

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

**Lead Agency:** County Human Services  
**Program Contact:** Ray Hudson

**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

The Family Involvement Team (FIT) connects parents entering Family Dependency Court with addictions treatment as expeditiously as possible and provides enhanced services to keep them in treatment. These parents have an allegation of child abuse/neglect with drugs and/or alcohol involved. Each year approximately 280 parents accept FIT services and approximately 195 enter alcohol and drug treatment. By accepting services parents are demonstrating to DHS they are recognizing that drugs or alcohol are affecting their ability to parent effectively and are willing to take steps to reunify the family.

**Program Description**

The FIT Team includes a core team housed at the Family Dependency Court that works with DHS Child Welfare parents and their children until they enter treatment. Additional team members located at the five treatment providers begin working with the parent and in many cases their children, once they enter treatment. 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 and be successful in treatment.

The FIT service array that has been in place since 2000 has recently (October 2007) been expanded and enhanced through receipt of two Federal grants. The primary grant is a five-year 3.7 million dollar Children's Bureau grant and the additional grant is a 2-year \$120,000 Community Oriented Police Services (COPS) grant. The grants enable FIT to 1) expand the number of DHS Child Welfare clients that can access alcohol and drug treatment, and 2) provide enhanced and previously unavailable aftercare services to those clients.

FIT is a collaboration of Multnomah County's Department of County Human Services and Department of Community Justice, Oregon Department of Human Services, the five community-based treatment providers serving women and their children, and five additional community-based providers of other support services.

**Program Justification**

The Family Involvement Team 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 State DHS report stated that drug and/or alcohol abuse was the leading stress factor in families where children have been abused or neglected. In FY 07 FIT Core Team staff identified 446 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 demonstrating to DHS they are recognizing that drugs or alcohol are affecting their ability to parent effectively and are willing to take steps to reunify the family. By accepting FIT services the parents are demonstrating to DHS they are recognizing that drugs or alcohol are affecting their ability to parent effectively and are willing to take steps to reunify the family.

**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	Percent of Eligible Parents Accepting FIT Services (screening)	76.0%	71.0%	76.0%	76.0%
Outcome	Percent of screened clients entering treatment.	73.0%	81.0%	73.0%	78.0%

**Performance Measure - Description**

The percent of eligible parents accepting FIT services is the percent of parents accepting services after appearing in Family Court and being offered the service.

## Legal/Contractual Obligation

## Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2008	2008	2009	2009
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$30,803
Contracts	\$0	\$263,086	\$0	\$1,925,072
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$36,661
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$263,086</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,992,536</b>
Administration	\$0	\$9,419	\$0	\$52,524
Program Support	\$0	\$5,788	\$0	\$22,575
Subtotal: Other Exps:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$15,207</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$75,099</b>
Total GF/non-GF:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$278,293</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,067,635</b>
Program Total:	<b>\$278,293</b>		<b>\$2,067,635</b>	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Program Revenues</b>				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$0	\$0	\$16,690	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$263,086	\$0	\$1,992,536
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$15,207	\$0	\$75,099
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$278,293</b>	<b>\$16,690</b>	<b>\$2,067,635</b>

## Explanation of Revenues

State Mental Health Grant - \$991,135  
 Federal/State - \$1,001,401

## Significant Program Changes

✔ Significantly Changed

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