

Department: Health Department

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Program Offer Type: Operating

Program Offer Stage: Adopted

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Program Description

Providing health care to detained youth is the responsibility of Corrections Health. Corrections Health personnel care for 40 detained youth at any one time (+1,500 per year) from Multnomah and Washington counties who are brought in from the streets, other jurisdictions and other community holding facilities. Detainees include females and males who need their health issues addressed in a timely manner in order to prevent emergencies and alleviate pain and suffering which is the constitutional measure of quality care. Stabilizing their health allows them to participate fully in their legal processes.

This offer ensures that the health program meets the standards that ensure access to care, safeguards the health of all those who are in detention, and controls the legal risk to the County. Health professionals at the Donald E. Long juvenile detention home (JDH) work 16 hours/day, seven days a week providing care for approximately 35 youth daily in 7 individual housing units in two counties. Care ranges from minor ailments to major chronic and emotional diseases resulting from substance abuse, trauma, lack of health care, lack of knowledge of hygiene and self care, frequent infections and a high rate of medical and mental illness. Corrections Health identifies and responds to medical emergencies and also screens for communicable diseases to keep outbreaks to a minimum, to provide care efficiently and effectively, as well as to protect the community. Coordination with other Oregon counties is facilitated so that continuity of care occurs when youths transfer to other jurisdictions. In partnership with the Health Department's Clinical Systems Information program, an electronic medical record program implementation is in process. The program will include electronic medication prescription and administration. The electronic medical record will improve staff efficiency and promote client safety.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	# of client visits conducted by a CH nurse per year	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Outcome	% of detained youth receiving mental health medications monthly	40%	50%	55%	60%

Performance Measures Descriptions

The first metric relates to the total number of youth in custody served by Corrections Health nursing staff. The second measure relates to the percentage of youth who are receiving medication support.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

Necessary health care for incarcerated individuals is a right because they do not have the freedom to obtain care on their own. Appropriate access to care and timely evaluation by a health professional is mandated by the 4th, 8th and 14th amendments. When serious health needs are not adequately addressed by professionals, deliberate indifference to medical needs may bring harm to individuals entrusted to our care and increase liability for the County. Corrections Health is bound by ethical standards to provide unbiased care to all individuals based on community standards of care.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$1,998,344	\$0	\$1,654,594	\$0
Contractual Services	\$132,247	\$0	\$135,818	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$80,922	\$0	\$84,526	\$0
Internal Services	\$63,166	\$0	\$54,256	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$2,274,679	\$0	\$1,929,194	\$0
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Program FTE	9.20	0.00	6.80	0.00

Program Revenues				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

As a result of the current laws that govern the responsibilities of governmental agencies in the care of detained individuals, Corrections Health is unable to bill for services from Medicare and Medicaid. This will be the case until at least 1 January 2026. Corrections Health receives revenue that does not represent any direct client billing for services provided, rather payment to DCJ from Washington County for housing youth and medical services that are provided while they are housed at Donald E. Long.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2025: 40049 Corrections Health Juvenile Clinical Services