

Priority: Safety
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Lead Agency: County Human Services
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Executive Summary

Court Care provides on-site childcare for approximately 800 children annually whose parents are involved with legal proceedings at the County Courthouse. This program eases the burden on parents with young children allowing them better access to court proceedings and supporting their ability to focus on those proceedings without worry about their children's safety. This program is a collaboration among DCHS, the Oregon Judicial Department, and the Multnomah County Bar Association.

Program Description

Court Care services are jointly provided with the State of Oregon Department of Justice. Through contract with a non-profit agency, a full service child care facility provides developmentally appropriate care, including food for participating children, and screening for potential referrals to on-going service by certified childcare providers.

An Advisory Committee under the auspices of the Multnomah County Bar Association raises service delivery funds, oversees operations, and evaluates program effectiveness.

Program Justification

Court Care contributes to Safety Indicator: "Citizen perception of safety", and meets Safety Strategy 2: "Safety system components work effectively together", and Strategy 6: "Engage relevant communities in defining public safety need, and developing crime prevention and protection programs".

Services eliminate barriers to a parent/care giver's ability to fully participate in legal proceedings, created by lack of childcare, and protect children from inappropriate exposure to potentially traumatic adult situations that can be a part of the legal process. In particular, services are critical for women seeking restraining orders against their batterers in order to increase both their safety and the safety of their children while they go through the legal process. Addressing these issues supports a more fully functioning and effective legal system which plays a critical role in citizens' perceptions of safety.

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	# of children served	704	800	800	800
Outcome	% of parents expressing satisfaction w/services received	100.0%	90.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Performance Measure - Description

Court care services are by definition temporary. Effectiveness is primarily defined by the existence and delivery of the services themselves. Every child served avoids inappropriate exposure to legal situations and increases the ability of their parent/care giver to participate in their own legal proceedings.

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	\$8,913	\$0	\$9,057	\$0
Contracts	\$27,491	\$26,496	\$28,110	\$26,496
Materials & Supplies	\$451	\$0	\$243	\$0
Internal Services	\$1,258	\$0	\$1,320	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$38,113	\$26,496	\$38,730	\$26,496
Administration	\$3,483	\$0	\$4,855	\$0
Program Support	\$2,781	\$0	\$3,896	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$6,264	\$0	\$8,751	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$44,377	\$26,496	\$47,481	\$26,496
Program Total:	\$70,873		\$73,977	
Program FTE	0.11	0.00	0.10	0.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$26,496	\$0	\$26,496
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$26,496	\$0	\$26,496

Explanation of Revenues

Oregon Judicial Department - \$26,496
 County General Fund - \$38,730

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #25127, Court Care

This Program Offer includes a 3% inflationary increase of \$819 over FY08 for the County General Fund portion of contracted client services.