

Program #50041 - Justice for Families - Supervised Parenting Time - Restoration
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Department: Community Justice

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program

Program Offer Stage: As Requested

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request, Out of Target

Executive Summary

Safety First Supervised Parenting Time and Safe Exchange Program provides Multnomah County residents with a professionally operated safe site for children to maintain contact with their parent. The program primarily serves children whose families have been impacted by domestic violence, with drug and alcohol addiction and experiencing homelessness. The mission is to enhance safety to families at risk of violence through the sustained, respectful and culturally responsive provision of services as part of a coordinated effort to increase community safety.

Program Summary

Professionally supervised parenting time and safe exchange options has been recognized as a critical community requisite especially for families impacted by domestic violence. It is well documented that women and children are at higher lethality risk after separation from an abusive partner. For the past five years, Safety First has provided crucial supervised parenting time and safe exchange services. Staff at Safety First have experience supporting families having many difficulties. Parents and children have experienced alcohol and drug addiction, mental health disorders, homelessness and child welfare involvement. Judges, attorneys, corrections professionals and social service providers have relied on Safety First as a resource. As of December 29, 2017, the program has received over 830 referrals, 325 families have been served and approximately 450 children have benefited from services over the past five years.

Historically, Safety First was partially funded by a grant from the Office on Violence Against Women and was limited to serving families impacted by domestic violence. In September 2016, Safety First learned further grant funds were not awarded and the program is now able to provide services to all families in need. Over this past year staff did explore opportunities and perform outreach in order to serve DCJ justice involved individuals. However, barriers such as a significant wait list and the violent history of some of the justice involved individuals were encountered and reduced the size of the referral source.

While this program offers important services to families, it is not directly connected to any DCJ programs nor serves many DCJ justice involved individuals, especially our high risk individuals. We have submitted a Restoration One-Time Only request to provide funding for one year in an attempt to find the appropriate entity to fund and oversee this valuable program.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY17 Actual	FY18 Purchased	FY18 Estimate	FY19 Offer
Output	Number of families served annually	88	90	90	90
Outcome	Number of security incidents during supervised parenting time or exchange	3	2	2	2

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2018	2018	2019	2019
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$322,850	\$0
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$32,170	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$3,741	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$358,761	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$358,761	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	2.80	0.00

Program Revenues				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2018: 50053 Justice for Families - Supervised Parenting Time

FY 2018 budget history of \$343,156 and 2.80 FTE is not reflected in this offer due to program being cut in requested budget.