

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Peggy Samolinski
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted
Related Programs: 25138A
Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

This one- time-only program offer restores an on-site reception/access function into emergency shelter for youth ages 12-17 who have run away, or who are at risk of running away. This request retains continuity with the current services provided while DCHS continues to work with community and partner organizations in completing a redesign process of the reception center program and the other system of runaway youth services for FY20.

Program Summary

ISSUE: More than 500 youth run away in our community each year, due to 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. Youth from communities of color are not accessing the current service system and overall the current system is underutilized.

PROGRAM GOAL: Provide a specific location for 24/7 on-site access to emergency shelter for youth who are seeking emergency shelter. This approach allows youth, their families, community agencies, schools and law enforcement to assist youth to be in a safe location temporarily.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: The Juvenile Reception Center (JRC) is a location where law enforcement officials may drop off youth (under the age of 18) who have committed status offenses, such as curfew violation and truancy, and other non-violent misdemeanors, as an alternative to detention. The center is a safe location where youth can await reunification with a trusted familial adult or other legal guardian. The JRC has a two-pronged goal of decreasing the harm that comes from a youth's exposure to detention for those who committed non-detainable offenses, and connecting youth and families with services to prevent further penetration into the juvenile justice system.

During the latter half of FY19 and FY20, the entire runaway youth service model is under review 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 similar 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 for 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	121	200	200	200
Outcome	Percentage of youth served who return home or exit to other stable housing	70	85	85	85

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2019	2019	2020	2020
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$303,682	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$303,682	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$303,682	
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: