

Lead Agency: County Human Services

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Court Care provides on-site childcare for approximately 900 children annually whose parents are involved with legal proceedings at the Multnomah 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.

Court Care 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. Court Care services eliminate barriers to a parent/caregiver'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 (FY08-09)	Current Year Purchased (FY09-10)	Current Year Estimate (FY09-10)	Next Year Offer (FY10-11)
Output	# of children served	906	800	800	800
Outcome	% of parents expressing satisfaction with services received	100.0%	95.0%	95.0%	95.0%

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	2010	2010	2011	2011
Contracts	\$28,110	\$26,496	\$28,673	\$28,110
Total GF/non-GF:	\$28,110	\$26,496	\$28,673	\$28,110
Program Total:	\$54,606		\$56,783	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$26,496	\$0	\$28,110
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$26,496	\$0	\$28,110

Explanation of Revenues

\$28,110 Oregon Judicial Dept The Intergovernmental Agreement allows for County to match funding up to \$28,110
 \$28,673 - County General Fund

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #25127, Court Care

This program offer includes a 2% inflationary increase of \$ 563 over FY10 for the County General Fund portion of contracted client services.