



**Program #40080B - Community-Based MH Services for Children and Families - Culturally Specific Clients** 3/7/2022

**Department:** Health Department **Program Contact:** Yolanda Gonzalez  
**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:** In Target

**Executive Summary**

Multnomah County is seeing an increase in gang violence, shootings and homicides, which predominantly impacts African Americans. In response to this increase in violence, Multnomah County is dedicated to providing behavioral health services to those most impacted; over half of which identify as African American, while African Americans represent only 6 percent of the overall County population. Multiple community organizations and community leaders have been proactively addressing community gun violence for decades, working side by side with the communities most impacted and advocating for racial justice. This position provides additional direct mental health services to youth (age 10-18) and their families impacted by gun violence.

**Program Summary**

The Mental Health Consultant (MHC) provides a range of culturally relevant, evidence based mental health services for the African American community. These trauma-informed services are provided to improve the social and emotional functioning of youth and families who are impacted by community and gang violence. The MHC utilizes lived experience and community informed practices to provide culturally specific mental health prevention support, mental health services, consultation, outreach and engagement. Referrals for this program are obtained from both internal county programs and external community partners and providers.

The MHC collaborates with community providers and internal county programs to provide consultation, education, outreach, and engagement and connection to mental health services. They assist with outreach to schools, colleges, emergency rooms, community services, health and social services providers and community meetings to share referral information and general education as it relates to community gun 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 responsive and culturally-informed behavioral health services. This role gathers community input around community needs and is responsive to those needs through advocacy and service.

The main goals of this program are to supplement community services by centering the voices of the African American community impacted by violence and to 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 nontraditional locations most convenient to families.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Total Multnomah County Children who received Behavioral Health service through gang impacted MHC.	N/A	20	10	20
Outcome	ACORN Distribution of Patient Change reported by client/student as their perception of improvement <sup>1</sup>	N/A	65%	N/A	65%
Output	Total # of outreach/engagement activities attended/provided	N/A	10	8	15

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

<sup>1</sup> 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 legal system 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	2022	2022	2023	2023
Personnel	\$144,291	\$0	\$156,725	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$15,709	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$160,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$156,725</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$160,000</b>		<b>\$156,725</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	1.00	0.00	1.00	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 2022: 40080B Community-Based MH Services for Children and Families - Culturally