

Division: Family Justice & Community Impact Division

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

The Child Abuse Unit prosecutes the most serious crimes against children, including homicide, severe physical and sexual abuse, and crimes involving the exploitation of children. The unit operates as part of a multidisciplinary team, working closely with system partners including law enforcement, medical providers, and the Department of Human Services child advocacy caseworkers to ensure coordinated responses that prioritize child safety and accountability.

Prosecutors in the unit provide specialized legal oversight in complex and high-risk cases, including responding to child fatalities and representing the State in dependency proceedings involving sexual and physical abuse and neglect. Through close collaboration with the Victim Assistance Program and system partners, the unit applies trauma-informed practices that seek to minimize further harm to children and support long-term safety and stability.

The Child Abuse Unit also supports prevention and system coordination by advising partner agencies, responding to emergent cases, and administering state funding that supports child abuse intervention and multidisciplinary collaboration across Multnomah County.

Equity Statement

The Child Abuse Unit supports equitable protection and access to justice for children who face heightened risk of abuse and systemic barriers to safety. Through trauma-informed prosecution, multidisciplinary collaboration, and fair application of legal standards, the unit works to reduce disparities while prioritizing child well-being and public trust.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Personnel	\$1,375,715	\$251,581	\$1,385,371	\$330,919
Contractual Services	\$31,700	\$636,597	\$29,000	\$693,683
Materials & Supplies	\$17,500	\$22,885	\$15,000	\$2,500
Internal Services	\$30,771	\$38,514	\$0	\$51,355
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,455,686	\$949,577	\$1,429,371	\$1,078,457
Total Expenses:	\$2,405,263		\$2,507,828	
Program FTE	5.00	2.00	4.76	2.24
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$949,577	\$0	\$1,078,457
Total Revenue	\$0	\$949,577	\$0	\$1,078,457

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Number of dependency/criminal cases reviewed	292	340	350
Number of cases in which the primary charge received a downward dispositional departure sentence	21	15	15