

Program #50052A - Family Court Services

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

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: Backfill State/Federal/Grant, In Target

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 1,400 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 1,350 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	FY14 Actual	FY15 Purchased	FY15 Estimate	FY16 Offer				
Output	Percent of clients satisfied with parent education classes	90%	90%	90%	90%				
Outcome	Percent of custody/parenting time evaluations resulting in settlement	78%	80%	80%	80%				

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2015	2015	2016	2016
Personnel	\$112,101	\$798,693	\$160,883	\$790,208
Contractual Services	\$0	\$49,437	\$0	\$40,906
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$30,462	\$0	\$38,505
Internal Services	\$0	\$156,836	\$0	\$164,496
Total GF/non-GF	\$112,101	\$1,035,428	\$160,883	\$1,034,115
Program Total:	\$1,147,529		\$1,194,998	
Program FTE	0.70	7.89	1.10	7.70

Program Revenues							
Indirect for Dept. Admin	\$77,392	\$0	\$78,865	\$0			
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$959,900	\$0	\$950,130			
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$75,528	\$0	\$83,985			
Total Revenue	\$77,392	\$1,035,428	\$78,865	\$1,034,115			

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund plus 1) \$740,442 in state funding appropriation for conciliation and mediation services; 2) \$80,000 conciliation services fee collected as part of \$60 marriage license fees of which \$10 is a conciliation svcs fee; 3) Evaluation fees \$9,000 (\$1,200 fee, 70% of clients qualify for a waiver); 4) Parent education Fees \$120,000 (\$55 or \$70 fee). Fees are collected per ORS 205.320 and 107.510 to 107.610, and are set by Board Resolution; 5) \$688 other misc fees. Misc revenue is based on history of collections; 6) OR Dept of Justice Grant \$83,985. Grant ends 9/30/15, anticipating grant will be renewed for another year.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2015: 50052 Family Court Services

This program offer reflects an increase of 0.21 FTE. In FY 2016 an Office Assistant 2 is increased by 0.20 FTE and 0.01 FTE Manager 2 is transferred from another DCJ program. Anticipated State Mediation funding is not sufficient to cover current service level. This program offer includes \$56k in general fund backfill.