

A Model Program From the State of Minnesota

The *Hofstede Committee Report* (1999) details a program for Minnesota consisting of three phases, each contributing to the protection of prostituted teens. The program could serve as a model for providing emergency, transitional, and long-term help for prostituted teens in Michigan.

Phase 1: Emergency Shelter and Assessment Center

Phase 1 is an emergency shelter and assessment center. The goal of this shelter is to give immediate assistance to 20 youth who need food and a safe place to stay for 1-30 days. On-site staff will provide mental and physical assessments. Once the youths' immediate needs are addressed, staff will provide them with transitional housing at another location, reunite them with family, or connect them to another support structure.

PHASE 1 BUDGET ESTIMATE

<i>Personnel</i>	<i>Number of Staff</i>	<i>Salary Total</i>	<i>Tax, Insurance, and Benefits</i>
Executive Director*	1	\$45,000	\$9,000
Supervisor*	1	\$33,000	6,600
Contracted Specialists**	4	\$143,800 (total)	n/a
Case Manager	2	\$60,000 (\$30,000 per staff)	12,000
Advocate/Asst. Case Mgr.	2	\$48,000 (\$24,000 per staff)	9,600
Intake Staff	3	\$63,000 (\$21,000 per staff)	12,600
Administration	1	\$21,000	4,200
Food Staff	2	\$34,500 (\$17,250 per staff)	6,900
Community Program Staff	1	\$30,000	6,000
Social Worker/Therapist	3	\$90,000 (\$30,000 per staff)	18,000
TOTAL:	20	\$568,300	\$84,900
TOTAL COST OF PHASE ONE:			\$653,200

Phase 2: Family Style Homes and Transitional Housing

Phase 2 will provide shelter for approximately 30-40 homeless youths. After a youth is assessed at the emergency shelter, he or she will either be recommended to a family-style home or transitional housing facility as needed.

The family style homes will be utilized by homeless youth in need of intensive supervision due to age, trauma, psychological issues, etc. There will be two family-style dwellings which will accommodate 8-10 youth each. A residential advisor will live in each house in order to provide supervision, mentoring, and stability. In addition to the advisor, a case manager and an advocate will staff each residence. Youth living in the family style homes also will receive counseling and assistance at the emergency shelter and assessment center.

The transitional housing facility is for youth who need less supervision and are more independent. Ideally, youth who live in the transitional housing facility will utilize the program activities at the emergency shelter and assessment center while they seek employment, enroll in school, or attempt to reconnect with their families. The transitional housing facility will be managed by staff at the assessment center and two case managers. The transitional housing program may be a combination of apartments, scattered housing sites, or larger facilities. The transitional housing program will assist approximately 20 youths, and their average stay will be from six months to two years.

PHASE 2 BUDGET ESTIMATE

<i>Personnel</i>	<i>Number of Staff</i>	<i>Salary Total</i>	<i>Tax, Insurance, and Benefits</i>
Phase Two Supervisor	1	\$33,000	\$6,600
Case Manager	4	\$120,000 (\$30,000 per staff)	24,000
Advocate/Case Mgr. Asst.	3	\$72,000 (\$24,000 per staff)	14,400
Residential Advisor	2	\$34,000 (\$17,000 per staff)	6,800
TOTAL:	10	\$259,000	\$51,800
TOTAL COST OF PHASE TWO:			\$310,800

**Phase 3:
Long Term Stabilization Program**

Phase 3 is a long term stabilization program. This phase requires minimal staff time and merely provides financial assistance to older youth who are becoming independent. Program participants may utilize the assessment center activities and independently arrange to meet with their counselors. There will be one case manager who will manage the 20-30 youths who are in the long term stabilization program. The program could consist of group homes, housing subsidies, or apartments. The nature of the assistance will depend on the funding available and the youths' individual needs.

PHASE 3 BUDGET ESTIMATE

<i>Personnel</i>	<i>Number of Staff</i>	<i>Salary Total</i>	<i>Tax, Insurance, and Benefits</i>
Case Manager	1	\$30,000	\$6,000
TOTAL :	1	\$30,000	\$6,000
TOTAL COST OF PHASE THREE:			\$36,000

Total Program Costs

TOTAL BUDGET ESTIMATE

	<i>Staff</i>	<i>Salary Total</i>	<i>Benefits</i>	<i>Total</i>
PHASE ONE TOTAL:	20	\$568,300	\$84,900	\$ 653,200
PHASE TWO TOTAL:	10	\$259,000	\$51,800	\$ 310,800
PHASE THREE TOTAL:	1	\$30,000	\$6,000	\$ 36,000
TOTAL:	27	\$857,300	\$142,700	\$1,000,000

The total program costs of one million dollars may seem a high price to pay. Remember, however, that the average estimated annual cost for a city the size of Detroit to control prostitution is more than \$16 million (see Table 1).