



Lane County Department of Youth Services

GRANTEE: Lane County Department of Youth Services

LOCATION OF GRANT ACTIVITIES: Center for Family Development, Lane Workforce Partnership, Starbucks Coffee, University of Oregon, and Lane Community College

AMOUNT: \$995,108

VALUE OF MATCH AND OTHER LEVERAGED RESOURCES: \$415,944

POPULATION SERVED: Youth ages 14-17 that have been involved in the juvenile justice system

KEY PARTNERSHIPS: Center for Family Development, Lane Workforce Partnership, Starbucks Coffee, and University of Oregon

KEY STRATEGIES: This initiative will enhance the current Martin Luther King (MLK) Jr. Educational Center by creating an integrated system with community partners to provide behavioral change, education completion, advancement to post secondary education, job readiness training, and job placement for high risk juveniles. While the current program is effective at delinquency reduction, program enhancements will be aimed at providing equally effective state-of-the-art educational opportunities and job readiness/placement assistance. Specific enhancements will include:

- job readiness for, and awareness of, meaningful employment and planning for future jobs;
- integration from the local business community;
- tailor educational instruction for specific youth needs and coordinate those learning experiences with job interests;
- the integration of treatment services within the educational setting;
- a reduction in the student/teacher ratio;
- the lengthening of the teaching day;
- the provision of services for monolingual Spanish speaking families;
- transitional support; and
- evaluation of program efficacy.

PROPOSED OUTCOMES: The MLK Jr. Educational Center currently serves 150 youth per year. They will improve upon their current outcomes which include a 70% retention rate and a 69% reduction in re-offenses amounting to a cost avoidance of \$19,000 per youth. Under their current program, reading and math school scores have also increased by up to two grade levels.

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