

Madison County AOP

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June 17, 2016

Madison County Board of Supervisors
125 W. North St
Canton, MS 39046

Dear Board of Supervisors:

This letter is to serve as additional information regarding the previous board meeting on June 6, 2016. The staff of the Adolescent Opportunity Program, along with the Youth Court Defense and Prosecuting Attorneys, have researched further information and modifications that would prove to be helpful in making a final decision to fund the Madison County Adolescent Opportunity Program.

The first modification that we would like to address with letter is to request funding in the amount of \$50,000.00 to continue to provide services and resources to the youth of Madison County. In the original proposal, which is attached, the program staff requested a total of \$100,000.00 annually to be able to fully fund the program. However, at this time, we believe that we may be able to acquire other funding in the future to either add to, or match funds from the Madison County Board of Supervisors.

The second inquiry that we would like to address is the salaries of the staff members. According to the \$100,000.00 budget, about 75% was listed for salaries. This amount would be accurate and fair to the staff members based off of the services that they provide. The staff members are full time employees who work the normal 9am-6pm business hours, in addition to other non-traditional hours. The staff members are available during day time hours for school meetings, doctor visits, home visits, family therapy, program planning, and crisis intervention. The staff members are also on call 24/7, and often have to take time away from their own families to deal with a crisis at different times of the day or night. Furthermore, the staff members also dedicate some weekends to the youth in the program for different field trips and social gatherings. At any given time, the staff members can work 50-60 hours a week.

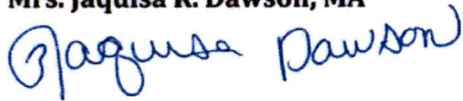
The final bit of information that we would like to clarify lies in the decrease of limitations that would be able to be implemented in a new program that is picked up by the Madison County Board of Supervisors. Due to the previous limitations of the grant through the MS Department of Human Services: Division of Youth Services, the program was only able to

enroll a specific amount of youths depending on the number of staff members. When the Madison County Board of Supervisors picks up the program, we will be able to accommodate a wider range of clients throughout the entire county.

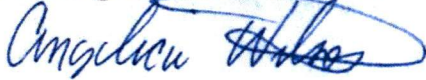
Overall, we believe that this program will greatly benefit Madison County as a whole, and save the county money in terms of detention costs. We also believe that a new program would lower crime and create safer communities. We hope that you would take the time to read over the attached proposal, as well as looking at the FY 15 numbers that the county paid for detention costs. We believe that we could reduce this number through the services that we provide. We appreciate your consideration and hope that you will support and approve funding for this new program.

Sincerely,

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MADISON COUNTY ADOLESCENT OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

June 17, 2016

OVERVIEW

Program Description

- A. To provide a community treatment program that reduces recidivism of adolescent offenders in Madison County. Attention shall be given to adjudicated youth offenders, both male and female, ages 12-17 years old, who are at a low to moderate risk of reoffending.
- B. To provide an alternative to the ever growing population of juvenile detention facilities
- C. To improve family relations and functioning by offering family support services, and providing transportation to families in need.
- D. To provide fundamental life skills training, assisting in gaining job skills, decrease adolescent drug and alcohol use, and to decrease adolescent pregnancy in Madison County.
- E. To provide support to the local school district by improving school attendance, working on positive behavior in a school setting, and attending school meeting when the parent/guardian is unavailable.
- F. To oversee mental health services by referring families to local mental health agencies, and ensuring compliance with treatment.
- G. To staff the program with personnel who shall work with the most ethical, efficient, and professional manner possible.
- H. Operation hours shall be a minimum of five days a week.
- I. Day Treatment hours are normally after school and will operate a minimum of 2 hours per day during the school year, with hours varying during summer break and holidays.

Background

The Madison County Adolescent Opportunity Program has been operating in Madison County since 2001. During that time, the Adolescent Opportunity Program has seen quite a few youth come through the program. Although there are some adolescents who do reoffend and carry on to the adult system, there are many more who have been positively impacted by the staff of the Adolescent Opportunity Program. This program provides services that include behavioral and mental health services, educational support, family support, life skills training, and crisis management, amongst many others. The Adolescent Opportunity Program has lasted so long in this community not because of the staff, but because of the clients who are able to say that they were positively impacted by the program, and pass the word. We often hear other adolescents who are not in the Youth Court System ask, "How do I get in AOP?" This shows the impact that the program has within the community. The Adolescent Opportunity Program has played a major role in reducing recidivism in Madison County over the past 15 years.

