

**Program #15208 - Child Support Enforcement**

FY 2026 Proposed

Department: District Attorney**Program Contact:** Mariel Mota**Program Offer Type:** Operating**Program Offer Stage:** Proposed**Related Programs:****Program Characteristics:****Program Description**

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 Child Support Enforcement (CSE) activities, including staffing costs. The Federal government's funding pays its percentage of expenditures by matching the amounts spent by state and local governments with no upper limit or ceiling.

SED operates in two locations, the central courthouse in downtown Portland and the East County Courthouse. A modernized statewide child support computer conversion provides SED with a more automated system to establish, modify and enforce support orders, benefiting over 10,000 children in the community. Every dollar collected (less a \$35 annual fee after \$550 collected) is sent directly to custodial parents for the benefit of the children in the community, providing a critical safety net for families. While seeking accountability, SED also works to reduce barriers for those who are unable to meet their obligations by working with the courts to refer parents for job placement, addiction evaluations and appropriate mental health services.

SED is also a partner in the Child Support Deferred Sentencing (CSDS) Program. Created in 2022, the CSDS Program is the first child support treatment court created in Oregon. The program uses a team approach to meet the needs of participants and focuses on stabilization, accountability, and lasting employment—with the goal of increased and continuous support for their children. The program collaborates with community partners. SED also works with all 50 states, local tribes, and US territories to cooperatively provide child support services. In addition, OCSP has reciprocity agreements with over 30 foreign nations.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	Average number of families (cases) assisted each month	5535	5500	5400	5300
Outcome	Dollars of child support collected (in millions)	\$24.06	\$25.50	\$25.40	\$25.00

Performance Measures Descriptions

Legal / Contractual Obligation

Per ORS 25.080, the District Attorney's Office provides support services by application to 1) a child support recipient who lives in Multnomah County 2) a child support recipient who lives out of state but the obligating party lives in Multnomah County or 3) both the obligating party and support order are in Multnomah County. Cases may remain in the District Attorney caseload for the duration of the support order and until all arrears are paid in full. ORS 416.415 (paternity); ORS 416.425, (modifying support orders); ORS 416.429, (establish and enforce arrearages)

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$918,981	\$2,615,307	\$912,292	\$2,589,096
Contractual Services	\$21,328	\$41,382	\$0	\$36,027
Materials & Supplies	\$19,210	\$54,190	\$0	\$62,701
Internal Services	\$177,642	\$1,055,584	\$209,718	\$1,003,546
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,137,161	\$3,766,463	\$1,122,010	\$3,691,370
Program Total:	\$4,903,624		\$4,813,380	
Program FTE	5.03	18.97	4.76	18.74

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$3,728,963	\$0	\$3,655,785
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$37,500	\$0	\$35,585
Total Revenue	\$0	\$3,766,463	\$0	\$3,691,370

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$695,173 in indirect revenues.

\$3,082,133 - Child Support Program reimburses 66% of total program costs and requires 34% in county general fund match.

\$203,272 - State program funding.

\$370,380 - Incentives program funding.

\$35,585 - State program (client) fees (collected in the prior fiscal year and brought forward as Beginning Working Capital)

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2025: 15104 Child Support Enforcement

This program offer, including 24.00 FTE, moved to Division 2

The DDA4 FTE now oversees both Child Support Enforcement and the newly created Treatment Court. That FTE has been split 50/50 between the two program offers.