

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Peggy Samolinski
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Domestic violence is a complex issue, often requiring legal intervention to address client safety and offender accountability. The legal system is complex and navigating it can be traumatic for survivors. High quality legal services assist survivors who choose a legal intervention and need support through the process.

Program Summary

ISSUE: The court system is complex. It can be difficult to navigate the system without professional legal representation. The cost of legal representation can be a barrier. There are very few resources for legal support available for low income survivors. As a result, survivors are often forced to appear in court without representation or legal advocacy. Survivors and provider agencies report that legal services are one of the highest unmet needs in the service continuum.

PROGRAM GOAL: Civil legal services help survivors navigate the court system. Funded programs provide support, consultation and legal representation for survivors.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: Program activities focus on the provision of legal support. These specialized legal services for survivors help ensure better outcomes in legal proceedings. Services include support with restraining order hearings, custody and parenting time, immigration, housing, and other victim's rights related issues.

This program also supports services based in the Multnomah County Courthouse. The Restraining Order Services Room advocates assist survivors in obtaining protection orders. The Court Care program provides childcare in the Courthouse for families attending legal proceedings. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, courthouse services have moved to remote operation, and Court Care has suspended operation temporarily. In-person courthouse services will resume in line with Oregon Health Authority guidance.

Performance Measures

| Measure Type | Primary Measure | FY21 Actual | FY22 Budgeted | FY22 Estimate | FY23 Offer |
|--------------|---|-------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| Output | Number of domestic violence survivors assisted with courthouse-based restraining order advocacy | 909 | 800 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Outcome | Percentage of retained cases with a court action filed or contested by an attorney | 75% | 80% | 80% | 80% |
| Output | Percentage of participants who identify as BIPOC | N/A | N/A | N/A | 40% |

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

| | Adopted General Fund | Adopted Other Funds | Adopted General Fund | Adopted Other Funds |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Program Expenses | 2022 | 2022 | 2023 | 2023 |
| Contractual Services | \$192,546 | \$35,000 | \$198,847 | \$35,000 |
| Total GF/non-GF | \$192,546 | \$35,000 | \$198,847 | \$35,000 |
| Program Total: | \$227,546 | | \$233,847 | |
| Program FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

| Program Revenues | | | | |
|----------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|
| Intergovernmental | \$0 | \$35,000 | \$0 | \$35,000 |
| Total Revenue | \$0 | \$35,000 | \$0 | \$35,000 |

Explanation of Revenues

\$35,000 - Oregon Judicial Department Court Care Center

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2022: 25046 YFS - Domestic Violence Legal Services