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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. Limited services began being offered in the Fall of 2015 to better serve the residents of the East region of Multnomah County. Parent education and mediation are state mandated services.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY15 Actual	FY16 Purchased	FY16 Estimate	FY17 Offer
Output	Percent of clients satisfied with parent education classes	92%	90%	92%	90%
Outcome	Percent of custody/parenting time evaluations resulting in settlement	77%	80%	77%	80%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2016	2016	2017	2017
Personnel	\$160,883	\$790,208	\$163,509	\$807,219
Contractual Services	\$0	\$40,906	\$0	\$41,402
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$38,505	\$0	\$35,544
Internal Services	\$0	\$164,496	\$0	\$186,594
Total GF/non-GF	\$160,883	\$1,034,115	\$163,509	\$1,070,759
Program Total:	\$1,194,998		\$1,234,268	
Program FTE	1.10	7.70	1.42	7.58

Program Revenues				
Indirect for Dept. Admin	\$78,865	\$0	\$99,773	\$0
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$950,130	\$0	\$992,960
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$83,985	\$0	\$77,799
Total Revenue	\$78,865	\$1,034,115	\$99,773	\$1,070,759

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund plus 1) \$758,960 in state funding appropriation for conciliation and mediation services; 2) \$94,000 conciliation services fee collected as part of \$60 marriage license fees of which \$10 is a conciliation svcs fee; 3) Evaluation fees \$10,000 (70% of clients qualify for a waiver); 4) Parent education Fees \$130,000 (\$55 or \$70 fee). Fees are collected per ORS 205.320 and 107.510 to 107.610, and are set by Board Resolution; 6) \$77,799 is the Access & Visitation grant from US Dept of Health and Human Services to be used for various services e.g. mediation services, counseling and the development of parenting plans. (\$20,009 for grant ending 09/30/2016, and \$57,790 for anticipated renewal.)

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2016: 50052A-16 Family Court Services

This program offer adds 0.20 FTE Marriage & Family Counselor Associate in FY 2017.