 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. Services successfully impact detention reform efforts and reduce the number of children entering the child welfare system.

Performance Measures

| Measure Type | Primary Measure | FY16 Actual | FY17 Purchased | FY17 Estimate | FY18 Offer |
|--------------|--|-------------|----------------|---------------|------------|
| Output | Number of youth and families served | N/A | 2500 | 2500 | 1500 |
| Outcome | Percentage of youth served who return home or exit to other stable housing | 79% | 85% | 74% | 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 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Contractual Services | \$920,710 | \$175,000 | \$813,613 | \$175,000 |
| Materials & Supplies | \$44 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Internal Services | \$1,781 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Total GF/non-GF | \$922,535 | \$175,000 | \$813,613 | \$175,000 |
| Program Total: | \$1,097,535 | | \$988,613 | |
| Program FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

| Program Revenues | | | | |
|----------------------|------------|------------------|------------|------------------|
| Intergovernmental | \$0 | \$175,000 | \$0 | \$175,000 |
| Total Revenue | \$0 | \$175,000 | \$0 | \$175,000 |

Explanation of Revenues

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

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2017: 25138 Runaway Youth Services (RYS)

Reflects \$0.1M reduction in funding for reception center services due to decreased utilization