

Department: District Attorney

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program

Program Offer Stage: As Requested

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

This group of Deputy District Attorneys and staff, known as Multidisciplinary Child Abuse Team (MDT), 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, and increases the effectiveness of prosecution of both criminal and dependency cases.

Program 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. The team also provides a forum for discussion and resolution of inter-agency issues, assists in training with agencies involved in child abuse, participates in policy meetings regarding child abuse and neglect, prepares and updates the protocols for the team, and advises the team on child abuse legal issues.

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.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY13 Actual	FY14 Purchased	FY14 Estimate	FY15 Offer
Output	The number of dependency cases	70	60	60	60
Outcome	The number of children protected	117	85	100	100
Output	Felony cases issued	87	60	75	75
Input	Felony cases reviewed	222	215	215	215

Performance Measures Descriptions

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.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2014	2014	2015	2015
Personnel	\$822,940	\$170,920	\$874,385	\$172,888
Contractual Services	\$22,000	\$542,992	\$22,000	\$594,553
Materials & Supplies	\$9,578	\$13,405	\$11,405	\$22,579
Internal Services	\$65,065	\$36,366	\$74,361	\$42,204
Total GF/non-GF	\$919,583	\$763,683	\$982,151	\$832,224
Program Total:	\$1,683,266		\$1,814,375	
Program FTE	5.00	2.00	5.00	2.00

Program Revenues				
Indirect for Dept. Admin	\$25,395	\$0	\$29,345	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$763,683	\$0	\$885,012
Total Revenue	\$25,395	\$763,683	\$29,345	\$885,012

Explanation of Revenues

\$885,012 in revenue from the State of Oregon for Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: 15014A MDT - Child Abuse Unit

Revenue increase of \$121,329 from the State of Oregon for Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention, received in Fiscal Year 2014, and spread among system partners through the District Attorney's Office.