

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Mary Li
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: In Target

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 2,936 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. 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, 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	FY14 Actual	FY15 Purchased	FY15 Estimate	FY16 Offer
Output	Number of youth and families served	2,936	2,000	2,002	2,500
Outcome	Percentage of youth served who return home or exit to other stable housing ¹	85%	85%	85%	85%

Performance Measures Descriptions

¹ 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
Program Expenses	2015	2015	2016	2016
Personnel	\$17,634	\$0	\$18,196	\$0
Contractual Services	\$814,474	\$161,132	\$832,392	\$142,871
Materials & Supplies	\$218	\$0	\$0	\$0
Internal Services	\$1,120	\$8,040	\$1,196	\$7,129
Total GF/non-GF	\$833,446	\$169,172	\$851,784	\$150,000
Program Total:	\$1,002,618		\$1,001,784	
Program FTE	0.17	0.00	0.17	0.00

Program Revenues				
Indirect for Dept. Admin	\$4,270	\$0	\$4,463	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$169,172	\$0	\$150,000
Total Revenue	\$4,270	\$169,172	\$4,463	\$150,000

Explanation of Revenues

\$150,000 - OCCF Youth Investment: Based on OCCF estimated funding

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2015: 25138A Runaway Youth Services (RYS)