

Priority:	Safety	Lead Agency:	District Attorney
Program Offer Type:	Existing Operating	Program Contact:	Scott Marcy
Related Programs:			
Frameworks:			

Executive Summary

The Child Abuse Team reviews and processes cases and reports involving child abuse in a domestic setting or by child care providers. Using an integrated team of prosecutors, child specialists, and police investigators, the team reviews, coordinates and investigates cases, then decides how to proceed.

Program Description

Also known as the Multidisciplinary Child Abuse Team (MDT) this group of Deputy District Attorneys and staff are part of a larger group of dedicated child and health care professionals, law enforcement officers and prosecutors. They review and investigate all reported cases of child abuse or child mistreatment in the county and all fatalities which involve a child under the age of 18 years and where abuse is suspected. Located at the Gateway Children's Center campus, this program prosecutes some of the most troubling and serious crimes every year and handles the corresponding child abuse and neglect proceeding in Juvenile Court. Each team member and those conducting child abuse investigations and interviews of child abuse victims are trained in risk assessment, dynamics of child abuse, child sexual abuse and rape of children and legally sound and age appropriate interview and investigatory techniques. This program also coordinates the distribution Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention (C.A.M.I) funds which are generated from unitary assessment funds from the state, to a variety of local partners on an annual basis for projects associated with child abuse intervention.

Program Justification

This program is a multi-jurisdictional, cooperative and collaborative team of professionals that reviews, investigates and prosecutes crimes involving child abuse and/or child mistreatment. The offenders in these cases are often high level or serious offenders but medium and low level offenders are also managed by this program. The program keeps children safe by removing them from dangerous and abusive home or day care situations when necessary and working with families to address the issues which brought the child to the attention of authorities in the first place.

Performance Measures

The performance measures for this child abuse program will be a statistical tracking of the number of Dependency cases on a calendar year basis and the number of criminal cases reviewed and issued on a yearly basis.

Summary of last year's program results and this year's expected results

During calendar year 2004 the program worked 126 dependency cases involving approximately 200 children. In addition the program reviewed 285 criminal cases and issued 106 criminal cases in 2004.

Program Mandate: 2 Mandated Program with Funding/Service Level Choice

ORS 418.747 Interagency teams for investigation; duties; training; method of investigation; fatality review process. (1) The district attorney in each county shall be responsible for developing interagency and multidisciplinary teams to consist of but not be limited to law enforcement personnel, Department of Human Services child protective service workers, school officials, county health department personnel, child abuse intervention center workers, if available, and juvenile department representatives, as well as others specially trained in child abuse, child sexual abuse and rape of children investigation.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2005	2005	2006	2006
Program Expenses				
Personnel	\$607,880	\$128,021	\$630,186	\$132,457
Contracts	\$11,805	\$578,379	\$14,805	\$280,149
Materials & Supplies	\$4,557	\$36,157	\$4,666	\$60,000
Internal Services	\$144,501	\$34,529	\$82,505	\$29,094
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$768,743	\$777,086	\$732,162	\$501,700
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$35,796	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$111,241	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$147,037	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$768,743	\$777,086	\$879,199	\$501,700
Program Total:	\$1,545,829		\$1,380,899	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	5.00	2.00
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$32,524	\$0	\$20,822	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$777,086	\$0	\$501,700
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$32,524	\$777,086	\$20,822	\$501,700

Explanation of Revenues

The state will reduce unitary assessment funds for the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention program (CAMI) by 33% or \$275,385 in FY 2006. If any amounts are restored by the state, the Board of Commissioners must approve a revised CAMI plan and a budget modification would also be submitted at that time. These funds are primarily a pass-through to local agencies and organizations.

Significant Program Changes

Because the oversight committee has not agreed on an approved CAMI plan for 2006, it is not possible to indicate at this time what changes may occur. However the CAMI program will receive 33% less revenue in FY06.