Illinois Department of Human Services
Violence Prevention and Intervention Programs
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Safety Net Works – The Safety Net Works is an initiative comprised of state agencies and community-based organizations, working together to address youth violence in Illinois' communities. It combines public and community resources to help young people avoid acts of crime and violence. Safety Net Works coalitions are located in five cities, representing 14 communities, and serve youth and young adults between the ages of 10 and 24 years old. The Safety Net Works is a direct service response initiative that encompasses a preventive and rehabilitative approach to addressing youth violence in Illinois. Funded services include case management, mentoring, job and life skills development, after-school activities and other prevention programs. The initiative works to engage, cultivate and mobilize youth for leadership as agents of social change. Coalition resources are used to promote economic independence and provide academic enrichment and recreational opportunities.

FY11 Allocation - $3.9 million

Domestic Violence Victim Services - Services are offered to help victims of domestic violence by giving them the tools they need for safety and self-sufficiency, as well as to promote prevention through education and outreach. Domestic violence programs provide intervention services to victims including 24-hour crisis hotline to provide support, information and referral; counseling and advocacy; safety planning; help in seeking legal remedies such as orders of protection and court advocacy; children's services; shelter; and other services such as emergency medical care, employment assistance, educational assistance, educational assistance, and childcare. In addition, domestic violence programs also conduct anti-violence programs in schools and educate communities about domestic violence, laws and law enforcement, and services. The Department funds domestic violence programs throughout the state. Services are free and confidential.

FY11 Allocation – $20.5 million

Domestic Violence Partner Abuse Intervention Program – The Partner Abuse Intervention Program (PAIP) provides services for individuals who use physical, emotional, sexual and/or economic abuse to control the life of and maintain power over an intimate partner. Individuals may volunteer or be court ordered to attend a PAIP. Services are offered to reduce and prevent domestic violence through education to abusers and assistance to the court system. The program provides a minimum of 24 group sessions that participants must attend to complete the program. Group sessions are typically conducted weekly and include at least 36 hours of group intervention to educate participants about the causes and forms of domestic violence; provide participants with skills for handling conflict situations; promote attitudes that are associated with non-abusive behavior and challenge attitudes that are associated with abusive behavior; and learn to take responsibility for their actions. Participants also receive a comprehensive assessment to

determine the need for other services (e.g., substance abuse or mental health treatment). The programs provide a service to the courts to hold abusers accountable for their abusive behavior.

FY11 Allocation - $840,000

Sexual Assault Prevention and Response – This program provides services to victims of sexual assault, their families and friends, including adult survivors of child sexual abuse as well as survivors of recent assaults. Services are available regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, income, disability or sexual orientation. The goal of the program is to reduce the incidence of rape and other forms of sexual assault and ensure that survivors of sexual assault have access to quality emergency medical care, crisis support, medical and legal advocacy and counseling services for themselves, families and friends. Services are provided through a grant to the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault (ICASA), a network of 33 sexual assault crisis centers and satellite offices across the state. Services include a 24-hour hotline; 24-hour response to victims at hospital emergency rooms and police stations; assistance with follow-up medical care and criminal justice procedures, advocacy for victims and counseling for victims, their families and friends. In addition, rape crisis centers conduct training and prevention programs for local schools, law enforcement, hospitals and civic groups.

FY11 Allocation - $4.3 million

Community Youth Services - The purpose of the Community Youth Services (CYS) grant program is to reduce and prevent juvenile delinquency. The CYS program is built around organizing community residents into committees to address the problems and issues confronting youth and adults in their communities. CYS workers plan and implement the following type of services: direct, organizing and advocacy services.

FY11 Allocation - $4.6 million

Communities for Youth - The Communities for Youth (CFY) program was created in response to the Illinois Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 1998, which seeks to protect citizens from juvenile crime, hold each juvenile offender accountable for his or her acts, and to provide an individualized assessment of each delinquent juvenile. The CFY program serves youth ages 10-17 who are involved in risk-taking behavior (e.g., gang involvement, violence, drugs, etc.); youth who have been station-adjusted (arrested but not referred to court) or placed on probation supervision to prevent further involvement in the juvenile justice system; and youth who have been placed on probation and who are at risk of violating probation or re-offending.

FY11 Allocation - $2.2 million

Comprehensive Community Based Youth Services - The Comprehensive Community-Based Youth Services (CCBYS) program was created in 1982 by state statute (20 ILCS 505/17) and serves youth, ages 11-17, and their families when appropriate, who are at risk of involvement

with the child welfare and/or the juvenile justice system. This includes runaways, lockouts, unaccompanied homeless youth, and youth beyond the control of their parents. The program is a statewide network of services and supports that ensure eligible youth access to needed community, prevention, diversion, emergency and independent living services. The primary purpose of CCBYS is to provide youth in high-risk situations, and their families, with a continuum of services according to their needs, with the overarching goal of family preservation, reunification and/or stabilization. CCBYS services are delivered by community-based agencies and are available statewide.

FY11 Allocation - $7.7 million

Delinquency Prevention - The purpose of the Delinquency Prevention program is to divert youth who have committed a delinquent offense from deeper involvement in the juvenile justice system. The Delinquency Prevention program serves youth ages 12 -17 who have committed a delinquent offense and are referred to the program by local law enforcement and probation departments. Services are provided by community-based organizations funded by the Department. They rely on the cooperation of the courts and probation officers and on working agreements with other service providers.

FY11 Allocation - $727,000

Redeploy Illinois - Redeploy Illinois provides an array of needed services to youth aged 13-17 who are at high risk of being committed to youth correctional facilities. Research demonstrates that non-violent youth are less likely to become further involved in delinquent or criminal behavior if they remain in their home communities and if appropriate services are available that address underlying needs – e.g., mental illness, substance abuse, learning disabilities, unstable living arrangement. Funds are provided to a county, counties or a group that support a system of care developed at the county (or multi-county) level, providing a fiscal incentive to counties and reducing the county's commitments to the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice.

FY11 Allocation - $2.1 million

Release Upon Request - The Release Upon Request (RUR) program serves youth 12-17 years of age who have been ordered released from the Cook County Temporary Juvenile Detention Center, but who remain there because a parent, guardian or custodian has failed to accept custody. This program is available only in Cook County. The purpose of the RUR program is to ensure that youth are removed from detention within 24 hours of referral. Once that is accomplished, the focus of the program turns to efforts to reunify the family.

FY11 Allocation - $253,000

Unified Delinquency Intervention Services - The Unified Delinquency Intervention Services (UDIS) program focuses on youth between the ages of 13 and 17 who are at risk of placement

into youth correctional facilities and who have been referred to the program by the local courts. The program serves youth who have been found to be delinquent at least once and are in violation of probation for another delinquent act, or youth who have had at least two delinquent adjudications in the juvenile court or who have committed an extremely serious offense warranting their commitment to the Department of Juvenile Justice. The purpose of the program is to divert youth from further involvement in the criminal justice system. UDIS programs are operated by local community-based agencies. The UDIS intervention is highly intensive, engaging the youth in pro-social behavior and working to re-integrate the youth in their families, schools and communities.

FY11 Allocation - $2.2 million