

## Program #50052 - Family Court Services

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program Program Offer Stage: As Adopted

**Related Programs:** 

Program Characteristics: Backfill State/Federal/Grant

# **Executive Summary**

Exposure to parental conflict and the potential loss of a parent through divorce and separation places children at risk for delinquency, teen pregnancy and poor school performance, all of which can lead to a cycle of dysfunction and offending behavior. Family Court Services (FCS) helps keep children safe, parents healthy, families stable and promotes public safety through services to approximately 1,300 at risk families as they go through separation and divorce.

### **Program Summary**

The Parent Education Program (under FCS) provides divorce and parenting information to over 2,500 Multnomah County parents experiencing the major life transition of separation or divorce. Through parent education, mediation, evaluation, information and referral services, FCS stabilizes families involved with the Family Court and plays a critical role in preventing family dysfunction and juvenile delinquency.

FCS provides child custody mediation to over 1,300 cases a year and conducts approximately 40 child custody evaluations annually to assist families experiencing high levels of conflict. Reducing parental conflict during separation decreases risks for delinquency and teen pregnancy, decreases subsequent litigation and increases children's meaningful contact with both parents (Wallerstein 1998; Emery 2001; Sarkadi et al. 2008).

Performance Measures									
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY13 Actual	FY14 Purchased	FY14 Estimate	FY15 Offer				
Output	Percent of clients satisfied with parent education classes	88%	90%	90%	90%				
Outcome	Percent of custody/parenting time evaluations resulting in settlement	80%	80%	80%	80%				

#### **Performance Measures Descriptions**

## **Revenue/Expense Detail**

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2014	2014	2015	2015
Personnel	\$38,190	\$846,638	\$112,101	\$798,693
Contractual Services	\$0	\$51,699	\$0	\$49,437
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$34,415	\$0	\$30,462
Internal Services	\$0	\$171,161	\$0	\$156,836
Total GF/non-GF	\$38,190	\$1,103,913	\$112,101	\$1,035,428
Program Total:	\$1,142,103		\$1,147,529	
Program FTE	0.24	8.31	0.70	7.89

Program Revenues								
Indirect for Dept. Admin	\$91,345	\$0	\$77,392	\$0				
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$959,906	\$0	\$959,900				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$65,143	\$0	\$75,528				
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$78,864	\$0	\$0				
Total Revenue	\$91,345	\$1,103,913	\$77,392	\$1,035,428				

## **Explanation of Revenues**

County General Fund plus \$754,900 in state funding appropriation for conciliation and mediation services, Conciliation Fees \$85,000 (\$10 fee), Evaluation Fees \$10,000 (\$1,200 fee, 70% of clients qualify for a waiver), Parent Education Fees \$110,000 (\$55 or \$70 fee). Fees are collected per ORS 205.320 and 107.510 to 107.610, and are set by Board Resolution. Fee revenue is based on history of collections; OR Dept of Justice Grant \$75,528. Grant ends 9/30/15.

## Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: 50014 Family Court Services

This program offer reflects a net increase of 0.04 FTE. In FY 2015 a Office Assistant 2 is decreased by 0.20 FTE, a Office Assistant Sr is increased by 0.20 FTE, and a 0.04 FTE Manager 2 is transferred from another DCJ program offer (refer # 50053-15).

This program offer reflects a reduction of \$78k in state funding for mediation services due to the ending of the availability of beginning working capital anticipated to be fully spent in FY2014.

\$78,000 loss of state funding backfilled with \$73,213 from the General Fund