

SB 163 Wraparound Program Report

Fiscal Year 2006/07 Summary of Activities and Outcomes

The following statistical and evaluative data was gathered and prepared in response to recommendations of the 2005-2006 Grand Jury Mid-Session Final Report and clearly demonstrates the progress of the SB 163 Wraparound Program in providing successful and cost-effective services.

SERVICE DATA

57 Children were Referred for Services

Disposition of Referrals

41 children entered services during FY 2006/07

- 5 lived with a relative or guardian
- 12 lived with foster families
- 1 had no residence and was in custody at Juvenile Hall
- 23 lived with biological parent(s)

16 children did not enter services during FY 2006/07

- 2 families refused services
- 5 children were referred to other, more appropriate, services or programs
- 2 children were court ordered into other, more intensive, programs or placements
- 1 group home transition failed during the referral process
- 2 children were expected to return from group homes but were unable to do so
- 3 children stabilized without Wraparound services after changes in placement during the referral process
- 1 child remained on the waiting list for services on June 30, 2007, pending completion of family therapy

Demographics and Background of Referred Children

Demographic Data

- 39 males, average age 12 to 13 years
- 18 females, average age 14 to 15 years

- 6 from South Lake Tahoe
- 51 from the Western Slope

Background (Highest-Risk System Involvement)

- 12 Mental Health as primary agency
- 10 Probation as primary agency
- 34 Child Protective Services as primary agency
- 1 SARB (School Absence Review Board) as primary agency

Statistical Service Data

- 12 children received slotted services
- 63 children received discretionary services instead of or in addition to slotted services

35 Children Exited the Program During FY 2006/07

Service Outcomes

- 22 graduations (goals met or placement stabilized)
- 3 children were re-arrested and court ordered to other services
- 5 families chose to discontinue services
- 1 child went into a Group Home placement
- 2 children discontinued services as a result of changes in placement
- 1 child was reunited with an out-of-area biological mother
- 1 child turned 19 and was assisted with the transition into adult services

Additional Statistical Service Data Demonstrating Successful Service Outcomes

- 8 children returned from group home placements
- 1 child transitioned from an out-of-area group home placement into a local group home placement, allowing more family contact as well as family participation in his treatment plan
- 5 children were returned from Juvenile Justice custody

PROGRAM GOALS ACHIEVED DURING FY 2006/07

- Parent Partners, an essential element of Wraparound, are now available to all Family Teams
- The Interagency Advisory Council and Cross Systems Operation Team meet regularly and receive appropriate quarterly program reports
- The County SB 163 Wraparound Plan and relevant MOU's are in place and current
- South Lake Tahoe has a contracted Wraparound provider, ensuring that services are available for up to 6 families at a time in the Tahoe Basin
- Western Slope Wraparound providers are serving approximately 35 families at a time
- Accumulated program savings, less a prudent reserve for operations, have been fully allocated to other child welfare services or programs in our community

41 children were receiving services on June 30, 2007

- 36 on the Western Slope
- 5 in South Lake Tahoe

COST EFFECTIVENESS DATA

Claiming efficiency for this period was 99.7%

The SB 163 Wraparound Program is, by its nature, cost effective. The children who draw funding meet criteria for higher level group home placement. Since revenues are utilized for provision of Wraparound services instead of payments to group homes, the state and county costs remain the same. However, SB 163 Wraparound currently serves an average of an additional 34 children per month with the same dollars that would otherwise be paid directly to group home facilities for services to only 6 children.

As of June 30th, 2007, in addition to the 6 children in funding slots, 9 of the 35 children receiving discretionary services met legislated criteria for slotted services. 4 of these children had a history of group home placement. The other 5 were at extremely high risk for such placement. Given the recent increase in Mental Health Department service costs, the consistent level of referrals received for SB 163 services and

the allocation of program savings to other programs or services, DHS expects to seek approval from the Board during the next County budget cycle to apply to the State for additional Wraparound slots in order to at least maintain current service levels for FY 2008/09.

ADDITIONAL RELEVANT INFORMATION

Training

All levels of staff associated with the SB 163 Wraparound Program receive training from El Dorado County Mental Health clinical supervisors and/or managers, CDSS staff and/or consultants, California Institute of Mental Health (CiMH) staff and/or consultants and other approved sources. Training records are on file and available for review at the individual service locations.

Interagency Advisory Council (IAC) Meeting Records

Copies of the IAC agendas and meeting minutes are forwarded to the CAO quarterly, and this information is included in the Grand Jury Report status updates to the Board of Supervisors.

Access to Target Populations

The target populations have access to and are receiving services.

Children in, at risk of, or returning from group home placement are priority one for SB 163 Wraparound services. The County's Multidisciplinary Placement Committee, which includes SB 163 staff and representatives from Human Services, Mental Health, Probation and Education, meets weekly to discuss such placements and to review and evaluate referrals to the Wraparound Program or other appropriate programs and services.

Children at risk of losing their current placement, going into a higher level of placement or being placed out of the local community are priority two for SB 163 Wraparound Services. The Children's Multidisciplinary Teams, which include representatives from Human Services, Mental Health, CASA, Public Health, Probation, ALTA Regional Center, SB 163 Wraparound, Alcohol and Drug Services, Education, Women's Centers and other community based organizations, meet biweekly in South Lake Tahoe and weekly in Placerville to review and evaluate cases as well as make referrals to appropriate programs and services, including Wraparound.

The SB 163 Wraparound Program served more than 70 families in FY 2006/07. The total number of County children in group home placements, referred from all agencies, is typically less than 40.

Compliance with State Law

As indicated in the FY 2006/07 Grand Jury Final Report, the El Dorado County SB 163 Wraparound Program is operating in compliance with all State mandates.

Satisfaction Surveys

Satisfaction surveys are provided to all families exiting the program. For FY 2006/07 slightly more than 1/3 of those families responded to the surveys, and responses were positive. However, information from professional Wraparound consultants indicates that, while they are important, satisfaction surveys are not the best way to measure fidelity to program principles, effectiveness of services or quality of outcomes. SB 163 Wraparound Program Managers from the Departments of Human Services and Mental Health are in the process of implementing the California Department of Social Services/California Institute of Mental Health recommended evaluation tool, the WFI (Wraparound Fidelity Index), commencing with FY 2007/08, for capturing this vital information.