

**Division:** Youth & Family Services

**Program Characteristics:**

**Program Description**

Legal issues that include housing barriers, immigration challenges, old criminal records, and debt can impact individuals rebuilding their lives after system involvement. These issues can lead to ongoing economic hardship and make it difficult to secure stable housing and employment. For many low-income households, and especially vulnerable community members, legal services are financially inaccessible and hard to find. Having a dedicated legal resource for participants of wraparound social service programs serving vulnerable families is key to achieving their goals. Legal Services and Supports remove these barriers by providing tailored legal counsel and representation to households participating in county-supported stability and wellness programs, including the Multnomah Stability Initiative, Family Unification Program, parents on probation through the Department of Community Justice, the Healthy Birth Initiative, and survivors of sex trafficking. Program activities include:

- Legal advice/representation addressing a range of legal issues, including eviction defense and housing advocacy (reasonable accommodations, housing denial appeals, landlord debt negotiation, and eviction expungement), immigration assistance, criminal barrier reduction (expungement, warrant lifts, probation navigation, court debt relief, driver's license reinstatement, and felony reductions) and family law assistance.
- Representation in court on housing, immigration, and criminal collateral consequence legal services.

This offer supports the Youth and Family Services (YFS) Division Outcome of Housing and Economic Stability. Reducing or eliminating legal issues removes barriers to housing, employment, and education, increasing earning potential and housing stability.

**Equity Statement**

Youth and Family Services Legal Services & Supports provides services to address housing barriers, immigration challenges, old criminal records, and outstanding debt. These issues can severely impact individuals trying to rebuild their lives after legal system involvement, and often lead to ongoing economic hardship, making it difficult to secure stable housing and employment.

**Revenue/Expense Detail**

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Contractual Services	\$503,036	\$0	\$349,636	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$503,036</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$349,636</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$503,036</b>		<b>\$349,636</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Performance Measures**

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Number of participants engaged in Legal Clinics and Services	203	200	200
Number of legal services provided to participants	501	500	500