

Lead Agency: Community Justice

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Family Court Services' Safety First Program helps keep victims of domestic violence and their children safe by providing supervised parenting time and safe exchange services to families impacted by domestic violence. The Safe Havens Supervised Parenting Time and Safe Exchange Program serves approximately 100 families per year. The Office of Violence against Women (OVW) provides funds to support direct supervision and staff training.

Program Description

FCS Safety First Program provides supervised visitation and safe exchange services to at least 100 families a year in the tri-county area. Safety First provides a safe place for victims of domestic violence to accommodate children's visits with an offending parent when such has been ordered. The Safe Havens Program accepts community and court referrals and provides free and/or low cost monitored parenting time and safe exchanges for children and families experiencing domestic violence.

Multnomah and neighboring counties have experienced significant incidences of domestic violence homicides involving both victims and children in recent years. Research identifies the period in which a victim leaves a violent relationship as the highest risk period for increased violence or homicide. Research shows that witnessing domestic violence contributes to children demonstrating depression, aggression, anxiety, and school problems. Older child witnesses 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 presence of a safe visitation and exchange program in the tri-county area is a critical component of the continuum of services in place in the community to protect victims of domestic violence and interrupt the cycle of children's exposure to violence.

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 families served annually | 13 | 120 | 80 | 100 |
| Outcome | Number of security incidents during supervised parenting time exchanges | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 |

Performance Measure - Description

Low count for FY12 families participation is due to program begin date of September 2011.

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

| | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Program Expenses | 2013 | 2013 | 2014 | 2014 |
| Personnel | \$41,869 | \$83,130 | \$89,276 | \$130,117 |
| Contracts | \$0 | \$64,324 | \$5,700 | \$43,000 |
| Materials & Supplies | \$130 | \$3,810 | \$260 | \$4,064 |
| Internal Services | \$0 | \$15,081 | \$6,542 | \$20,198 |
| Total GF/non-GF: | \$41,999 | \$166,345 | \$101,778 | \$197,379 |
| Program Total: | \$208,344 | | \$299,157 | |
| Program FTE | 0.50 | 0.55 | 1.00 | 1.28 |
| Program Revenues | | | | |
| Indirect for dep't Admin | \$11,935 | \$0 | \$16,371 | \$0 |
| Intergovernmental | \$0 | \$166,345 | \$0 | \$197,379 |
| Total Revenue: | \$11,935 | \$166,345 | \$16,371 | \$197,379 |

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund plus US DOJ OVW Supervised Parenting Grant \$197,379. Grant ends 9/30/2013, but anticipating grant will be renewed for another year.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #50019, Family Court Services - Supervised Parenting Time

This program offer adds new 1.23 FTE Program Aide's in FY 2014. 0.73 of the FTE is funded by the US DOJ OVW Supervised Parenting Grant.