

**Department:** County Human Services      **Program Contact:** Peggy Samolinski  
**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating Program      **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed  
**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. These services are contracted to non-profits. YFS staff support program development through convening providers, providing technical assistance and contract monitoring.

**Program Summary**

**ISSUE:** Sexual and gender minority youth (SGMY) experience discrimination and their safety is often at risk due to violence and harassment. 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 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.

**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	FY19 Actual	FY20 Budgeted	FY20 Estimate	FY21 Offer
Output	Number of youth who participate in case management <sup>1</sup>	238	75	75	75
Outcome	Percent of youth who remain in or re-enroll in school	95%	75%	75%	75%
Output	# of community provider and school staff trained	514	300	300	300
Outcome	Percent of training participants who report an increase in knowledge of SMGY issues/cultural competency	83%	85%	85%	85%

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

<sup>1</sup> Outputs reflect the annual number served. Over-performance by contractors is not projected. The program is undergoing a performance management process which may result in different measures used in future years.

**Legal / Contractual Obligation****Revenue/Expense Detail**

	<b>Adopted General Fund</b>	<b>Adopted Other Funds</b>	<b>Proposed General Fund</b>	<b>Proposed Other Funds</b>
<b>Program Expenses</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2021</b>
Contractual Services	\$304,127	\$0	\$313,555	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$304,127</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$313,555</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$304,127</b>		<b>\$313,555</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

<b>Program Revenues</b>				
<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 2020: 25155-20 YFS - Sexual & Gender Minority Youth Services