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

Teen Pregnancy Prevention – Primary – This program provides services to adolescent girls and boys ages 10 to 18 and their parents in selected high-need areas of the state to reduce first-time teenage pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases and HIV/AIDS, improve access to health services and increase the role of the schools in improving pregnancy prevention education and services. Based on a community needs assessment in conjunction with a local advisory group, coalition and/or youth group, services are provided by local health departments, community-based organizations, schools, churches, after-school programs and/or in other community settings, using three or more of the following strategies: reproductive health education; positive youth development; male involvement; parental involvement; and public awareness.

FY 11 Allocation - $2.2 million

Subsequent Pregnancy Prevention – The purpose of the Subsequent Pregnancy Prevention Program is to help teen mothers aged 13 to 18 delay a subsequent pregnancy by practicing contraception effectively and consistently; to graduate from high school; improve their parenting skills; and ensure that their children are properly immunized and have access to well child care. Services are provided by a home visitor and within group activities.

FY11 Allocation - $910,000

School Health Centers – School health centers provide a very wide array of health services and supports to students (K-12) to improve the overall physical and emotional health of students by promoting healthy lifestyles and providing access to preventive and acute health care as needed. Services are provided by licensed professional medical staff through grants to non-profit agencies which partner with schools and other community-based organizations to provide the services.

FY11 Allocation - $4.2 million

Substance Abuse Prevention System – Illinois' substance abuse prevention system provides resources to support two types of grant programs that comprise a two-tier substance abuse prevention system for the State of Illinois.

Addiction Prevention Comprehensive – Provides funds to public and private organizations to deliver direct services in a defined geographic service area. Services may target the community at large, with emphasis on impacting the environments in which youth age 10 to 17 years old live. Evidence-based approaches that target youth, their peers, families, school environment, and community are implemented. Emphasis is placed on building local partnerships to implement environmental approaches that change community norms and policies and increase the community's capacity to sustain effective efforts.

Addiction Prevention Statewide - Statewide Programs are intended to support the overall prevention system and enhance projects that will impact and be accessible to all citizens.

In addition, the Department funds the following substance abuse prevention initiatives:

Partnerships for Success – Works to prevent the onset and reduce the progression of substance abuse, including childhood and underage drinking; reduce substance abuse-related problems in communities; and build capacity and infrastructure at the state and community levels. State and local communities must use and adhere to the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) designed by the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to address these goals. The Framework is to be implemented in five phases: assessment, capacity building, development of a strategic plan, implementation of evidence-based programs, and evaluation.

Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws - Provides resources to support programming that prohibits the sale of alcoholic beverages to, or the consumption of alcoholic beverages by a minor.

FY11 Allocation (total) - $18.6 million
- Comprehensive - $14.9 million
- Statewide - $1.25 million
- Partnerships for Success - $1.9 million
- Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws - $549,000

Illinois Steps AHEAD (GEAR UP) – Illinois Steps AHEAD serves a cohort of low-income students, beginning no later than the seventh grade, and follows them through high school graduation, with the goal of increasing the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in post-secondary education. The Department has established a trust fund to provide scholarships to academically eligible youth upon completion of the program. Services include tutoring, college visits, ACT/SAT preparation, career exploration, job shadowing and parent involvement activities. An individual learning plan is developed for each student with teacher and parent input. This program is implemented in connection with the Department's Teen REACH program and the Illinois State Board of Education's 21st Century Learning Center.

FY11 Allocation - $982,000

Teen REACH – Teen REACH (Responsibility, Education, Achievement, Caring and Hope) provides prevention-focused out-of-school time programming for high-risk youth between the ages of 6 and 17. The purpose of the program is to expand the range of choices and opportunities that enable, empower and encourage youth to achieve positive growth and development, improve expectations and capabilities for future success; and to avoid and/or reduce risk-taking behavior. Core services include: 1) academic enrichment; 2) life skills education; 3) parental involvement; 4) recreation, sports and cultural/artistic activities; 5) adult mentors; and 6) service learning. Services are delivered by community-based agencies throughout Illinois.

FY11 Allocation - $13.4 million

Teen Parent Services – Teen Parent Services (TPS) provides services to pregnant or parenting low-income teens age 20 and under who do not have a high school diploma (or its equivalent) to increase high school completion; reduce subsequent pregnancy; improve parenting skills; and

increase the rate of their child(ren)'s immunizations and well baby care. Participation is mandatory for teen parents receive TANF benefits; both male and female teen parents are eligible. Services include intensive and holistic case management; information, service referral, coordination and follow-up for social and medical services; payment of education and work-related fees and expenses; life skills instruction; evidence based parenting instruction; and other workshops to promote self-sufficiency.

FY11 Allocation - $4.4 million

Homeless Youth – The Homeless Youth program provides services to youth under 20 years of age who cannot return home and/or lack the housing and skills necessary to live independently. The purpose of the program is to help these youth transition to independent living and become self-sufficient by meeting the immediate survival needs (food, clothing and shelter) and providing and/or linking them with other needed services and supports (e.g., education and/or employment services, life skills training, mental health and/or substance abuse treatment, counseling, transportation, etc.). Program components include Transitional Living, Emergency/Interim Housing, and Outreach.

FY11 Allocation - $3.3 million

Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) – This initiative targets juveniles age 12 and older who are at risk of placement into secure detention, with a goal of reducing the number of youth held in secure detention (county jails and municipal lock-ups). Through a partnership with the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Illinois courts, Youth Network Council and the Department, a number of counties have been granted funds to develop community-based alternatives to youth detention. The program supports technical assistance activities to counties attempting to develop, implement and/or sustain detention alternatives.

FY11 Allocation - $780,000

Healthy Families Illinois – Healthy Families Illinois (HFI) seeks to prevent child abuse and neglect and to promote healthy development by helping to build strong parent-child relationships. Services are provided to families with newborns who are at risk for child abuse or neglect. Services are provided through intensive home visits commencing bi-weekly during the pregnancy, weekly for at least six months following the child's birth, after which frequency and duration of visits varies according to the needs of the family.

FY11 Allocation - $7.5 million

Family Health Programs - The risk factors for violence are found in the persistent array of complex health and social issues facing families in need. The Department also funds an extensive array of health services and supports for children, youth and families that contribute to the prevention of violence by laying the foundation for healthy lives, healthy family functioning, and healthy environments in which children develop and families live and work.

These programs include, but are not limited to:

- Family Case Management -
- WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children)
- Part C Early Intervention
- Healthy Child Care Illinois
- HealthWorks of Illinois
- Chicago Healthy Start