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Title
NOTIFICATION OF ADOLESCENT TREATMENT FUNDING ELIGIBILITY AND REQUEST FOR PLANS FROM ELIGIBLE COUNTIES

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide information regarding funding available for the Adolescent Treatment Program and to request plans from counties eligible to receive the funding and participate in the program.

DISCUSSION

The Budget Act of 1998 appropriated $4.999 million to the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs for the purpose of providing comprehensive alcohol and other drug (AOD) treatment to adolescents. Assembly Bill 1784 (Baca, Chapter 866, Statutes of 1998) provides authority for the program. In the Budget Act, the source of funds was originally State General Funds. However, the Fiscal Year 1999-00 Governor s Budget reflects a change in the fund source. It is now proposed that the program will be funded through redirection of a portion of the increase in the federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant. The Department is in the process of obtaining authority to spend these new funds through a request to the Legislature. We hope to have legislative approval sometime in March 1999.

Statute required the Department to develop criteria for counties participation in the Adolescent Treatment Program. Issues to be considered were indicators of AOD use among adolescents, the uniqueness of counties, regional approaches, and the use of community-based programs.

After several meetings with key stakeholders, an index of need indicators was developed
(see Exhibit 1). The index prioritizes the counties need for adolescent AOD treatment based on deaths, hospitalizations, arrests, automobile collisions, and school incidents related to adolescent AOD use. The counties were then separated by population size and the highest-need counties within each size category are eligible to participate (see Exhibit 2). These counties are Alameda, Alpine, Contra Costa, Fresno, Glenn, Humboldt, Imperial, Los Angeles, Mendocino, Orange, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Sierra, Sonoma, and Tehama.

The funding plan for Fiscal Year 1998-99 (pending legislative approval of the new SAPT block grant funds) is as follows:

X the four highest-need small counties (Alpine, Glenn, Sierra, Tehama) may apply for up to $50,000 each;

X the seven highest-need medium counties (Humboldt, Imperial, Mendocino, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Sonoma) may apply for up to $150,000 each;

X the six highest-need large counties (Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, San Bernardino, San Francisco, Santa Clara) may apply for up to $300,000 each;

X two of the three highest-need extra-large counties (Orange, San Diego) may apply for up to $400,000, and one (Los Angeles) may apply for up to $900,000;

X A project-wide evaluation will be conducted with $149,000.

Barring any legislative changes, it is expected that the Adolescent Treatment Program will be an ongoing project that will begin in the middle of the state fiscal year. Funding will be awarded at the beginning of the first project year and then annually with the county allocation. The overlap between project years and state fiscal years will require participating counties to identify, annually by April 1st, remaining funding for the current project year to rollover to the next fiscal year to fund the remainder of the project year.

Although the Adolescent Treatment Program is expected to be ongoing, the project-wide evaluation will be time-limited. Based on research principles, it is likely that the study will continue for a three or four-year period.

Eligible counties interested in participating in the Adolescent Treatment Program should submit a plan to the Department by February 26, 1999. The terms and conditions of funding and the plan requirements are detailed in Exhibit 3.

REFERENCES

Exhibit 5 contains a list of data sources referred to in this bulletin and exhibits.

HISTORY

None.

QUESTIONS/MAINTENANCE

Questions regarding this Bulletin can be directed to Karen Murray at (916) 323-3216.

EXHIBITS

1 Indicators of AOD Use Among Juveniles
2 County Ranking by Need
3 Adolescent Treatment Program County Plans
4 Recommended Treatment Interventions for Adolescents and Their
5 Families Resources
6 ASAM Adolescent Patient Placement Criteria

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