

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

Youth deserve to grow up in an environment that preserves quality of life and provides access to education. Youth who run away 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 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 support services for their families.

Program Summary

ISSUE: It's estimated that more than 1,000 youth run away in our community each year, due to a variety of factors including unsafe home environments, LGBTQ status, and 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 youth 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 County Human Services, Community Justice, law enforcement, and Oregon Department of Human Services Child Welfare. Eighty-five percent of those served return home or to another stable living environment at exit from service.

Services include 1) A Reception Center where officers drop off youth who 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 the Reception Center due to decreased utilization by police. 2) A 24/7 youth and family crisis line that serves as a central access point for services. 3) Specialized shelter and emergency assistance 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. Shelter services operate within a 72-hour family reunification timeline. 4) Support Services/Case Management provide intake, assessment, individual service plans targeting family reunification, addiction treatment referrals, mental health counseling, and family mediation. 5) Gender Specific Transitional Housing provides two beds for girls in a group home setting.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY17 Actual	FY18 Purchased	FY18 Estimate	FY19 Offer
Output	Number of youth and families served	107*	1500	150*	1500
Outcome	Percentage of youth served who return home or exit to other stable housing	78%	85%	74%	85%

Performance Measures Descriptions

* Program model changing to reflect reduced law enforcement usage of facility, planning underway with system partners to change model and utilize best practice

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2018	2018	2019	2019
Contractual Services	\$813,613	\$175,000	\$841,214	\$100,000
Total GF/non-GF	\$813,613	\$175,000	\$841,214	\$100,000
Program Total:	\$988,613		\$941,214	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$175,000	\$0	\$100,000
Total Revenue	\$0	\$175,000	\$0	\$100,000

Explanation of Revenues

\$100,000 - OCCF Youth Investment

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2018: 25138 YFS - Runaway Youth Services (RYS)