

### Program #50021 - Assessment and Referral Center

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**Department:** Community Justice **Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program** Program Offer Stage: As Adopted

**Related Programs:** 

**Program Characteristics:** 

### **Executive Summary**

About 4,000 individuals were admitted to the Department of Community Justice (DCJ) during FY 2014. 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**

Enhanced transition services provided at the ARC reduces duplication efforts and increases the amount of screenings, referrals, and re-entry services available when and individual is initially placed on supervision (Post Prison and/or Probation). 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.

The 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.

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<br>Type      | Primary Measure   | FY14<br>Actual | FY15<br>Purchased | FY15<br>Estimate | FY16<br>Offer |  |  |  |
| Output               | Average number of offenders housed monthly  | 259            | 355               | 269              | 270           |  |  |  |
| Outcome              | Percent of offenders that do not abscond during the first thirty days from their release from prison  | 84%            | NEW               | 84%              | 85%           |  |  |  |
| Outcome              | Percent of offenders that are not revoked during the first thirty days from their release from prison | 93%            | NEW               | 95%              | 95%           |  |  |  |
| Outcome              | Percent of offenders that are employed during the first thirty days from their release from prison    | 17%            | NEW               | 17%              | 15%           |  |  |  |

#### **Performance Measures Descriptions**

Measure Changed: New Program Goal

7/21/2015

# Revenue/Expense Detail

|                      | Proposed General<br>Fund | Proposed Other<br>Funds | Proposed General<br>Fund | Proposed Other<br>Funds |
|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Program Expenses     | 2015                     | 2015                    | 2016                     | 2016                    |
| Personnel            | \$229,271                | \$3,360,605             | \$226,494                | \$3,381,322             |
| Contractual Services | \$2,644,168              | \$958,833               | \$2,682,511              | \$977,458               |
| Materials & Supplies | \$12,491                 | \$67,155                | \$7,010                  | \$67,916                |
| Internal Services    | \$21,789                 | \$461,038               | \$19,893                 | \$488,444               |
| Total GF/non-GF      | \$2,907,719              | \$4,847,631             | \$2,935,908              | \$4,915,140             |
| Program Total:       | \$7,755,350              |                         | \$7,851,048              |                         |
| Program FTE          | 2.54                     | 32.96                   | 2.51                     | 32.49                   |

| Program Revenues         |           |             |           |             |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|--|--|--|--|
| Indirect for Dept. Admin | \$358,768 | \$0         | \$370,152 | \$0         |  |  |  |  |
| Fees, Permits & Charges  | \$0       | \$5,250     | \$0       | \$5,250     |  |  |  |  |
| Intergovernmental        | \$0       | \$4,842,381 | \$0       | \$4,909,890 |  |  |  |  |
| Total Revenue            | \$358,768 | \$4,847,631 | \$370,152 | \$4,915,140 |  |  |  |  |

## **Explanation of Revenues**

County General Fund plus 1) State Department of Corrections (DOC) \$4,741,435. This is the allocation for the first half of the 2015-2017 biennium. There is some flexibility on how funding is allocated; 2) Interstate Compact fees from clients \$5,250 per ORS 423.570. This is a one-time-only fee set at \$50 per Board Resolution for clients applying to be supervised in another state; 3) US Dept of Justice JAG Grant \$61,692. Grant ends 9/30/2017; 4) US Dept of Justice COSA Grant \$106,763. Grant ends 9/30/2015, anticipating it will renewed for another year.

### Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2015: 50021 Assessment and Referral Center

This program offers reflects a decrease of 0.50 FTE Records Technician that transferred to another DCJ program in FY 2015 (refer # 50016-16).