

**Department:** County Human Services      **Program Contact:** Peggy Samolinski  
**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating Program      **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted  
**Related Programs:** 25139A  
**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

Families can become economically stable and meet their goals by accessing housing and economic opportunity. Legal barriers often serve as roadblocks to stability by preventing access to housing, employment, education, volunteerism and other opportunities. The Community Legal Clinic removes legal barriers to stability and opportunity through direct representation of County program participants. These services are contracted to non-profits. YFS staff support program development through convening providers, providing technical assistance and contract monitoring.

**Program Summary**

**ISSUE:** Families experiencing poverty, especially families of color and people who experience discrimination and disproportionate contact with the criminal justice system, have legal barriers that prevent them from accessing housing, employment, education and other opportunities.

**PROGRAM GOAL:** The Community Legal Clinic works with participants to remove legal barriers to stability and opportunity through direct legal representation for County program participants.

**PROGRAM ACTIVITY:** Contracted legal services staff represent participants of Multnomah Stability Initiative (MSI), the Family Reunification Program (FUP) and other County programs in expungement, eviction prevention, housing voucher hearings, reduction of fees and fines, drivers' license restoration, felony reduction, appeal of exclusions, gang designations and other legal barrier removal cases.

Attorneys work collaboratively with culturally specific case managers and County program staff to establish trust and receive referrals to no cost barrier screening. Screening can result in legal advice or representation as well as referral to expungement clinics or legal services days.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY19 Actual	FY20 Budgeted	FY20 Estimate	FY21 Offer
Output	Number of legal cases addressed.	863	300	800	800
Outcome	Percent of participants who have a criminal record barrier removed.	58%	50%	50%	50%

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

\*FY2020 output was an underestimation of number legal cases addressed. Many participants have more than one legal case addressed through this program, and thus the higher estimate for this year and next.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2020	2020	2021	2021
Contractual Services	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>		<b>\$100,000</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 2020: 25139B-20 YFS - Multnomah Stability Initiative - Community Legal Clinic

For FY 2021 we are requesting that the funds move from one time only to ongoing. There are no changes to the program operations. Legal clinic services for families engaged in community- based Multnomah Stability Initiative and Family Unification Program specifically. Families experiencing poverty, especially families of color and people who experience discrimination and disproportionate contact with the criminal justice system, have legal barriers that prevent them from accessing housing, employment, education and other opportunities