

Department: County Human Services

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program

Program Offer Stage: As Adopted

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Runaway Youth Services provide a 24/7 Reception Center, crisis line, shelter, support services, family counseling and reunification services, and gender-specific transitional housing services for approximately 2,108 youth ages 12-17 who have run away, or who are at risk of running away, as well as their families.

Program Summary

This program is a collaboration among DCHS, DCJ and DHS. 85% 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, truancy, etc. 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.

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

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. Research shows that the longer a young person is separated from family (where no abuse is present), the potential for eventual reunification decreases and further involvement in the child welfare system increases.

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 provides 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	FY13 Actual	FY14 Purchased	FY14 Estimate	FY15 Offer
Output	# of youth and families served	2,108	2,002	2,002	2,000
Outcome	% of youth served who return home or exit to other stable housing ¹	85%	85%	85%	85%

Performance Measures Descriptions

¹ Stable housing can describe 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
Program Expenses	2014	2014	2015	2015
Personnel	\$17,544	\$0	\$17,634	\$0
Contractual Services	\$802,034	\$161,132	\$814,474	\$161,132
Materials & Supplies	\$285	\$0	\$218	\$0
Internal Services	\$1,528	\$0	\$1,120	\$8,040
Total GF/non-GF	\$821,391	\$161,132	\$833,446	\$169,172
Program Total:	\$982,523		\$1,002,618	
Program FTE	0.17	0.00	0.17	0.00

Program Revenues				
Indirect for Dept. Admin	\$0	\$0	\$4,270	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$161,132	\$0	\$169,172
Total Revenue	\$0	\$161,132	\$4,270	\$169,172

Explanation of Revenues

\$169,172 - OCCF Youth Investment: Based on OCCF estimated funding

Significant Program Changes

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