

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

**Lead Agency:** Community Justice  
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**Executive Summary**

Exposure to parental conflict and the potential loss of a parent through divorce and separation places children at risk for delinquency, teen pregnancy and poor school performance--all of which can lead to a continued cycle of offending. The Family Court Services (FCS) program helps keep children safe, parents healthy, families stable and promotes public safety through services to approximately 1,300 high risk families as they go through separation and divorce and/or dependency proceedings. Through parent education, mediation, evaluation, prompt drug abuse intervention, family violence counseling and other services, FCS stabilizes families involved with Family Court and plays a critical role in juvenile rehabilitation.

**Program Description**

FCS provides parent education, mediation and evaluation services to vulnerable families experiencing a major life crisis of separation or divorce. Research supports that reducing parental conflict during separation creates protective factors for children, decreases future Family Court litigation and increases children's meaningful contact with both parents.

The Family Involvement Team (FIT) component of FCS assists parents who are facing child neglect charges because of drug abuse problems. FIT provides parents with rapid access to treatment services. Expedited access to treatment vastly improves treatment outcomes. Nationally it takes 226 days for a parent to start treatment. Statewide the average is 111 days. In the first six months of FY2009, Multnomah County averaged 30 days thanks to FIT Program efforts.

The Family Probation Program (FPP) component of FCS identifies parents on probation or parole that have pending abuse and neglect proceedings and works with DCJ's Adult Family Services Unit (FSU) to ensure that services are coordinated. This strengthens the ability of the Court and the State Department of Human Services (DHS) to protect vulnerable children.

**Program Justification**

FCS provides essential support services to families going through the trauma of divorce and separation. Through mediation and parent education, FCS increases the chance that children will be healthy, live in stable, economically independent homes, and avoid risk factors associated with delinquency and a cycle of reoffending.

Of families who enter dependency court each year, more than 30% are involved in the criminal justice system, 25% are affected by violence, and 80% have drug or alcohol abuse problems. The FIT and FPP programs facilitate and coordinate behavioral health and social service interventions, helping to keep at-risk children healthy by improving the ability of parents to be nurturing, self-sufficient care-givers.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY07-08)	Current Year Purchased (FY08-09)	Current Year Estimate (FY08-09)	Next Year Offer (FY09-10)
Output	Number of families served by FCS*	1,247	1,200	1,250	1,300
Outcome	Average number of days for FIT clients to enter treatment	28	20	30	30
Output	Number of individuals served by Parent Education	2,178	2,100	2,250	2,200
Outcome	Percent of client satisfaction with Parent Education	92.0%	90.0%	90.0%	92.0%

**Performance Measure - Description**

✔ **Measure Changed**

The State average for the second measure is 111 days.

\* This measure reflects mediation cases, conciliation or counseling cases, custody evaluation cases and Family Involvement Team cases. It does not include Parent Education individuals.

## Legal/Contractual Obligation

## Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2009	2009	2010	2010
Personnel	\$91,726	\$899,959	\$81,501	\$921,455
Contracts	\$10,000	\$54,710	\$10,000	\$54,710
Materials & Supplies	\$1,780	\$114,376	\$18,082	\$32,509
Internal Services	\$0	\$150,436	\$20	\$171,327
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	<b>\$103,506</b>	<b>\$1,219,481</b>	<b>\$109,603</b>	<b>\$1,180,001</b>
Administration	\$76,953	\$23,260	\$84,476	\$14,404
Program Support	\$243,869	\$0	\$267,991	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	<b>\$320,822</b>	<b>\$23,260</b>	<b>\$352,467</b>	<b>\$14,404</b>
Total GF/non-GF:	<b>\$424,328</b>	<b>\$1,242,741</b>	<b>\$462,070</b>	<b>\$1,194,405</b>
Program Total:	<b>\$1,667,069</b>		<b>\$1,656,475</b>	
Program FTE	1.21	9.69	0.80	9.60
<b>Program Revenues</b>				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$60,520	\$0	\$71,443	\$0
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$973,685	\$0	\$1,071,298
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$59,214	\$0	\$34,624
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$186,582	\$0	\$74,079
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>\$60,520</b>	<b>\$1,219,481</b>	<b>\$71,443</b>	<b>\$1,180,001</b>

## Explanation of Revenues

General Fund \$109,603; Family Court Services(FCS) revenue \$1,145,377. (FCS revenue comes from a surcharge on filing fees for divorce and custody cases, fees for parent education and evaluation services, and a portion of the marriage license fee dedicated to conciliation services; OR Dept of Justice Grant \$34,624.

## Significant Program Changes

**Last year this program was: #50009, Family Court Services**

This program offers cuts a 1.00 FTE Corrections Technician position from the FY 2009 current service level.