

Lead Agency: Community Justice

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: In Target

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 1,300 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 2,500 Multnomah County parents experiencing the major life transition of separation or divorce. FCS provides child custody mediation to over 1,300 cases a year and conducts approximately 60 child custody evaluations annually 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 (FY11-12)	Current Year Purchased (FY12-13)	Current Year Estimate (FY12-13)	Next Year Offer (FY13-14)
Output	Percent of clients satisfied with parent education classes	88.0%	90.0%	89.0%	89.0%
Outcome	Percent of custody/parenting time evaluations resulting in settlement	80.0%	85.0%	80.0%	80.0%

Performance Measure - Description

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	\$37,954	\$809,722	\$38,189	\$846,638
Contracts	\$0	\$51,699	\$0	\$51,699
Materials & Supplies	\$65	\$36,533	\$0	\$34,415
Internal Services	\$6,255	\$147,808	\$0	\$171,161
Total GF/non-GF:	\$44,274	\$1,045,762	\$38,189	\$1,103,913
Program Total:	\$1,090,036		\$1,142,102	
Program FTE	0.25	8.10	0.24	8.31
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$72,106	\$0	\$91,345	\$0
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$1,005,000	\$0	\$959,906
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$40,762	\$0	\$65,143
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$78,864
Total Revenue:	\$72,106	\$1,045,762	\$91,345	\$1,103,913

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund plus Domestic Relation Filing fees \$85,006 (fees vary and are collected by the Multnomah County Circuit Court), Conciliation Fees \$754,900 (\$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). Additional funds of \$78,864 of estimated Beginning Working Capital. 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 \$65,143. Grant ends 9/30/13. Assuming FY14 at same funding level.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #50018, DCJ Family Court Services

This program offer reflects an increase of 0.20 FTE Marriage & Family Counselor Asst in FY 2014.