

Program #50021 - Assessment and Referral Center

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Department: Community Justice

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

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Assessment and Referral Center (ARC) combines in-custody interviews, intakes (post prison and probation) and specialized services, including housing placement for those released from state and local custody. Enhanced transition services provided at the ARC reduces duplication of efforts and increases the amount of screenings, referrals, and re-entry services available when an individual is first placed on supervision (post-Prison or Probation).

Program Summary

Individuals being supervised by DCJ are evaluated using a standardized tool for assisting staff with predicting the risk of clients re-offending. The ARC staff use additional assessments for individuals considered high risk to re-offend to determine which strategies and services are most appropriate to reduce risk and connect to appropriate services. Results indicate that the use of initial assessments, referrals and re-entry services reduces re-offending and increases offender engagement. Our coordinated and immediate service delivery pre and post release increases the motivation of our clients to change and is a contributing factor to reduced recidivism.

ARC staff meets with the majority of offenders prior to their release from prison (reach-in visits), reducing the abscond rate for post-prison releases. Potential risks and strengths are identified during reach-in sessions, allowing for the development of appropriate supervision plans and preparation for potential roadblocks that could impede an offender's successful transition. In addition to state custody, this practice includes some offenders in local jails and residential treatment.

There is capacity to provide short- and long-term housing/shelter to 285 high risk and disabled offenders a day using several community contracted agencies. Providing housing to offenders is cost-effective. It costs approximately \$37.37 per day to house an offender in transitional housing, as compared to \$150.00 to \$170.00 per day to keep an offender incarcerated. ARC actively works to build partnerships with community based services and organizations, as well as other Multnomah County Departments, including a newly formed Health Assessment Team (HAT), to provide the continuum of care that is needed for recently released offenders, including housing, health assessments, treatment access, case coordination and family engagement.

Performance Measures								
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY15 Actual	FY16 Purchased	FY16 Estimate	FY17 Offer			
Output	Average number of offenders housed monthly	270	270	270	300			
Outcome	Percent of offenders who report as ordered during the first thirty days from their release from prison	NEW	NEW	80%	80%			
Outcome	Percent of offenders that are not revoked during the first thirty days from their release from prison	99%	95%	99%	95%			
Outcome	Number of people who get assessed	NEW	NEW	5353	5400			

Performance Measures Descriptions

Measure 2 Changed: Alignment To Core Functions

Measure 4 Changed: Measure Reflects New Program Goal

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2016	2016	2017	2017
Personnel	\$226,494	\$3,381,322	\$181,603	\$2,845,743
Contractual Services	\$2,682,511	\$1,389,574	\$2,858,512	\$1,328,944
Materials & Supplies	\$7,010	\$68,735	\$7,207	\$28,871
Internal Services	\$19,893	\$534,652	\$32,555	\$418,608
Total GF/non-GF	\$2,935,908	\$5,374,283	\$3,079,877	\$4,622,166
Program Total:	\$8,310,191		\$7,702,043	
Program FTE	2.51	32.49	1.44	24.56

Program Revenues								
Indirect for Dept. Admin	\$405,169	\$0	\$344,932	\$0				
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$5,250	\$0	\$4,700				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$5,369,033	\$0	\$4,227,559				
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$389,907				
Total Revenue	\$405,169	\$5,374,283	\$344,932	\$4,622,166				

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund plus 1) State Department of Corrections (DOC) SB1145 funding of \$4,483,965. This is the allocation for the second half of the 2015-2017 biennium. There is some flexibility on how funding is allocated; 2) \$78,474 funding from DOC Subsidy/Inmate Welfare Fund (IWF). This funding is part of the Community Corrections Plan; 3) \$4,700 – Clients applying to be supervised in another state. The Interstate Compact Application Fee is \$50. The application fee was set by the County (Board Resolution) for each transfer application prepared under the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision (OAR 291-180-0465) 4) US Dept of Justice JAG Grant \$55,027. Grant ends 9/30/2017

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2016: 50021-16 Assessment and Referral Center

This program offer reflects a decrease of 9.00 FTE that transferred to another DCJ program as part of the reorganization to support staff in the Adult Services Division (refer # 50017-17).