

Lead Agency: Community Justice

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: In Target

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 cycle of dysfunction and offending behavior. Family Court Services (FCS) helps keep children safe, parents healthy, families stable and promotes public safety through services to approximately 1,200 at risk families as they go through separation and divorce. Through parent education, mediation, evaluation, information and referral services, and support to the dependency court, FCS stabilizes families involved with the Family Court and plays a critical role in preventing family dysfunction and juvenile delinquency.

Program Description

The Parent Education Program (under FCS) provides divorce and parenting information to over 2,200 Multnomah County parents experiencing major life crisis of separation or divorce. Over 1,000 child custody mediations and approximately 150 child custody evaluations are performed each year to assist families experiencing high levels of conflict. Reducing parental conflict during separation decreases risks for delinquency and teen pregnancy, decreases subsequent litigation and increases children's meaningful contact with both parents (Wallerstein 1998; Emery 2001; Sarkadi et al. 2008).

FCS supports the Governor's statewide efforts to reduce the overall foster care population and to eliminate disproportionate overrepresentation of African American and Native American youth in foster care. In addition, FCS manages a position that serves as a liaison to the family court judiciary for community-based programs and agencies, coordinates the efforts of the model court program, advocates and implements best practices, staffs judicial meetings, and partners with the Chief Family Law Judge as a point of contact for foster care reform.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY09-10)	Current Year Purchased (FY10-11)	Current Year Estimate (FY10-11)	Next Year Offer (FY11-12)
Output	Percent of clients satisfied with parent education classes	90.0%	92.0%	90.0%	92.0%
Outcome	Percent of custody/parenting time evaluations resulting in settlement.	81.0%	80.0%	81.0%	81.0%

Performance Measure - Description

Legal/Contractual Obligation**Revenue/Expense Detail**

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2011	2011	2012	2012
Personnel	\$104,134	\$873,675	\$109,677	\$834,393
Contracts	\$10,000	\$54,710	\$0	\$54,583
Materials & Supplies	\$1,860	\$47,994	\$1,860	\$43,728
Internal Services	\$0	\$163,741	\$0	\$171,741
Total GF/non-GF:	\$115,994	\$1,140,120	\$111,537	\$1,104,445
Program Total:	\$1,256,114		\$1,215,982	
Program FTE	1.00	8.60	1.00	8.33
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$71,355	\$0	\$79,760	\$0
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$1,079,795	\$0	\$1,066,800
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$37,645	\$0	\$37,645
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$22,680	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$71,355	\$1,140,120	\$79,760	\$1,104,445

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund plus Domestic Relation Filing fees \$80,000 (fees vary and are collected by the Multnomah County Circuit Court), Conciliation Fees \$800,000 (\$10 fee collected by Assessment & Taxation), Evaluation Fees \$76,800 (\$1,200 fee), Parent Education Fees \$110,000 (\$55 or \$70 fee). Fees are collected per ORS 205.320 and 107.510 to 107.610, and are set by Board Resolution. Fee revenue is based on history of collections; OR Dept of Justice Grant \$37,645. Grant ends 9/30/2012.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was:
50009 Family Court Services