Byrne SCIP Program Area: Juvenile Court - Family Engagement Programs

Priority Areas Addressed: Specialized Court-based programs, Community Violence Intervention

Program Description

The strategy of this program area is to identify and aid youths and their families during the pre-petition stage or just after an initial juvenile petition is filed. With successful intervention at this stage, the Juvenile Court - Family Engagement Programs can prevent traumatic family separations and provide crucial support and services when people need them the most.

The program takes referrals from several different agencies and organizations, including schools, local police departments, community mental health agencies, juvenile court, and other community-based referral sources. The idea is to catch problems before the child or their family enter crisis and provide them with evidence-based services that meets their individual needs, thus reducing gun related crime in the future.

While much of the Juvenile Court - Family Engagement Program's focus is on reaching families in the pre-petition stage, it is also designed to help those who may have had an initial petition filed in court but who have not yet experienced further system involvement.

Program participants, such as parents or guardians of minors dealing with substance use disorders, for example, would be given personalized treatment plans and connected with wraparound services from the court and referral sources to meet their individual needs.

Agencies intending to implement an evidence-based program are required to use recognized programs that are rated as "Highest Rated" or "Second Highest Rated" according to the [Results First Clearing House](#) Database.

Program Goals, Outputs, and Outcomes

Goal 1: To decrease the prevalence of juvenile crime and gun violence by providing whole-family support services and diversion rather than criminalization.

Outcome 1: Increase the number of individuals who have participated in the program.
- Total number of active juvenile program participants.
- Total number of new juvenile participants during the reporting interval.
- Array of choices for method of referral.
- Percentage of individuals who were diverted into the program during the last reporting interval.
- Total number of active adult program participants.
- Total number of new adult service recipients during the reporting interval.

Outcome 2: Increase the number of program participants who are linked them with necessary resources.
- Outputs related to the array of services provided to juvenile participants.
- Outputs related to what juvenile services are needed but not available.
- Outputs related to the array of services provided to adult participants.
- Outputs related to what adult services are needed not available.

Outcome 3: Increase the number of community partners who can provide services to program participants.
- Total number of community partners and the services they provide.
- Total number of new community partners who joined program during last reporting interval.
- Total of outreach events or community agency contacts during last reporting interval.

Outcome 4: Increase the number of individuals who successfully complete the program.
- Total number of juveniles who completed the program this reporting interval.
- Total number of adults who completed the program this reporting interval.
- Total number of petitions dismissed this reporting interval.

Outcome 5: Decrease the number of individuals who re-offend following graduation from the program.
- Total number of program graduates who have been re-admitted to the program during the last reporting interval.
- Total number of program graduates who have had petitions filed or received new criminal charges in the adult system.

Outcome 6: Evaluate the number of individuals who believed the program made a positive impact in their life or their needs were met.
- Percentage of individuals who reported the training made a positive impact in their life.
- Percentage of individuals who reported the training did not make a positive impact in their life.
- Array of additional questions related to needs being met.

Data Collection

Data can be collected through several methods including but not limited to:
- Agency records related to program participants and services provided.
- Agency records related to referral sources / community partners, outreach, and contacts.
- Juvenile court records related to number of petitions filed and number of petitions diverted through the program.
- Surveys of program participants evaluating their perception of program effectiveness.