

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Mary Li
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested
Related Programs: 25138
Program Characteristics: Backfill State/Federal/Grant, Out of Target

Executive Summary

This program offer requests \$165,000 of pass-through to maintain current service levels for Runaway Youth Services (RYS). 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. Reorganization at the State has caused funds to be procured twice in the last two years. If State funds are awarded, this program offer will not be required.

Program Summary

If current funding is not maintained, due to fixed facilities costs, emergency shelter for youth who have run away will close. As the only shelter for runaway youth in the County, this service is critical to the system of care for runaway and homeless youth. 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. Co-located with runaway crisis response services, creating a county-wide "child receiving center" up to age 18.

Crisis Line - 24/7 access to 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, referrals to treatment, mental health counseling, and family mediation.

Gender Specific Transitional Housing – two beds for girls in group home setting. Research shows that a single gender environment results in better stability outcomes for young women.

Eighty-five percent of those served return home or to another stable living environment at exit from service. Services successfully impact detention reform efforts and reduce the number of children entering the child welfare system. County investment in RYS is leveraged by investments from law enforcement, the juvenile justice system, and DHS.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY14 Actual	FY15 Purchased	FY15 Estimate	FY16 Offer
Output	Number of youth and families served	-	-	-	2,500
Outcome	Percentage of youth served who return home or exit to other stable housing	-	-	-	85%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Total number served does not increased as a result of this program offer. 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.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2015	2015	2016	2016
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$165,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$165,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$165,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was:

Reorganization at the State has caused funds to be procured twice in the last two years. The State procurement process will not be completed prior to the County's budget process. If State funds are awarded, this program offer will not be required.