

**Department:** County Human Services      **Program Contact:** Peggy Samolinski  
**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating Program      **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed  
**Related Programs:** 25138B  
**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

Youth who believe their home situation is unsafe and seek emergency shelter & supports need a system of care that helps them get off the streets and into stable housing with appropriate services. Runaway Youth Services provide a crisis line, emergency shelter, support services, family counseling and gender-specific transitional housing services for youth ages 12-17 who have run away or are at risk of running away. This current array of services does not include funding for the reception center. The Runaway Youth Services model is in a redesign process FY19 and FY 20.

**Program Summary**

**ISSUE:** More than 500 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. Youth from communities of color are not accessing the current service system. 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 cannot return home.

**PROGRAM ACTIVITY:** This current program is a collaboration among County Human Services, Community Justice, law enforcement, and Oregon Department of Human Services Child Welfare. Services include 1) A 24/7 youth and family crisis line that serves as a central access point for services. 2) 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. 3) Support Services/Case Management provide intake, assessment, individual service plans targeting family reunification, addiction treatment referrals, mental health counseling, and family mediation. 4) Gender Specific Transitional Housing provides two beds for girls in a group home setting. This FY20 program offer reduces funding by removing the reception center as a service due to not being utilized as designed.

During the latter half of FY19 and FY20, the Runaway Youth Service model will be under review and redesign with a community planning process, led by Youth & Family Services staff, en route to a competitive procurement process. The early phases of this process have included community input sessions, interviews with key stakeholders and partners, review of program performance data and research into best practice models in other communities. This review suggests gaps in current services, low shelter utilization, and lack of community awareness about how to access emergency shelter - in particular in communities of color. The Division's planning will result in a redesigned service model informed by the community and partners.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY18 Actual	FY19 Purchased	FY19 Estimate	FY20 Offer
Output	Number of youth and families served	132	125	125	125
Outcome	Percentage of youth served who return home or exit to other stable housing	70%	85%	85	85%

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

\* Program model changing and number for FY20 is an estimate; will change with system redesign.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2019	2019	2020	2020
Contractual Services	\$841,214	\$100,000	\$571,181	\$100,000
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$841,214</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$571,181</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$941,214</b>		<b>\$671,181</b>	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>

Explanation of Revenues

\$100,000 - OCCF Youth Investment

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2019: 25138-19 YFS - Runaway Youth Services (RYS)

The reception center component of this program has been removed and is submitted as a separate Program Offer 25138B.