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ANNUAL PLAN 2014-15
SUPERVISION AND TREATMENT SERVICES FOR JUVENILES
PROGRAM
SCHUYLER COUNTY

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This Plan is for State Fiscal Year: 2014-2015

I. Analysis of Communities:

Schuyler County is a very small rural community of less than 20,000 people; the county seat is in the village of Watkins Glen. No individual town within the county has a higher risk population for detention placement, as such; we will concentrate on all populations of youth across the entire County including all towns and villages. In line with the requirements of the 2014-15 STSJP guidelines, our Plan will target, Juvenile Delinquents, Juvenile Delinquent Diversion cases and alleged Persons in Need of Supervision cases. The youth indicated above will be targeted for this program as the very nature of these cases indicates an elevated risk for detention.

During the SFY 2013-2014 Schuyler County's detention usage declined with only 64 days for five youth. Our implemented preventive/discharge services appear to be showing effectiveness in reducing out of home placements and detention days. The breakdown of youth was two PINS and three JDs. Youth were in detention for brief stays and then were able to be returned home. Our total expenditures for 2012 was \$21,365 for Local District detention expenditures. In addition we have had no JDs or JO's in OCFS placement in 2013.

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| SFY 2014-2015 Starting County Detention Allocation Amount | 23,554.00 | |
| SFY 2014-2015 County STSJP Allocation Amount | 46,079.00 | |
| SFY 2014-15 STSJP Reimbursement Allocation being shifted | 0 | |
| Total SFY 2014-15 STSJP Reimbursement Allocation Amount | 46,079.00 | |
| Maximum STSJP Reimbursement Amount for a 2014-15 Plan | 74,320.97 | |
| Total Program expenditure on STSJP Funding | 74,320.97 | |
| SFY 2014-15 STSJP State Share Amount will be | 46,079.00 | |
| SFY 2014-15 STSJP County Share Amount will be | 28,241.97 | |
| SFY 2014-15 Revised County Detention Allocation Amount | 23,554.00 | |
| County Obligation after State Reimbursement | 46,079.00 | |

II. Description of services and programs to be Funded

List the name of each service and program proposed for funding with STSJP funds, along with the projected amount of STSJP funds to be used:

Schuyler County Department of Social Services successfully contracted with Glove House, Inc. in January of 2013 for the provision of Family Team Meetings (FTM). FTM is an evidence based program recognized by NYSOCFS as effective in supporting and encouraging families to plan for their own needs. This program targeted Juvenile Delinquent Diversion cases, adjudicated Juvenile Delinquent cases, Juvenile Offenders as well as alleged Persons in Need of Supervision cases and adjudicated Persons in Need of Supervision cases throughout Schuyler County. Another service that Glove House provides is wrap-around services, including a boys and the potential for a girl's skill building groups. In 2013-2014 we had eight petitions to court through PINS Diversion out of 54 youth. This is 12% of the caseload was petitioned to court. Of the eight that went to court, one youth went to detention and both youth have been placed in Foster Care at voluntary agencies.

Another offering from Glove House is the use of Respite in a Group Home setting.

Schuyler County has successfully contracted with BI Inc. for the use of GPS Electronic Home Monitoring (EHM) devices on youth in lieu of a violation or family court petition for risky behaviors such as leaving school or the home without permission and supervision. Parents/guardians are given this option rather than out of home placement. Probation figures show three PINS Electronic Home Monitoring (EHM) usages of 891 days and 2 JD's usage of 162 days; all of which could have conceivably been detention in 2012-2013 contract period. That is a total of 253 days compared with only 117 EHM days in the previous contract period. This shows an increase of 46 % EHM use, which can all be attributed as an alternative to and reduction in detention days

Schuyler County has begun the Forward Thinking Journaling Program which was developed in collaboration with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Division on Juvenile Justice's Interactive Journaling Charter. This program is used to help youth to make positive choices by identifying obstacles to changing their behaviors and attitudes for successful outcomes. This program has just been implemented by Probation and PINS Diversion so data is not yet available.

Family Team Meetings continue even after discharge from placement to provide support to the youth and family. This proactive approach has allowed the youth and family to identify existing strengths and resources of both informal and formal support sources so the youth leaves the juvenile justice system successfully.

Electronic Home Monitors:

EHMs provides tangible consequence and are deterrents to negative behaviors that in the past may have lead to detention or out of home placement; resulting in a loss of continuity of service and education. Probation is able track youth through the GPS of the EHMs, thus allowing for youth to participate in approved community activities.

Journaling:

The journaling helps youth gain insight regarding their behaviors and identify alternatives to criminal or negative behaviors that result in court intervention.

B) How are they family focused:

Family Team Meetings:

Families identify the participants to be invited to their Family Team Meeting. The group as a whole identifies strengths of the family along with needs and concerns. A key part of the discussion prior to the formation of a plan is for all parties to put bottom lines (i.e. terms and conditions of a court order) on the table. The family drives the plan development and is given the opportunity to have a private conversation with non-professionals as the table to formulate plan options. The plan is family focused and youth centered. The team develops a plan so that the youth can be successful in meeting bottom lines. Each team member leaves the meeting with the plan of action and their role in the plan.

Electronic Home Monitoring:

Youth is able to remain in their home and community while resolving behaviors that have resulted in court.

Respite:

Respite provides families with needed time apart without parents losing custody of their child.

Journaling:

Journaling provides the youth with the opportunity to reflect on past behaviors that resulted in their current situation and to identify alternatives to negative behaviors and choices, thus keeping the youth with their families.

C) Whether the services/programs are capable of being replicated across multiple sites:

Yes, replication of this program is possible within the entire jurisdiction of Schuyler County.

DSS currently contracts with Glove House for one full time employee to coordinate the Family Team Meeting process from referral to completion.

D. If the same plan was used last SFY, were the performance outcomes met and describe the outcomes.

In Schuyler County the focus has been to reduce the number of youth who are petitioned from having violations that result in reappearances in court with the potential for out of home placements. Two youth petitioned through PINS Diversion were violated which resulted in placement.

E. What were the barriers if not met?

Need to have a balance of service providers/informal supports

V. Justification for the proposed programs and services

A) Describe the demonstrated effectiveness of the proposed services and programs, or provide other justification of why you are proposing these services/programs for funding:

- OCFS recognizes the efficacy of Family Team Meetings for preventive and foster care placements. Throughout New York State and the country this has become a tested practice to engage families and reduce placement rates.
- The electronic home monitors provide a viable option for youth to stay at home rather than being placed in a respite or detention facility at a fraction of the cost.

3. Probation supervised 34 cases with 85% of the cases going to court. Probation discharged 19 cases successfully and continues to supervise 10 cases. Five cases were violated. 86% were diverted from detention and placement.

As reported in #2 above, our plan was to serve upwards of 50 youth which we nearly achieved between probation and PINS Diversion youth who had petitions filed (total 41). All youth ordered to court were compliant in attending each appearance.

APPROVAL OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

As Chief Executive Officer of the applicant named on Page 1, I certify that I approve of this Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Program Plan.

Dennis Fagan

Chair of Schuyler County Legislature

Name

Title



7/29/14

Signature

Date