

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

**Executive Summary**

Sexual & Gender Minority Youth Services (SGMYS) program improves safety, educational success and quality of life for sexual and gender minority youth. The program operates with the understanding that all people deserve to be honored and that a trauma informed approach to service is essential. The program offers counseling, skill building and support services to sexual and gender minority youth as well as technical assistance and training to the SUN Service System, school and other direct service staff so that they may work more effectively with sexual and gender minority youth.

**Program Summary**

**ISSUE:** Sexual and gender minority youth (SGMY) experience discrimination and their safety is often at risk due to violence, bullying and harrassment. These experiences lead to poor education, health and economic outcomes including: higher rates of emotional distress, homelessness, school drop outs, suicide attempts, risky sexual behavior and substance abuse.

**PROGRAM GOAL:** The program increases school retention and success for students who experience significant discrimination, hostility, bullying and other violence in the community, in schools and often in their homes. A recent report by the Center for American Progress cites research that demonstrates the negative outcome experienced by sexual and gender minority youth and the importance of culturally appropriate services to this population. That research indicated that in many schools, hostile environments push SGM students out of the classroom. It also shows that SGMY are: 1) more likely to experience homelessness and poverty 2) disproportionately represented in the juvenile justice system and 3) three times more likely to attempt suicide compared to their non-SGM peers, and 45% of transgender people ages 18 to 24 have attempted suicide.

**PROGRAM ACTIVITY:** The SGMYS program utilizes two primary strategies: 1) providing direct services and a safe and supportive space at the Sexual Minority Youth Resource Center (SMYRC) where sexual and gender minority youth feel comfortable and participate in supportive services that reflect their unique needs (70% of the program); and 2) enhancing the understanding and skill levels of community providers (through training and consultation) so that they may provide competent and relevant services to sexual and gender minority youth (30% of the program).

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY16 Actual	FY17 Purchased	FY17 Estimate	FY18 Offer
Output	Number of youth who engage in counseling services	39	75	75	75
Outcome	Percent of students who engage in counseling and who remain in or re-enroll in school	92%	75%	75%	75%
Output	# of community provider and school staff trained	472	300	300	300
Outcome	% of training participants who report an increase in knowledqe of SMGY issues/cultural competency	85%	85%	85%	85%

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2017	2017	2018	2018
Contractual Services	\$276,323	\$0	\$282,541	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$276,323</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$282,541</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$276,323</b>		<b>\$282,541</b>	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2017: 25155 Sexual & Gender Minority Youth Services