

Program #15103 - MDT - Child Abuse Unit 4/17/2017

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

Executive Summary

This group of 4 Deputy District Attorneys and 3 support staff has three primary functions: (1) Prosecute felony crimes involving child victims including homicide, physical abuse, abandonment and neglect, sexual exploitation and sexual assault of children where the perpetrator is considered family, (2) Protect vulnerable children through litigating dependency cases in juvenile court; and (3) Coordinate the Multi-Disciplinary Child Abuse Team's child protection efforts and develop practices and policies to investigate and prosecute abuse while working to help keep children safe.

Program Summary

The Multidisciplinary Child Abuse Team (MDT) is part of a larger team comprised 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, advances public safety and increases the effectiveness of prosecution of both criminal and dependency cases. A case in the MDT unit is often time-intensive.

MDT is located at the Gateway Children's Center campus and co-housed with the Child Abuse Hotline and a specialized police unit comprised of detectives from the Portland Police Bureau and the Gresham Police Department. Last year, this program prosecuted 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 DHS and other agencies to protect children who are abused and neglected.

Last year, attorneys litigated some of the most high risk/high lethality child protection cases in Juvenile Court. With the court, DHS and other agencies and community partners the office fashions plans that 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, with the goal that the child(ren) will be returned and the need for court involvement ended.

MDT DDAs coordinate discussion and resolution of inter-agency issues, assist in training with agencies involved in child abuse, participate in policy meetings regarding child abuse and neglect, prepare and update the protocols for the larger MDT, and advise community partners on child abuse legal issues. The Senior Deputy District Attorney is on call 24/7 to assist law enforcement, medical personnel and DHS. This program also coordinates the distribution of state Child Abuse Multidisciplinary intervention (CAMI) funds to a variety of local partners on an annual basis for projects/services associated with child abuse intervention.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY16 Actual	FY17 Purchased	FY17 Estimate	FY18 Offer
Output	Number of MDT cases reviewed*	284	170	305	299
Outcome	The number of dependency and criminal child abuse cases filed*	239	90	204	235
Outcome	The percent of successful prosecutions (resolved/issued) that kept children safe	94%	90%	89%	90%

Performance Measures Descriptions

*This is a new measure.
 *This is an updated measure.

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	2017	2017	2018	2018
Personnel	\$688,280	\$185,359	\$840,788	\$178,230
Contractual Services	\$35,500	\$709,653	\$33,400	\$632,028
Materials & Supplies	\$13,000	\$39,860	\$12,000	\$18,538
Internal Services	\$54,764	\$46,743	\$95,180	\$26,289
Total GF/non-GF	\$791,544	\$981,615	\$981,368	\$855,085
Program Total:	\$1,773,159		\$1,836,453	
Program FTE	3.97	2.00	4.58	2.00

Program Revenues				
Indirect for Dept. Admin	\$38,678	\$0	\$21,495	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$981,615	\$0	\$855,085
Total Revenue	\$38,678	\$981,615	\$21,495	\$855,085

Explanation of Revenues

\$855,085 State of Oregon - Child Abuse Multi-disciplinary Intervention (CAMI)

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2017: 15103 MDT - Child Abuse Unit

Significant changes in this program area include the reduction of 0.28 FTE Deputy District Attorney due to reductions in state funding and 0.33 FTE transferred to this program from program offer 15307.