

**Department:** County Human Services      **Program Contact:** Mohammad Bader  
**Program Offer Type:** Program Alternative/Reconstruction      **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:** In Target

**Executive Summary**

This program offer funds Defending Childhood Initiative staff to coordinate efforts that recognize, respond to and prevent childhood exposure to violence and trauma. Domestic violence is a leading cause of children's exposure to violence and is associated with increased risk for exposure to multiple forms of violence.

**Program Summary**

Preventing children and youth's exposure to violence and providing a strong response when such violence happens are complex goals that require multiple, informed solutions. The Defending Childhood Initiative works with multi-disciplinary partners to enhance professionals' capacity to recognize, respond to and prevent childhood exposure to all forms of violence and trauma. More than 1 in 4 of children in the United States will witness domestic violence by the time they reach age 17 (2009 National Survey on Children's Exposure to Violence). Support from a safe, nurturing caregiver who understands a child's developmental needs is one of the best ways children exposed to domestic violence can heal and recover. Safe parents often need help repairing the impact of domestic violence on the parent-child relationship, so that critical parent-child bonds can be restored and children can build resiliency.

Multnomah County is one of eight communities in the U.S. developing innovative responses to children's exposure to violence through the Defending Childhood Initiative. Defending Childhood Initiative staff developed such strategies as: Workforce Development: Ensure that professionals who spend time with children and youth have the tools and skills to recognize and respond to childhood exposure to violence. Systems Alignment: Collaborate with mental health, education, health care, early childhood, human services, juvenile justice, etc. to ensure that polices and programs are developed to best support children, youth and families impacted by violence and trauma. Primary Prevention and Public Awareness: Highlight the issue of childhood exposure to violence so that communities are educated and possess the tools needed to prevent violence from happening. An example is the Coaching Boys Into Men project, a healthy relationships and violence prevention program for student athletes provided through a partnership with Portland Public Schools' athletic department.

In FY16, Multnomah County partnered also with Portland Public Schools to jointly fund a Health Teacher on Special Assignment who is responsible for developing healthy relationships curriculum and policies, required by Oregon's Healthy Teen Relationship Act for youth in grades 7 through 12.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY15 Actual	FY16 Purchased	FY16 Estimate	FY17 Offer
Output	# of child and youth-serving professionals trained to recognize and respond to childhood exposure to violence	N/A	N/A	N/A	700
Outcome	% of trainees who increase their knowledge of the impact of domestic violence on children.	N/A	N/A	N/A	85%

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

Last year this program offer was part of 25042-16. These measure are new for FY17.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2016	2016	2017	2017
Personnel	\$0	\$325,349	\$0	\$285,694
Contractual Services	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$250	\$27,150	\$0	\$28,156
Internal Services	\$9,936	\$82,601	\$0	\$76,296
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$60,186</b>	<b>\$435,100</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$390,146</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$495,286</b>		<b>\$440,146</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	0.00	2.00	0.00	1.80

Program Revenues				
Indirect for Dept. Admin	\$27,303	\$0	\$17,256	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$645,000	\$0	\$390,146
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$27,303</b>	<b>\$645,000</b>	<b>\$17,256</b>	<b>\$390,146</b>

Explanation of Revenues

\$390,146 -DOJ - OJJDP Children Exposed to Violence

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2016: 25042-16 Domestic Violence Community Based Services