

### Program #50065B - CHI Early Intervention & Community Connection

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program Program Offer Stage: As Requested

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: In Target

### **Executive Summary**

In our community, there is a significant need to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in the juvenile justice system and to focus on and apply early intervention services. Community Healing Initiative (CHI) Early Intervention and Diversion Program is a community centered and family focused model designed to prevent and reduce delinquency, address root causes and to augment community safety and connection. Culturally specific nonprofits provide services, supports and referral calibrated to the level of risk and family needs for youth who have committed lower level offenses for the first time.

### **Program Summary**

CHI is a best practice model for preventing and reducing juvenile justice involvement and addressing racial and ethnic disparities. At the community level CHI is essential to building capacity and safety within communities of color.

Starting on 7/1/15, the CHI Early Intervention and Diversion Program is for all first time youth offenders throughout the county with a qualifying low level offense. All youth with a qualifying offense are referred to community based nonprofits that offer them and their families coordination, pro-social programming and referrals to needed services. Risk and needs are assessed through validated tools and the program uses assertive engagement to focus on those youth with the highest needs. Program coordinators are assigned to a case load of youth to develop service plans that are tailored to meet the individual youth and family situation. Providers report that school connection/re-connection assistance, counseling, youth development activities (sports, arts, i.e.) and parent support / parenting classes are among the most critical areas of need. Approximately 400 youth will be served by this program. Previously, these youth would have received a warning letter from the Juvenile Services Division (JSD) after contact with law enforcement. CHI supports community based, culturally and gender specific prevention and early intervention services delivered by community providers to young people and their families at the highest risk of gang membership.

Youth of color experience exclusionary school discipline at disproportionate rates in Multnomah County and disconnection from school and a lack of educational attainment have been cited as contributors to youth and gang violence problems in our community. This proposed funding also supports a School Advocacy program that provides legal representation services for school discipline administrative hearings for approximately 50 juvenile justice involved youth, primarily medium to high risk youth on probation. This program interrupts the school to prison pipeline.

Performance Measures								
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY15 Actual	FY16 Purchased	FY16 Estimate	FY17 Offer			
Output	Number of youth served	N/A	500	450	450			
Outcome	Percent of youth engaging in community-based support services	N/A	75%	60%	65%			
Output	Number of youth receiving school advocacy services	NEW	NEW	NEW	50			

#### **Performance Measures Descriptions**

Measure 1: FY 15 Data Unavailable During Database Upgrades

Measure 3 Changed: New Program Goal

## Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	
Program Expenses	2016	2016	2017	2017	
Contractual Services	\$764,944	\$0	\$770,491	\$0	
Total GF/non-GF	\$764,944	\$0	\$770,491	\$0	
Program Total:	\$764,944		\$770,491		
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	

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

## **Explanation of Revenues**

County General Fund

# Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2016: 50065B-16 Early Intervention and Community Coordination