

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

Lead Agency: District Attorney
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Child Support Enforcement program provides parents with minor children with legal assistance in establishing, modifying and collecting child support, medical 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 \$32 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 32 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 and enforcement 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 (FY06-07) | Current Year Purchased (FY07-08) | Current Year Estimate (FY07-08) | Next Year Offer (FY08-09) |
|--------------|---|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Output | average number of child support cases worked per year | 8,211 | 8,325 | 8,210 | 8,200 |
| Outcome | amount of child support collected | 32,413,577 | 32,000,000 | 32,500,000 | 32,500,000 |
| Efficiency | dollars collected for each general fund dollar spent on direct services | 99 | 73 | 98 | 98 |

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 on direct services- Total child support collected per fiscal year vs the amount of County general fund spent on direct services for the program.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

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

Revenue/Expense Detail

| | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Program Expenses | 2008 | 2008 | 2009 | 2009 |
| Personnel | \$391,708 | \$1,720,987 | \$435,379 | \$1,712,716 |
| Contracts | \$0 | \$21,270 | \$0 | \$31,270 |
| Materials & Supplies | \$8,300 | \$30,395 | \$17,661 | \$29,735 |
| Internal Services | \$38,045 | \$518,975 | \$0 | \$419,260 |
| Subtotal: Direct Exps: | \$438,053 | \$2,291,627 | \$453,040 | \$2,192,981 |
| Administration | \$186,037 | \$0 | \$196,931 | \$0 |
| Program Support | \$448,325 | \$0 | \$457,244 | \$0 |
| Subtotal: Other Exps: | \$634,362 | \$0 | \$654,175 | \$0 |
| Total GF/non-GF: | \$1,072,415 | \$2,291,627 | \$1,107,215 | \$2,192,981 |
| Program Total: | \$3,364,042 | | \$3,300,196 | |
| Program FTE | 5.77 | 21.23 | 6.00 | 21.00 |
| Program Revenues | | | | |
| Indirect for dep't Admin | \$101,556 | \$0 | \$68,881 | \$0 |
| Intergovernmental | \$0 | \$2,291,627 | \$0 | \$2,192,981 |
| Program Revenue for Admin | \$45,953 | \$0 | \$48,818 | \$0 |
| Total Revenue: | \$147,509 | \$2,291,627 | \$117,699 | \$2,192,981 |

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 Fy09 the program will receive \$1,447,699 in federal matching child support funding, \$404,348 incentive funding, \$235,744 state direct funding, \$57,000 in program fees. .

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: