

Lead Agency: Community Justice

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: Out of Target

Executive Summary

This program offer provides staffing coverage necessary for the intake and assessment process of establishing level of risk and appropriate service for each family member.

Family Court Services (FCS) helps keep children safe and families stable by providing services to approximately 1,200 high-risk families as they go through separation and divorce and/or dependency proceedings. Family Court Services will implement a new service for this population: the Safe Havens Supervised Parenting Time and Safe Exchange Program. The Office of Violence against Women (OVW) provides funds to support direct supervision and staff training.

Program Description

FCS will provide supervised visitation and safe exchange services to at least 1200 families a year in the tri-county area. The Safe Havens Program will accept community and court referrals; recruit, train and supervise parenting time monitors; and provide free and/or low cost monitored parenting time and safe exchanges for children and families experiencing domestic violence. The Safe Havens Program anticipates serving 120 families annually.

Research identifies the period in which a victim leaves a violent relationship as the highest risk period for increased violence or homicide. Recently, Multnomah and neighboring counties have experienced a significant increase in domestic violence homicides involving both victims and children.

Research shows that witnessing domestic violence contributes to children demonstrating depression, aggression, anxiety and school problems. Older children are more apt to tolerate violence and be involved in violent relationships. In addition, child abuse and domestic violence co-occur at an overall rate of at least 40%, making children in these families doubly at risk.

The absence of a safe visitation and exchange program in the tri-county area, the significant increase in local domestic violence homicides involving children, as well as the need to interrupt children's exposure to violence underscores the necessity of developing this vital service.

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	Number of families served annually by the Safe Havens Project	0	0	0	120
Outcome	Number of security incidents during supervised parenting time or exchange	0	0	0	0

Performance Measure - Description

The Safe Havens Project is a new program and has not yet started.

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	\$0	\$0	\$34,591	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$99	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$34,690	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$34,690	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.38	0.00
Program Revenues				
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was:
New Program -
Scale up to add .38 FTE in support of grant funded program.