

Lead Agency: Community Justice

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

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, 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 the major life transition of separation or divorce. Over 1,200 child custody mediations and approximately 100 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).

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY10-11)	Current Year Purchased (FY11-12)	Current Year Estimate (FY11-12)	Next Year Offer (FY12-13)
Output	Percent of clients satisfied with parent education classes	89.0%	92.0%	90.0%	90.0%
Outcome	Percent of custody/parenting time evaluations result in settlement	84.0%	81.0%	85.0%	85.0%

Performance Measure - Description

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2012	2012	2013	2013
Personnel	\$109,677	\$843,373	\$37,954	\$809,722
Contracts	\$0	\$51,845	\$0	\$51,699
Materials & Supplies	\$1,860	\$39,601	\$65	\$36,533
Internal Services	\$0	\$171,963	\$6,255	\$147,808
Total GF/non-GF:	\$111,537	\$1,106,782	\$44,274	\$1,045,762
Program Total:	\$1,218,319		\$1,090,036	
Program FTE	1.00	8.70	0.25	8.10
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$79,929	\$0	\$72,106	\$0
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$1,066,800	\$0	\$1,005,000
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$39,982	\$0	\$40,762
Total Revenue:	\$79,929	\$1,106,782	\$72,106	\$1,045,762

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund plus Domestic Relation Filing fees \$85,000 (fees vary and are collected by the Multnomah County Circuit Court), Conciliation Fees \$800,000 (\$10 fee), Evaluation Fees \$10,000 (\$1,200 fee, 70% of clients qualify for a waiver), 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 \$40,762. Grant ends 9/30/12. Assuming FY13 at same funding level.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #50017, DCJ Family Court Services

This program offer reflects a decrease of 1 FTE transferred during FY12 to another program; a decrease of .80 FTE OA 2; a increase of 0.20 FTE Marriage and Family Counselor; and a increase of .23 FTE for a Marriage and Family Counselor Asst in FY13.