

**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 Minority Youth Services (SMYS) program offers counseling, skill building and support services to over 300 sexual minority youth. Its direct service impact is enhanced through technical assistance and training to approximately 900 SUN Service System, school and other direct service staff so that they may work more effectively with sexual minority youth. SMYS is part of the SUN Service System, a countywide integrated and coordinated system of care for school-aged youth and their families.

**Program Summary**

The SMYS program utilizes two primary strategies: 1) providing direct services and a safe and supportive space at the Sexual Minority Youth Resource Center (SMYRC) in which sexual minority youth can 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 to provide competent and relevant services to sexual minority youth (30% of the program).

Due to difficulties with family, peers and the broader community, sexual minority youth often experience isolation and stigmatization, resulting in higher rates of emotional distress, homelessness, school drop outs, suicide attempts, risky sexual behavior and substance abuse. This program provides a safe place for over 300 youth to go for support and services that are culturally relevant and responsive; it directly supports the operation and service delivery at the Sexual Minority Youth Resource Center. The program fosters increased school retention and success; last year 81% of youth served in the drop in center re-enrolled or remained in school. In addition to the direct service impact, nearly 100% of training participants reported an increased knowledge of SMY issues and competency to effectively engage sexual minority youth in services.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY14 Actual	FY15 Purchased	FY15 Estimate	FY16 Offer
Output	Number of youth who engage in counseling services	65	40	40	40
Outcome	Percent of students who engage in counseling and who remain in or re-enroll in school	81%	75%	75%	75%

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2015	2015	2016	2016
Contractual Services	\$113,819	\$0	\$116,323	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$113,819</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$116,323</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$113,819</b>		<b>\$116,323</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 2015: 25155 Services for Sexual Minority Youth