



Program #40091 - Family Involvement Team FY 2024 Department Requested

Department: Health Department **Program Contact:** Anthony Jordan
Program Offer Type: Existing **Program Offer Stage:** Department Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: Backfill State/Federal/Grant, In Target

Executive Summary

The Family Involvement Team (FIT) for Recovery program is a collaboration with the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) Child Welfare, Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment and recovery support providers, social service agencies, and the Multnomah County Family Dependency Court. Each year, the FIT for Recovery program connects over 500 unique parents who have had their parental rights taken away due to substance use issues with treatment and recovery support services, specialized case management services, and peer supports by individuals with lived experience with the Child Welfare system.

Program Description

The FIT for Recovery Core Team, housed at the Family Dependency Court, works with parents involved with DHS Child Welfare who have a substance use disorder and are in need of treatment and recovery support services. Culturally specific peer support and outreach workers with lived experience meet parents directly at court hearings where parental rights are terminated to provide immediate support at a critical time. These staff work to establish a connection with parents, screen for SUD and other needs, and make referrals to treatment and support services. Warm handoffs ensure individuals have support navigating any access barriers to getting into treatment.

Once in treatment, FIT case managers with lived experience and specialized knowledge of navigating the Child Welfare and family court systems at partnering SUD treatment agencies provide the family with supportive services including case management, family therapy, and family recovery services to assist the parent/family in being successful and in developing a recovery plan. DHS Child Welfare caseworkers assist and collaborate with Case Managers and provide parent skill building, ensuring child visitation and reunification while in treatment. Peer and parent mentors are also available through the FIT collaborative before, during, and after treatment. Parenting Support groups are also provided by peers with lived experience. FIT partners include: DHS Child Welfare, Family Dependency Court, Multnomah County Health Department, Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare, CODA, Lifeworks NW, Central City Concern, Volunteers of America (VOA), NARA, Bridges to Change, Raphael House, Morrison Child and Family Services, Iron Tribe, and Holistic Healing.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	1) Number of FIT referrals per year	793	770	770	770
Outcome	2) % of FIT clients referred who enter treatment	38%	27%	27%	27%

Performance Measures Descriptions

1) Measure changed in FY22, see significant program changes for details. 2) FY21: 75% of clients had an unknown Treatment status therefore only 12% that were documented as having entered treatment are reported. FY22: 47% of clients had an unknown Treatment status. It is likely an undercount that reflects issues with the outdated database previously used for tracking this data point.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

Multnomah County accepts the State Mental Health Grant, and we are obligated to spend funds in accordance with State Service Elements.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Contractual Services	\$32,380	\$328,062	\$34,656	\$356,139
Total GF/non-GF	\$32,380	\$328,062	\$34,656	\$356,139
Program Total:	\$360,442		\$390,795	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$328,062	\$0	\$356,139
Total Revenue	\$0	\$328,062	\$0	\$356,139

Explanation of Revenues

State \$ 356,139 - State Mental Health Grant SE 66Family Involvement Team (FIT) based on IGA with the State.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2023: 40091 Family Involvement Team

Pandemic impacts across SUD providers: staff shortages (especially compounding the historic need for BIPOC staff with BH certification); service/program disruption & staffing gaps; operating at reduced censuses; pauses of client intakes due to COVID cases among staff/clients; transitions between in-person/telehealth/hybrid services as the pandemic shifts; changes to operational workflows, policies, and protocols; etc. These impacts have decreased the availability and capacity of critical SUD treatment and recovery support services, further exacerbating the access issues that previously existed before the pandemic.