Benefits

- A. Reduces juvenile detention costs for Madison County
- B. Provides an alternative to juvenile detention
- C. Equips at risk youth to become productive, tax paying citizens
- D. Builds stronger families
- E. Builds stronger communities
- F. Provides structure to clients
- G. Provides support to the school district
- H. Ensures that adolescents are receiving proper case management services
- I. Reduces adolescent pregnancy

- J. Educates youth on the importance of maintaining a positive character
- K. Inform youth on educational needs and options
- L. Reduce drug and alcohol use amongst adolescents
- M. Provide safer communities

Budget

Currently, the Adolescent Opportunity Program operates on a grant from the MS Department of Human Services in the amount of \$185,454.00 annually. The proposed budget for maintaining the Adolescent Opportunity Program, or a similar program that provides the same services, is listed below:

Salaries

A. Director Salary	\$40,000.00 annually
B. Assistant Director	\$35,000.00 annually

Program Expenses

A. Food for Clients (includes snacks for clients, program outings, & family events)	\$6,000.00 annually
B. Program Supplies (includes incentives, educational Supplies, & office supplies)	\$5,500.00 annually
C. Field Trips	\$3,000.00 annually
D. Professional Development	\$1,800.00 annually
E. Fuel/Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	\$5,300.00 annually
TOTAL	\$96,600.00

The total that is being requested to keep the program in operation is a total of \$100,000.00 annually. Although the total budget amount for the program comes out to \$96,600.00 annually, the Director is requesting an additional \$3,400.00 as a means for inflation of prices, incidentals, and possible unforeseen expenses.

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Account Number	Payee	Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Date	Claim Number	Trans Number	Check Date	Check Number	Amount	Void
001-163-589	YAZOO COUNTY YOUTH COURT	DETENTION/SECURITY COST		10/02/2014						
	ADAPTS ELECTRONIC MONITOR	DETENTION/SECURITY COST	5277	09/30/2014	79	150134	10/21/2014	21638		
	YAZOO COUNTY YOUTH COURT	DETENTION/SECURITY COST		11/03/2014	408	150407	11/03/2014	21640	11,070.00	
	SCOTT COUNTY JUVINILE HOL	DETENTION/SECURITY COST		10/29/2014	869	151210	11/18/2014	22234	412.75	
	SCOTT COUNTY JUVINILE HOL	DETENTION/SECURITY COST		10/31/2014	871	151219	11/18/2014	22234	13,590.00	
	YAZOO COUNTY YOUTH COURT	DETENTION/SECURITY COST		12/01/2014	1320	152011	12/16/2014	22168	900.00	
	YAZOO COUNTY YOUTH COURT	DETENTION/SECURITY COST		01/05/2015	1338	152035	12/16/2014	22609	400.00	
	RANKIN SHERIFFS JUVENILE	DETENTION/SECURITY COST		03/19/2014	1596	152612	01/21/2015	22675	11,250.00	
	YAZOO COUNTY YOUTH COURT	DETENTION/SECURITY COST		01/31/2015	1603	152624	01/21/2015	23164	12,420.00	
	SCOTT COUNTY JUVINILE HOL	DETENTION/SECURITY COST		12/31/2014	1826	153203	02/18/2015	23104	2,212.50	
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	YAZOO COUNTY YOUTH COURT	DETENTION/SECURITY COST		02/28/2015	1828	153205	02/18/2015	23525	800.00	
	SCOTT COUNTY JUVINILE HOL	DETENTION/SECURITY COST		02/28/2015	2122	153861	04/06/2015	23374	552.45	
	YAZOO COUNTY YOUTH COURT	DETENTION/SECURITY COST		03/31/2015	2323	154281	04/21/2015	24276	11,880.00	
	HINDS COUNTY	DETENTION/SECURITY COST		03/31/2015	2324	154282	04/21/2015	24478	1,300.00	
	YAZOO COUNTY YOUTH COURT	DETENTION/SECURITY COST		05/01/2015	2461	154595	05/04/2015	24515	7,020.00	
	HINDS COUNTY	DETENTION/SECURITY COST		06/03/2015	2750	155247	06/01/2015	24627	500.00	
	HINDS COUNTY	DETENTION/SECURITY COST		06/03/2015	2899	155596	06/23/2015	25234	13,140.00	
	SCOTT COUNTY JUVINILE HOL	DETENTION/SECURITY COST		04/30/2015	2899	155596	06/23/2015	25331	100.00	
	YAZOO COUNTY YOUTH COURT	DETENTION/SECURITY COST		06/01/2015	2900	155597	06/23/2015	25331	1,000.00	
	HINDS COUNTY	DETENTION/SECURITY COST		06/03/2014	2902	155599	06/23/2015	25432	1,000.00	
	HINDS COUNTY	DETENTION/SECURITY COST		06/22/2015	3174	156110	07/06/2015	25483	10,530.00	
	YAZOO COUNTY YOUTH COURT	DETENTION/SECURITY COST		06/30/2015	3488	156626	07/21/2015	25621	1,200.00	
	YAZOO COUNTY YOUTH COURT	DETENTION/SECURITY COST		08/03/2015	3490	156628	07/21/2015	25855	5,900.00	
	YAZOO COUNTY YOUTH COURT	DETENTION/SECURITY COST		09/02/2015	4571	158112	08/18/2015	25985	14,310.00	
	SCOTT COUNTY JUVINILE HOL	DETENTION/SECURITY COST		08/31/2015	5439	159463	09/30/2015	26897	6,300.00	
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ACCOUNT TOTAL 155,087.70

ACCOUNT TOTAL 3,654.10

DEPARTMENT TOTAL 158,741.80

FUND TOTAL 158,741.80

REPORT TOTAL 158,741.80

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