

**Priority:** Basic Needs  
**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating  
**Related Programs:**

**Lead Agency:** District Attorney  
**Program Contact:** Scott Marcy

**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

The Child Support Enforcement program provides parents with minor children with legal assistance in establishing, modifying and collecting child support and with legally establishing paternity.

**Program Description**

The program works cooperatively and collaboratively with all Oregon county jurisdictions, state and federal agencies, with all 50 states and dozens of foreign governments in the establishment and collection of child support and medical coverage. In addition the program works to legally establish paternity when necessary through DNA analysis and legal proceedings. With two locations (downtown, Gresham) the program routinely carries average caseload of approximately 8300 cases and collects approximately \$30 million annually. Every dollar collected through the program is sent out directly to custodial parents for the benefit of the minor child or children. This program benefits over 10,000 children annually in Multnomah County.

**Program Justification**

This program helps provide economic stability for thousands of families and over ten thousand children in Multnomah County. Through the establishment and collection of child support this program provides approximately 30 million dollars each year for the direct economic stability of families and caregivers. This program also provides links and referrals to important state and county services for those who are in need of more than financial support. The program assists in the establishment of medical insurance orders which contributes to the physical health of citizens. With access to interpretation services and legal forms in a variety of languages, this program delivers services in a culturally competent manner.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY04-05)	Current Year Purchased (FY05-06)	Current Year Estimate (FY05-06)	Next Year Offer (FY06-07)
Output	Average number of child support cases worked.	5,509	5,510	5,510	5,510
Outcome	Amount of child support collected	20,726,107	19,719,323	20,600,000	20,650,000
Efficiency	Dollars collected for each general fund dollar spent	79	100	104	74

**Performance Measure - Description**

Average number of child support cases worked- the average number of child support cases assigned to the office each year.

Amount of child support collected- The amount of current and past due child support collected in the fiscal year.

Dollars collected for each general fund dollar spent- Total child support collected per fiscal year vs the amount of County general fund spent.

In the current fiscal year general fund dollars were reduced because of the availability of extra incentive dollars.

**Legal/Contractual Obligation**

Child Support Enforcement: ORS 25.080 Entity primarily responsible for support enforcement services; duties.

**Revenue/Expense Detail**

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2006	2006	2007	2007
<b>Program Expenses</b>				
Personnel	\$0	\$1,973,996	\$0	\$1,793,439
Contracts	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$49,622	\$122	\$34,428
Internal Services	\$300,000	\$204,255	\$325,952	\$102,747
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	<b>\$300,000</b>	<b>\$2,247,873</b>	<b>\$326,074</b>	<b>\$1,950,614</b>
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$160,446	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$428,205	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$588,651</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Total GF/non-GF:	<b>\$300,000</b>	<b>\$2,247,873</b>	<b>\$914,725</b>	<b>\$1,950,614</b>
Program Total:	<b>\$2,547,873</b>		<b>\$2,865,339</b>	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	23.50
<b>Program Revenues</b>				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$90,123	\$0	\$57,287	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$2,247,873	\$0	\$1,950,614
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>\$90,123</b>	<b>\$2,247,873</b>	<b>\$57,287</b>	<b>\$1,950,614</b>

**Explanation of Revenues**

In addition to county general fund, the program receives 66% federal matching funds and additional federal incentive dollars earned through performance measure achievement.

In Fy07 the program will receive \$1,502,614 in federal matching child support funding and \$448,000 in incentive funding.

**Significant Program Changes**

✔ Significantly Changed

**Last year this program was:** #15016, Child Support Enforcement

This program offer has been reduced by \$100,000 of general fund and \$194,116 of matching federal revenue. This program now represents staff and operating costs for the downtown support enforcement office only. Program 15020B must also be purchased to maintain the current level of service.