

<p>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</p>	<p>Item: “Gap” Kids Project – Final Report Action Required: None. Summary provided for review.</p>
<p>Background and Actions to Date</p>	<p>The Prevention & Juvenile Justice Committee (PJJC) had as part of its 2002-03 workplan development of strategies to address the needs of children currently falling between the cracks of the various systems and who would benefit from agency collaboration and communication. This brief Summary Report is the deliverable for that project.</p> <p>PJJC Chair Bobby Green appointed an ad hoc committee consisting of Lisa Smith representing Department of Youth Service (DYS), Lois Day representing Department of Human Services (DHS)/Child Welfare, and Susan Sowards as LCOG staff to PJJC to develop strategies to address issues raised in the Lane County Senate Bill 555 Plan regarding unavailable services for children 11-17 years of age.</p> <p>The committee met with staff of the Looking Glass Station Seven homeless and runaway program and others and identified categories of children for whom services were needed as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children who were acting out and who had supportive families. They were not involved in criminal activity but “hung out” in the downtown Eugene area and often ended up at Station Seven. They would benefit from a community response to increase prevention programs. • Children who use an overly large number and percentage of resources and there was not adequate system capacity to serve them. They are involved in criminal activity and their families are not supportive or are dangerous for the children to be around. • Children who should be, but for some reason are not, involved in the system. They would benefit from collaboration and improvement in communication between helping agencies. These children are “gap kids”. <p>After several meetings and analysis of the situation, Ms. Day and Ms. Smith agreed, on behalf of their agencies, to the following actions to better meet the needs of “gap kids”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask Lane County Mental Health (LCMH) to work with them on serving gap kids appropriately • DHS, DHS, and LCMH would identify a point person who staff can call when a gap kid is identified and is not being served appropriately. The point person will work with the point people of the other two agencies to ensure services are coordinated to best meet the child’s needs. <p>The committee’s report was received by PJJC at their September 26, 2002 meeting. Next steps are now in the hands of DHS and DHS who can provide any additional information needed on the status of implementation.</p>
<p>Action Needed</p>	<p>None needed. This item is provided for review. Members may ask any questions they have concerning this final report at the February 13 PSCC meeting.</p>
<p>Pertinent Policy</p>	<p>Local public safety coordinating councils are charged by ORS 423.565 with the following: (1) Develop and recommend to the board of county commissioners the plan for use of</p>

	<p>state resources to serve the local youth offender population;</p> <p>(2) Coordinate local juvenile justice policy among affected juvenile justice entities; and</p> <p>(3) In consultation with the local commission on children and families, develop and recommend to the county board of commissioners a plan designed to prevent criminal involvement by youth. The plan must provide for coordination of community-wide services involving treatment, education, employment and intervention strategies aimed at crime prevention.</p> <p>(4) Provide for the coordination of community-wide services involving prevention, treatment, education, employment resources, and intervention strategies aimed at crime prevention.</p>
Fiscal Impact	None.
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