

Program #50067 - CHI Early Intervention & Youth Gang Prevention Services

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

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The greatest racial and ethnic disparities in the Multnomah County juvenile justice system occurs at the point of referral from law enforcement. This data led JSD and our system partners to focus on and apply culturally-specific early intervention services. The Community Healing Initiative (CHI) Early Intervention and Prevention Programs are a community based and family-focused effort designed to prevent and reduce delinquency, address root causes, and augment community safety and connection. Culturally specific nonprofits provide services, supports, and referrals calibrated to the level of risk and family needs for youth.

Program Summary

The Community Healing Initiative (CHI) is an emerging and innovative overarching best practice 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 in communities of color. All youth who have committed lower level offenses that qualify for the CHI Early Intervention program are referred to community-based providers that offer risk and needs assessment, care coordination, prosocial 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 caseload of youth to develop service plans tailored to meet the individual youth and family situation. School connection/reconnection assistance, counseling, youth development activities (e.g. sports, arts), and parent support/parenting classes are among the most critical areas of needs.

Also included is funding for the CHI Youth Gang Prevention Services provided by culturally specific organizations. Youth of color experience exclusionary school discipline, disconnection from school and a lack of educational attainment at disproportionate rates in Multnomah County. These factors, along with trauma have been cited as contributors to behavioral health challenges, delinquency, and gang involvement in Multnomah County. CHI Youth Gang Prevention Services focus on addressing these root causes for violence with gang impacted youth and their families. These services are aligned with the Multnomah County Strategic Plan to address gang violence based on the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Comprehensive Gang Model Implementation Plan.

The COVID-19 pandemic impacted the operations of this program. CHI providers shifted to virtual outreach and have developed creative ways to continue to stay engaged with the youth and their families.

Performance Measures								
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY20 Actual	FY21 Budgeted	FY21 Estimate	FY22 Offer			
Output	Number of CHI Early Intervention youth referred	155	250	155	250			
Outcome	Percent of CHI Early Intervention youth engaging in community-based support services	82%	75%	80%	75%			
Output	Number of youth who receive gang prevention services	188	125	180	125			

Performance Measures Descriptions

Measure 1, 2, and 3: FY 2020 Actual and FY 2021 Estimate have been significantly affected by COVID-19. DCJ anticipates numbers will return to normal in FY 2022, as vaccine rollout completes in Summer 2021 and when court backlogs are resolved.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2021	2021	2022	2022
Contractual Services	\$250,923	\$281,611	\$321,598	\$220,000
Total GF/non-GF	\$250,923	\$281,611	\$321,598	\$220,000
Program Total: \$532,534		\$541,598		
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues							
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$281,611	\$0	\$220,000			
Total Revenue	\$0	\$281,611	\$0	\$220,000			

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund plus \$220,000 IGA with Oregon Department of Education, Youth Development Division, Juvenile Prevention program. Funding provides culturally specific prevention and intervention services to at risk youth or gang impacted youth and their families to prevent and reduce delinquency, address root causes, and enhance community safety and connection. Expect biennium 2019-2021 IGA funding level to be the same for 2021-2023 biennium. FY 2022 is 49% allocation for the 1st year of 2021-2023 biennium budget.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2021: 50065B CHI Early Intervention & Youth Gang Prevention Services