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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Family Court Services (FCS) helps keep children safe, families stable, and promotes public safety through services to families as they experience the major life transition of separation or divorce. Exposure to parental conflict and the potential loss of a parent through separation or divorce places children at risk for delinquency, teen pregnancy, behavioral health issues, and poor school performance, which can lead to a cycle of dysfunction and offending behavior. These services help promote healthy parenting dynamics and communication. Family Court Services offers conflict resolution and parent information services to support positive connections as families change.

Program Summary

Through parent education, mediation, co-parent coaching, and information and referral services, FCS assists families involved with the Family Court and plays a critical role in supporting families to limit their children's exposure to ongoing parental conflict. Parent education and mediation are state-mandated services for parents involved in the Family Court system.

The Parent Education Program provides relevant legal and parenting information to nearly 2,500 Multnomah County parents with a Family Law case each year.

In addition to Parent Education, FCS provides child custody and parenting time mediation to over 1,000 families per year and provides co-parenting coaching to families experiencing high levels of conflict. FCS also produces materials such as the "Birth Through Three" and "Second Chances" handbooks for use by parents and others in need of information relevant to co-parenting issues.

FCS is housed in the Downtown Courthouse and services have been available at the Juvenile Court and East County Courthouse in order to better serve the residents of East Multnomah County. The COVID-19 pandemic impacted operations beginning in March 2020. All FCS services are provided virtually currently, some of which will continue even once FCS resumes in person services at some point in the future. Providing mediation services remotely has enabled FCS to expand hours to offer mediation in the early morning, early evening, and on Saturdays.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Number of mediation appointments kept	N/A	N/A	N/A	1100
Outcome	Percent of individuals satisfied with parent education classes	90%	90%	90%	90%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Measure 1: Changed to align with core functions of program. Previous measure was "Percent of individuals satisfied with process of mediation." Measure could be not calculated due to changes caused by COVID-19.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Personnel	\$509,879	\$685,475	\$540,242	\$734,080
Contractual Services	\$0	\$63,684	\$0	\$62,819
Materials & Supplies	\$2,340	\$17,756	\$2,340	\$20,621
Internal Services	\$0	\$270,416	\$0	\$264,945
Total GF/non-GF	\$512,219	\$1,037,331	\$542,582	\$1,082,465
Program Total:	\$1,549,550		\$1,625,047	
Program FTE	3.72	5.28	3.77	5.23

Program Revenues				
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$952,266	\$0	\$188,742
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$85,065	\$0	\$893,723
Total Revenue	\$0	\$1,037,331	\$0	\$1,082,465

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$112,828 in indirect revenues.

County General Fund plus

- 1) \$811,823 in state funding for conciliation & mediation services expect continued funding at current level. State allocation is formula base on each biennium. FY 2023 budget is 50% allocation for 2021-23 biennium.
- 2) \$61,127 Conciliation Services fee \$10 collected as part of \$60 marriage license fees. FY 2023 budget is based on the average of FY20 & FY21 actuals plus FY22 current year estimate.
- 3) \$127,615 Parenting Education Program fees. Fee of \$70 is collected per ORS 205.320 and 107.510 to 107.610, and are set by Board Resolution. FY 2023 budget is based on the average of FY20 & FY21 actuals plus FY22 current year estimate.
- 4) \$81,900 Access & Visitation grant from US Dept. of Health and Human Services. Funding provides access & visitation services to non-custodial parents who are having difficulty establishing visitation and a legally enforceable parenting plan. Award ends 9/30/2023.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2022: 50052 Family Court Services

Reclassified 2.00 Marriage and Family Counselor Associates to Marriage and Family Counselor in bud mod DCJ-004-22 and DCJ-013-22.

Backfilled 0.05 FTE from position 700795 - from G50 0270 08 09 JFCS (DOJ A&V Grant) to 509042 to balance grant.

In FY 2022, \$778,354 in state funding for conciliation & mediation services was booked to fees, permits & charges (50220) and it s/b (50180) intergovernmental revenue. In FY 2023, \$811,823 was booked as state revenue (intergovernmental).