

Priority: Basic Needs **Lead Agency:** County Human Services
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating **Program Contact:** John Pearson
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Family Involvement Team (FIT) connects parents entering the family dependency court process with alcohol and drug treatment as expeditiously as possible and provides enhanced services to keep them in treatment. FIT is a collaboration of Multnomah County Department's of County Human Services and Community Justice, Oregon Department of Human Services and the five community-based treatment providers serving women and their children. Each year approximately 300 parents accept FIT services. In 2006, the Governor's Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse Programs honored FIT with the Outstanding Innovations in Government Achievement award.

Program Description

The Family Involvement Team includes a core team housed at the Family Court that works with parents and their children until they reach treatment, and then other team members begin working with the parent once they enter treatment. The collaborating agencies in this program include the County contracted A&D agencies providing services to parents and children, State Department of Human Services and outreach workers. After parents, often with their young child, enter treatment the Family Involvement Team staff at the treatment agencies provide the family with support services including case management, family therapy, and wrap around services to assist the client to remain in and be successful in treatment. Ongoing services include case management and family therapy at the treatment agency, transportation in the first month of treatment provided by outreach workers, and an expedited visit between parent and child facilitated by a State Department of Human Services staff person assigned to FIT. FIT clients are successfully connected to treatment in an average of approximately 13 days compared to the statewide average of 111 days.

Program Justification

The Family Involvement Team (FIT) links directly to the Basic Living Needs Priority that addresses promoting healthy behaviors by assisting parents who have had a child/children removed by the State Department of Human Services (DHS) for abuse or neglect with drug or alcohol involvement to enter treatment. A DHS report estimates that in 2002, 1,383 children were the victim of abuse or neglect in Multnomah County. The report stated that drug and/or alcohol abuse was the leading stress factor in families where children have been abused or neglected and that drug and/or alcohol abuse was suspected in 45% of the cases. In FY 06 FIT Core Team staff identified 485 families entering the dependency court with allegations of abuse or neglect with alcohol and/or drugs involved. Of the qualifying families, 76% accepted FIT services. By accepting FIT services the parents are demonstraing to DHS they are recognizing that drugs or alcohol are effecting their ability to parent effectively and are willing to take the steps to possibly reunify the family.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY05-06)	Current Year Purchased (FY06-07)	Current Year Estimate (FY06-07)	Next Year Offer (FY07-08)
Output	Percent of eligible parents accepting FIT services	76.0%	60.0%	70.5%	71.0%
Outcome	Percent of clients entering treatment	77.7%	79.0%	80.9%	81.0%

Performance Measure - Description ✔ Measure Changed

The percent of eligible parents accepting FIT services is the percent of parents accepting services after the disqualified parents and the parents choosing not to accept FIT services are factored out.

The percent of clients entering treatment is the percent after the clients with no treatment recommendation are factored out of the clients accepting FIT services.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2007	2007	2008	2008
Program Expenses				
Contracts	\$0	\$263,086	\$0	\$263,086
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$263,086	\$0	\$263,086
Administration	\$0	\$8,929	\$0	\$9,419
Program Support	\$0	\$12,999	\$0	\$5,788
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$21,928	\$0	\$15,207
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$285,014	\$0	\$278,293
Program Total:	\$285,014		\$278,293	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$263,086	\$0	\$263,086
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$21,928	\$0	\$15,207
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$285,014	\$0	\$278,293

Explanation of Revenues

\$263,086 from State Mental Health Grant Award - estimated 07-09 biennium contract.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #25098, Family Involvement Team (FIT)