

Program #15101B - Juvenile Dependency

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Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program Program Offer Stage: As Proposed

Related Programs: 15101-16

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

This Program Offer contains the 4.50 FTE added to the existing base offer in FY2015 via BudMod DA-01-15. The additional staffing allows a restoration of Juvenile Dependency services to near pre-recession levels.

Program Summary

The dependency function involves working closely with the State Department of Human Services (DHS) and other agencies to protect children who come to the attention of authorities as a result of abuse or neglect. Deputy District Attorneys are responsible for litigating child protection cases (dependency cases) in Juvenile Court and for working with DHS and other agencies and partners to fashion plans which will provide protection for the child and opportunities for the parents to mitigate the dangers which brought the child to the attention of the court in the first place. All efforts are made to keep the family unit intact however when those efforts are exhausted the Termination of Parental Rights section, works in close collaboration with the State Department of Human Services to free these children for adoption. Services provided to law enforcement, juvenile courts, DCJ and DHS include filing petitions for delinquency, dependency or termination of parental rights, meeting with victims and witnesses, seeking restitution on behalf of victims, coordinating with juvenile court counselors, DCJ and DHS and trying cases in court. This Program Offer adds 4.50 FTE to the Juvenile Trial Unit (15101-16). The increases in staffing will allow a return to the following best practices:

- (1) The District Attorney's Office will formally screen all delinquency referrals.
- (2) The District Attorney's Office will improve screening outcomes.
- (3) Improve screening of diversion cases.
- (4) Failed diversion agreements will be timely referred to the District Attorney's Office for review.
- (5) A tiered approach to probation violations for committing a new crime shall be applied in consultation with the District Attorney's Office.
- (6) All probation violations will be prosecuted by the District Attorney in court hearings.
- (7) Ensure that reports are submitted to the Court and the District Attorney's Office before any probation is terminated.
- (8) Provide increased staffing for delinquency restitution.
- (9) Designate a Deputy District Attorney to respond to specialized issues in the school context.

Performance Measures									
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY14 Actual	FY15 Purchased	FY15 Estimate	FY16 Offer				
Output	Number of dependency cases	420	500	425	425				
Outcome	Number of children protected on dependency cases	528	575	530	530				

Performance Measures Descriptions

Output - Number of dependency cases

Outcome - Number of children protected on dependency cases

5/7/2015

Legal / Contractual Obligation

Juvenile Trial Court/Termination of Parental Rights: 8.685 Assisting juvenile court; right to appear. (1) The District Attorney shall, upon request of the juvenile court, appear in the juvenile court to assist the court in any matter within its jurisdiction. (2) In counties having a population of more than 150,000, according to the latest federal decennial census, the district attorney shall designate a deputy to assist the juvenile court as provided in subsection (1) of this section. (3) The District Attorney is entitled to appear on behalf of the state in the juvenile court in any matter within the jurisdiction of the court. [1959 c.432 §63 (enacted in lieu of 8.750); 1991 c.681 §4.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2015	2015	2016	2016
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$402,386
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$402,386
Program Total:	\$0		\$402,386	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.50

Program Revenues								
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$402,386				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$402,386				

Explanation of Revenues

\$402,386 in revenue from the State of Oregon Title-IV-e for the Juvenile Dependency program.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: