

Lead Agency: District Attorney

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The MDT/Child Abuse Team has three primary functions: (1) Prosecute felony crimes involving child victims including homicide, physical abuse, abandonment and neglect; prosecute sexual exploitation and sexual assault of children where the perpetrator is considered family by blood relationship, any relationship through marriage, family relationships created by practice, e.g., live-in boyfriends or girlfriends of a parent, or by a relationship established through the courts, e.g., foster parents foster siblings and legal guardians. (2) Protect children through litigating dependency cases in juvenile court; and (3) Coordinate child protection efforts and policy with community partners to make and keep children safe.

Program Description

Also known as Multidisciplinary Child Abuse Team (MDT), this group of Deputy District Attorneys and staff are part of a larger team made up of representatives from law enforcement, public schools, hospitals, courts, health departments, the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS), and the Oregon Department of Employment Child Care Division. The team provides services to child victims; minimizes the number of victim interviews; prevents abuse of other potential victims; increases the effectiveness of prosecution of both criminal and dependency cases; and, advises and provides information to the involved agencies in a coordinated and effective manner.

Located at the Gateway Children's Center campus, these Deputy District Attorneys are co-housed with the Child Abuse Hotline and a specialized police unit comprised of police detectives from the Portland Police Bureau and the Gresham Police Department. This program prosecutes some of the most troubling homicides and serious felony sexual and physical assaults against children in the county. This team reviews all fatalities which involve a child under the age of 18 years.

Deputy District Attorneys also work with the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) and other agencies to protect children who are abused and neglected. Deputy District Attorneys are responsible for litigating the most high risk/high lethality child protection cases (dependency cases) in Juvenile Court and for working with DHS and other agencies and partners to fashion plans which will provide protection for the child and opportunities for the parents to mitigate the dangers which brought the child to the attention of the court in the first place.

This program also coordinates the distribution Child Abuse Multidisciplinary intervention (C.A.M.I) funds which are generated from unitary assessment funds from the state, to a variety of local partners on an annual basis for projects associated with child abuse intervention.

Lastly, the MDT/Child Abuse Team covers a variety of other responsibilities including, providing a forum for discussion and resolution of interagency issues; assisting in training with agencies involved in child abuse; participating in policy meetings regarding child abuse and neglect; preparing and updating the protocols for the team, advising the team on child abuse legal issues.

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 dependency cases	20	18	17	15
Outcome	Number of children protected	27	22	22	22
Output	Felony cases issued	18	18	17	15
Input	Felony cases reviewed	55	58	55	55

Performance Measure - Description

Output - The number of new or reopened dependency cases.

Outcome - The number of children protected on dependency cases.

Output - The number of felony cases for which a felony charging document was issued by this unit.

Input - Total number of cases submitted for review.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

ORS 8.660 - Attending court and prosecuting offenses. (1) The district attorney shall attend the terms of all courts having jurisdiction of public offenses within the district attorney's county, and, except as otherwise provided in this section, conduct, on behalf of the state, all prosecutions for such offenses therein.

ORS 8.665 - Prosecuting violations. Upon the issuance of a citation by any person authorized to issue citations for violations, a district attorney shall prosecute the case if it appears that a violation has occurred.

ORS 8.670 - Proceedings before magistrates and grand jury. The district attorney shall institute proceedings before magistrates for the arrest of persons charged with or reasonably suspected of public offenses, when the district attorney has information that any such offense has been committed, and attend upon and advise the grand jury when required.

ORS 418.747 Inter-agency teams for investigation; duties; training; method of investigation; fatality review process. (1) The district attorney in each county shall be responsible for developing inter-agency and multidisciplinary teams to consist of but not be limited to law enforcement personnel, Department of Human Services child protective service workers, school officials, county health department personnel, child abuse intervention center workers, if available, and juvenile department representatives, as well as others specially trained in child abuse, child sexual abuse and rape of children investigation.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2013	2013	2014	2014
Personnel	\$191,375	\$0	\$199,616	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$191,375	\$0	\$199,616	\$0
Program Total:	\$191,375		\$199,616	
Program FTE	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: