

Priority: Accountability
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs:
Frameworks:

Lead Agency: Health Department
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Executive Summary

The Vital Records program assures accurate, timely, and confidential registration of birth and death events, minimizing the opportunity for identity theft and providing accurate recording of cause of death and identification of birth parents. Birth and death certificates are issued in accordance with federal and state statutes to maintain the integrity and accuracy of birth and death information. The information is analyzed to provide essential public health information that can be used to plan prevention and intervention activities for positive health outcomes. Employees working in this program are registered with the state. Populations at risk for poor health outcomes can be identified for the provision of proactive interventions. Ongoing and long term goals provide an opportunity for comprehensive and longitudinal analysis of population health through analysis of public health information consistently gathered on birth and death certificates.

Program Description

Birth and Death Certification: Multnomah County issues birth and death certificates within the first six months of the event. Death certificates can be issued to family members, legal representatives, government agencies, or to the person or agency with personal or property rights. Birth records can be released to immediate family including grandparents, parents, brothers/sisters, legal representatives, or to government agencies. Some examples of are:
The Multnomah County Commission on Children and Family to support their services to first time parents
The State Infant Mortality Review Committee receives information from birth records of infants who died. The information is used to evaluate the circumstances that may have lead to the infant's premature death
Health Department Early Childhood services uses the data to identify newborns and first time parents
The Multnomah County Perinatal Hepatitis B (HepB) program identifies babies born to mothers with HepB, providing immunization services to protect the newborn
The Center for Disease Control pneumonia and influenza reports
The state Injury Prevention program to identify suicides and overdoses

Program Justification

The reporting of accurate, timely and confidential registration of birth and death events is necessary for improving decision-making. It provides data that can contribute to analyses of population health trends while simultaneously providing a useful service for parents of newborns and relatives of the deceased. Rapid issuance of accurate certificates minimizes the opportunity for identity theft and assures accurate recording of both cause of death and the identification of birth parents.

Performance Measures

Issue birth and death certificates within the State-required standard of 24 hours after request.

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

Last year, all Vital Records were issued within 24 hours.
Just under 1,400 orders for death certificates will be issued for FY05. There are approximately 50 funeral homes who regularly order multiple certificates for families and another 10 funeral homes with standing, prepaid orders for death certificates. Individuals and families also order death certificates. These 1,400 orders serve about 7,000 individual record requests.

Nearly 4,000 birth certificates will be issued, primarily to individuals and families.
The same results are expected next year.

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

Legal mandates are ORS 97, 146, 432; OAR 830 and 333.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2005	2005	2006	2006
Program Expenses				
Personnel	\$283,089	\$0	\$0	\$349,980
Contracts	\$14,816	\$0	\$0	\$13,780
Materials & Supplies	\$24,914	\$0	\$0	\$22,550
Internal Services	\$33,722	\$0	\$0	\$81,098
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$356,541	\$0	\$0	\$467,408
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$7,710	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$32,457	\$25,138
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$40,167	\$25,138
Total GF/non-GF:	\$356,541	\$0	\$40,167	\$492,546
Program Total:	\$356,541		\$532,713	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.65
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$0	\$0	\$27,933	\$0
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$405,000	\$0	\$497,465
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$17,727	\$25,138
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$405,000	\$45,660	\$522,603

Explanation of Revenues

The fees generated by this service support the program.

Significant Program Changes

None expected.