

**Department:** County Human Services      **Program Contact:** Peggy Samolinski  
**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating Program      **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted  
**Related Programs:** 25131A  
**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

Having legal issues and/or not having financial resources to address them are roadblocks to overall stability and prevent access to housing, employment, education and community involvement. Black, Indigenous, Native and communities of color and people with disabilities are disproportionately impacted by debt and legal barriers because of systemic racism and discrimination. Legal services and supports expansion program creates opportunities for two focused populations to access individualized legal services to remove barriers that prevent stability: African American women who are in supervision with Community Justice, and families of color who are involved with the child welfare system.

**Program Summary**

**ISSUE:** Residents experiencing poverty, in particular people of color experience discrimination and disproportionate contact with the criminal justice system. This systemic racism results in legal and financial barriers that prevent them from accessing housing, employment, education and other opportunities. This is particularly acute for African American women who are involved in the criminal justice system and for families who are child welfare involved.

**PROGRAM GOAL:** Legal Services & Supports work to provide individualized legal supports so that women of color on supervision and families who are child welfare involved can begin removing legal barriers that prevent long term stability.

**PROGRAM ACTIVITY:** Through this unique program, the range of legal supports available to participants is driven by their situation, and the barriers that prevent long term stability. These may range from working to get off parole or probation early, speed up reunification with children, removal of fines and fees and related legal issues. Participants referred for these supports have access to an attorney to "walk alongside" them through the legal system. Services include individual legal service and representation, as well as referrals to the larger Legal Service Days, a legal clinic dedicated to reducing or eliminating fees, fines and legal barriers.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY20 Actual	FY21 Budgeted	FY21 Estimate	FY22 Offer
Output	Number of participants engaged in services	N/A	35	35	35
Outcome	% of participants receiving legal advice or services resulting in barrier reduction	N/A	90%	90%	90%

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

New target population, measures are estimates as the program began implementation in mid FY 2021.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2021	2021	2022	2022
Contractual Services	\$125,000	\$0	\$160,552	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$125,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$160,552</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$125,000</b>		<b>\$160,552</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2021: 25131B YFS - Legal Services Day expansion