



Program #50052 - Family Court Services 2/21/2018

Department: Community Justice **Program Contact:** Laura Bisbee
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: 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 1,500 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

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY17 Actual	FY18 Purchased	FY18 Estimate	FY19 Offer
Output	Percent of individuals satisfied with parent education classes	93%	90%	90%	90%
Outcome	Percent of custody/parenting time evaluations resulting in settlement	50%	75%	50%	50%

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	\$196,373	\$852,861	\$300,681	\$768,365
Contractual Services	\$0	\$62,905	\$0	\$61,349
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$27,110	\$0	\$25,607
Internal Services	\$0	\$194,052	\$0	\$203,684
Total GF/non-GF	\$196,373	\$1,136,928	\$300,681	\$1,059,005
Program Total:	\$1,333,301		\$1,359,686	
Program FTE	1.66	8.34	3.09	6.51

Program Revenues				
Indirect for Dept. Admin	\$101,661	\$0	\$104,882	\$0
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$1,060,000	\$0	\$983,172
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$76,928	\$0	\$75,833
Total Revenue	\$101,661	\$1,136,928	\$104,882	\$1,059,005

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund plus 1) \$773,172 in state funding for conciliation and mediation services assumes continued funding at current level. 2) \$82,000 - Conciliation Services fee collected as part of \$60 marriage license fees of which \$10 is a conciliation services fee. 3) \$8,000 - Child Custody Evaluation Case-Opening Fees, 70% of clients qualify for a waiver. 4) \$120,000 of Parenting Education Program fees, fees of \$70 are collected per ORS 205.320 and 107.510 to 107.610, and are set by Board Resolution. 5) \$75,833 Access & Visitation grant from US Dept of Health and Human Services.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2018: 50052 Family Court Services

In FY 2019 this program offer is reduced by 0.20 FTE Marriage & Family Counselor Associate and 0.20 FTE Office Assistant 2.