

**Department:** Community Justice **Program Contact:** Judith Moyer  
**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:**

**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 1,500 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 3,000 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, childhood stress 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. FCS also produces materials such as the "Birth Through Three" and "Second Chances" handbooks for use by parents and others in need of information relevant to parenting issues. 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).

FCS is housed in the Downtown Courthouse and services are taking place at East County Courthouse in order to better serve the residents of East County. Parent education and mediation are state mandated services.

**Performance Measures**

<b>Measure Type</b>	<b>Primary Measure</b>	<b>FY16 Actual</b>	<b>FY17 Purchased</b>	<b>FY17 Estimate</b>	<b>FY18 Offer</b>
Output	Percent of individuals satisfied with parent education classes	90%	90%	90%	90%
Outcome	Percent of custody/parenting time evaluations resulting in settlement	70%	80%	75%	75%

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

**Revenue/Expense Detail**

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2017	2017	2018	2018
Personnel	\$163,509	\$807,219	\$196,373	\$852,861
Contractual Services	\$0	\$41,402	\$0	\$62,905
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$35,544	\$0	\$27,110
Internal Services	\$0	\$186,594	\$0	\$194,052
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$163,509</b>	<b>\$1,070,759</b>	<b>\$196,373</b>	<b>\$1,136,928</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$1,234,268</b>		<b>\$1,333,301</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	1.42	7.58	1.66	8.34

Program Revenues				
Indirect for Dept. Admin	\$99,773	\$0	\$101,661	\$0
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$992,960	\$0	\$1,060,000
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$77,799	\$0	\$76,928
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$99,773</b>	<b>\$1,070,759</b>	<b>\$101,661</b>	<b>\$1,136,928</b>

**Explanation of Revenues**

County General Fund plus 1) \$848,922 in state funding for conciliation and mediation services assumes continued funding at current level. 2) \$81,078 conciliation services fee collected as part of \$60 marriage license fees of which \$10 is a conciliation services fee. 3) Evaluation fees \$8,000 (70% of clients qualify for a waiver). 4) Parent Education Fees \$122,000 (\$55 or \$70 fee). Fees are collected per ORS 205.320 and 107.510 to 107.610, and are set by Board Resolution. 5) \$76,928 Access & Visitation grant from US Dept of Health and Human Services.

**Significant Program Changes**

**Last Year this program was:** FY 2017: 50052A Family Court Services

This program offer adds 1.00 FTE Office Assistant 2 in FY 2018. This position was limited duration in FY 2017.