

**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**

The Sexual & Gender Minority Youth Services (SGMYS) program improves safety, educational success, and quality of life for sexual and gender minority youth. 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 and harassment. These experiences lead to poor education, health, and economic outcomes including, higher rates of emotional distress, homelessness, school dropouts, 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. Research in a recent report from the Center for American Progress demonstrates the negative outcomes experienced by sexual and gender minority youth and the importance of culturally appropriate services to this population. In many schools, hostile environments push SGM students out of the classroom. SGMY are more likely to experience homelessness and poverty, are disproportionately represented in the juvenile justice system, and are three times more likely to attempt suicide compared to their non-SGM peers. Forty-five percent 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	FY17 Actual	FY18 Purchased	FY18 Estimate	FY19 Offer
Output	Number of youth who participate in case management	82	75	75	75
Outcome	Percent of youth who remain in or re-enroll in school	94%	75%	75%	75%
Output	# of community provider and school staff trained	270	300	300	300
Outcome	% of training participants who report an increase in knowledge 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	2018	2018	2019	2019
Contractual Services	\$282,541	\$0	\$292,430	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$282,541</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$292,430</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$282,541</b>		<b>\$292,430</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 2018: 25155 YFS - Sexual & Gender Minority Youth Services