

**Department:** District Attorney **Program Contact:** Chuck Sparks  
**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed  
**Related Programs:** 15101B  
**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

The Juvenile Court Trial Unit prosecutes juvenile crimes ranging from misdemeanors to homicides. It has three primary functions: 1) delinquency cases (prosecuting juveniles who have committed criminal offenses), 2) dependency cases (litigating child protection cases in Juvenile Court), and 3) termination of parental rights (litigating cases where the abuse or neglect of a child necessitates effort be made to free the child for adoption).

**Program Summary**

The delinquency function involves the prosecution of juveniles who have committed all but the most serious (Ballot Measure 11) crimes. This includes cases ranging from minor misdemeanors to serious felonies. The unit works closely with the Department of Community Justice (DCJ) Juvenile Division in developing appropriate sanctions aimed at accountability, community protection and reformation of the child or youth.

The dependency function involves working closely with the State Department of Human Services (DHS) and other agencies to protect children who come to the attention of authorities as a result of abuse or neglect. Deputy District Attorneys are responsible for proving 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.

All efforts are made to keep the family unit intact, however when those efforts are exhausted the Termination of Parental Rights deputy DAs work in close collaboration with the State Department of Human Services to free these children for adoption. Services provided to law enforcement, juvenile courts, DCJ and DHS include filing petitions for delinquency, dependency or termination of parental rights, meeting with victims and witnesses, seeking restitution on behalf of victims, coordinating with juvenile court counselors, DCJ and DHS and trying cases in court.

**Performance Measures**

| <b>Measure Type</b> | <b>Primary Measure</b>   | <b>FY16 Actual</b> | <b>FY17 Purchased</b> | <b>FY17 Estimate</b> | <b>FY18 Offer</b> |
|---------------------|--|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Output              | Number of new or reopened dependency cases                           | 398                | 400                   | 388                  | 376               |
| Outcome             | Number of children protected as a result of work on dependency cases | 536                | 500                   | 486                  | 441               |
| Output              | Number of delinquency cases reviewed                                 | 1,087              | 1,100                 | 1,140                | 1,158             |
| Output              | Number of termination of parental rights cases                       | 95                 | 80                    | 100                  | 102               |

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

## Legal / Contractual Obligation

Juvenile Trial Court/Termination of Parental Rights: 8.685 Assisting juvenile court; right to appear. (1) The District Attorney shall, upon request of the juvenile court, appear in the juvenile court to assist the court in any matter within its jurisdiction. (2) In counties having a population of more than 150,000, according to the latest federal decennial census, the district attorney shall designate a deputy to assist the juvenile court as provided in subsection (1) of this section. (3) The District Attorney is entitled to appear on behalf of the state in the juvenile court in any matter within the jurisdiction of the court. [1959 c.432 §63 (enacted in lieu of 8.750); 1991 c.681 §4.

## Revenue/Expense Detail

|                        | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds |
|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Program Expenses       | 2017                  | 2017                 | 2018                  | 2018                 |
| Personnel              | \$1,419,206           | \$1,917,313          | \$1,384,990           | \$1,601,403          |
| Contractual Services   | \$7,000               | \$21,746             | \$8,300               | \$21,746             |
| Materials & Supplies   | \$22,900              | \$0                  | \$31,800              | \$0                  |
| Internal Services      | \$122,128             | \$0                  | \$212,255             | \$0                  |
| <b>Total GF/non-GF</b> | <b>\$1,571,234</b>    | <b>\$1,939,059</b>   | <b>\$1,637,345</b>    | <b>\$1,623,149</b>   |
| <b>Program Total:</b>  | <b>\$3,510,293</b>    |                      | <b>\$3,260,494</b>    |                      |
| <b>Program FTE</b>     | 12.07                 | 11.96                | 11.26                 | 10.76                |

| Program Revenues     |            |                    |            |                    |
|----------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Intergovernmental    | \$0        | \$1,939,059        | \$0        | \$1,623,149        |
| <b>Total Revenue</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$1,939,059</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$1,623,149</b> |

## Explanation of Revenues

\$199,167 Oregon Department of Human Services, Office of Child Welfare Programs - Juvenile Dependency  
\$1,109,098 Oregon Department of Human Services, Office of Child Welfare Programs - Termination of Parental Rights  
\$314,884 Oregon Department of Human Services, Office of Child Welfare Programs - Title IV-e

## Significant Program Changes

**Last Year this program was:** FY 2017: 15101 Juvenile Court Trial Unit

Significant changes in this program area include the reduction of 2.00 FTE Deputy District Attorney due to reductions in state funding and budgetary constraints.