



**Program #15104 - Child Support Enforcement** 2/18/2016

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

**Executive Summary**

The three DAs and 21 staff of the Multnomah County District Attorney's Support Enforcement Division (SED) establishes, modifies and enforces paternity, child support and medical support orders for the families of Multnomah County as part of The Oregon Child Support Program (OCSP) by working with both parents to provide the financial and emotional support their children need to grow and thrive. OCSP delegates the authority of non-public assistance cases to county district attorney's offices.

**Program Summary**

The Child Support Enforcement (CSE) Program, operated by the Support Enforcement Division (SED), was enacted in 1975 as a federal-state-local partnership. The federal government reimburses each state 66% of all allowable expenditures on CSE activities, including staffing costs. The federal government's funding is "open-ended" in that it pays its percentage of expenditures by matching the amounts spent by state and local governments with no upper limit or ceiling. Last year the SED received \$1,942,518 in federal funding.

Operating in two locations (Downtown and East County), the SED routinely carries an average caseload of approximately 7500 cases and collects approximately \$31 million annually. Every dollar collected (less a \$25 annual fee) is sent directly to custodial parents for the benefit of the children in our community, providing a critical safety net for families. Last year the program collected 77.4% of funds owed to custodial parents.

SED, using automated, administrative, and judicial means to enforce court orders, currently collects support every month, resulting in payments benefiting over 10,000 children in our community. SED also works with the courts to offer those that are unable to meet their obligations with tools to do so such as assistance with job placement, addiction evaluations, and mental health services referrals.

In addition to enforcing child support and medical support orders SED also assists families by establishing paternity, establishing support and medical orders, modifying support orders to ensure a fair support amount, and establishing arrears on past support owed.

SED works with all 50 states, local tribes, and US territories, to cooperatively provide child support services. In addition, OCSP and CSE have reciprocity agreements with over 30 foreign nations.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY15 Actual	FY16 Purchased	FY16 Estimate	FY17 Offer
Output	Average number of families (cases) assisted each month	6,706	7,000	7,500	7,000
Outcome	Amount of child support collected	\$30M	\$30M	\$31M	\$31M
Efficiency	Percent of owed child support collected*	77.4%	--	78%	78%

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

\*New measure. Federal fiscal year.

## Legal / Contractual Obligation

ORS 25.080 provides the statutory authority and responsibility for the Multnomah County District Attorney Support Enforcement Division per intergovernmental agreement with the Division of Child Support, Oregon Department of Justice.

## Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
<b>Program Expenses</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2017</b>
Personnel	\$596,429	\$1,951,535	\$558,151	\$2,086,703
Contractual Services	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$38,097	\$0	\$38,097
Internal Services	\$121,101	\$363,275	\$100,890	\$467,013
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$717,530</b>	<b>\$2,362,907</b>	<b>\$659,041</b>	<b>\$2,601,813</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$3,080,437</b>		<b>\$3,260,854</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	4.09	21.91	5.54	20.46

<b>Program Revenues</b>				
Indirect for Dept. Admin	\$129,455	\$0	\$264,176	\$0
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$26,201	\$0	\$30,955
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$2,336,706	\$0	\$2,510,655
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$60,203
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$129,455</b>	<b>\$2,362,907</b>	<b>\$264,176</b>	<b>\$2,601,813</b>

## Explanation of Revenues

\$2,307,384 Federal Department of Justice  
\$234,226 State of Oregon Department of Justice  
\$60,203 Beginning Working Capital

## Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2016: 15104-16 Child Support Enforcement