

Lead Agency: District Attorney

Program Contact: Adam Brown

Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: Backfill State/Federal/Grant

Executive Summary

The Prosecution Based Gateway Center Domestic Violence Advocate Position assists crime victims by establishing an immediate connection to the District Attorney's Office. This connection is made in a community based location that offers convenience and wrap around supporting services with drop in hours. Crime victims are able to gain valuable information regarding reporting crimes, victim's rights, prosecution and other criminal court matters. The information provided allows crime victims to better understand the criminal justice system process and make more informed decisions about their situation and safety.

Program Description

The Gateway Center is located on the eastside of Portland where a large majority of domestic violence crime is reported to have occurred, which makes our presence a particularly good fit. Due to our onsite availability and involvement with the Gateway Center we are able to make ourselves more accessible to the citizens of Multnomah County. Our co-location at the Gateway Center is of particular assistance to those who due to geographical location, transportation issues, safety concerns or other barriers related to accessing the courthouse or downtown area might not otherwise be served. Often times contact is made in person before an issuing decision has been made allowing us to inform the victim of their rights and the criminal justice process. The victim is able to have a meaningful role in the system by communicating directly with our office information that is important and can be considered in reviewing and issuing decisions. Over the last year the advocate housed at the Gateway Center has worked with over 300 victims of Domestic Violence and provided in-person information and referral services over 500 times.

This position also works closely with on site partners including local domestic violence agencies, counseling providers, civil legal assistance and other government based programs. Our onsite presence positively reinforces our existing professional relationships; this placement has also worked to establish new partnerships that better allow for sharing information and positive referrals from these partner agencies.

The Gateway Center's larger campus is co-located with the Portland Police Bureau's Domestic Violence Reduction Unit and Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team, which allow for a better communication and coordination in making police reports and gathering other important evidence for prosecution.

According to Gateway Center statistics, the majority of participants that are referred to the District Attorney's Office by Gateway Center Navigators were considered to be in a high level of danger based on an evaluation using the Danger Assessment developed by Dr. Jacquelyn Campbell.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY11-12)	Current Year Purchased (FY12-13)	Current Year Estimate (FY12-13)	Next Year Offer (FY13-14)
Output	Number of cases assigned to advocate	227	230	225	230
Outcome	Number of court appearance	140	160	150	160

Performance Measure - Description

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Article I Section 42 Oregon Constitution - Rights of Victims in criminal prosecutions and juvenile delinquency proceedings. ORS 147.405, ORS 147.410, ORS 147.417 - Victim to be notified of constitutional rights. ORS 147.22 - Disbursement of moneys to be used for comprehensive victim's assistance programs.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2013	2013	2014	2014
Personnel	\$0	\$77,267	\$82,346	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$77,267	\$82,346	\$0
Program Total:	\$77,267		\$82,346	
Program FTE	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$77,267	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$77,267	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #15018, District Attorney's Office-Victims Assistance
\$82,346 for 1.00 Victims Advocate included as part of the City/County agreement to backfill City of Portland reductions.