



Program #40080B - Community-Based MH Services for Children and Families - Culturally Specific Clients 3/2/2021

Department: Health Department **Program Contact:** Yolanda Gonzalez
Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested
Related Programs: 40080
Program Characteristics: Out of Target

Executive Summary

Multnomah County is seeing an increase in gang violence, shootings and homicides. This is predominantly affecting our African American Community. In 2020 there were 55 homicides in Portland alone. By October 2020 nearly 173 people have been struck by gunfire and there have been over 595 shootings. This is nearly twice as much as the same time period last year. Almost half of those most impacted identify as African American in spite of the fact that the overall population of the Portland area is 8 percent African American. There is an urgent need for helping to heal the African American community that has borne the brunt of violence and loss. This offer proposes the addition of a KSA African American Mental Health Consultant for the Direct Clinical Services unit to serve gang impacted young adults and their families.

Program Summary

The African American Gang Impacted Families Mental Health Consultant (MHC) provides a range of culturally relevant, evidence based mental health services, consultation, and training to the African American community. These services are provided to achieve improvements in social, emotional, familial functioning for all children and families who are impacted by community and gang violence. The MHC will utilize experience and expertise working with the African American community to provide culturally relevant mental health prevention support, mental health services, outreach and engagement. Referrals for this program will be obtained from both internal county programs and external community partners and providers.

The MHC will collaborate with community providers and internal county programs to provide consultation, education, outreach, and engagement and connection to mental health services. They will assist with outreach to schools, colleges, emergency rooms, community services, providers, community meetings, to share referral information and general education as it relates to community gang violence and Behavioral Health services. They will participate in specific outreach and engagement to African American clients and families who may have barriers to accessing behavioral health services. This role will gather community input around community needs and be responsive to those needs through advocacy and service.

The main goals of this program are to bridge a service gap by centering the voices of the African American community impacted by violence and improve mental health outcomes. In alignment with the Direct Clinical Services model, this clinician will provide low barrier access to services by being a community-based provider at client’s homes and other locations most convenient to families.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY20 Actual	FY21 Budgeted	FY21 Estimate	FY22 Offer
Output	Total Multnomah County Children who received Behavioral Health service through gang impacted MHC	NA	NA	10	20
Outcome	ACORN Distribution of Patient Change Rate reported by client/student as their perception of improvement ¹	NA	NA	65%	65%
Output	Total # of outreach/engagement activities attended/provi	NA	NA	5	10

Performance Measures Descriptions

¹ Client reported outcomes are accepted as more valid as the person receiving services is reporting changes through a global distress scale measure reported over the course of treatment. The percentage is the number of clients reporting significantly improved or somewhat improved.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

This Position will align with the six strategies of the County's Comprehensive Gang Assessment and Intervention Plan and other initiatives outlined by our partners including Public Health programs, and the criminal justice reinvestment efforts specific to children being sponsored by Commissioner Stegman.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Requested General Fund	Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2021	2021	2022	2022
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$144,291	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$15,709	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$160,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$160,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: