

Department: District Attorney **Program Contact:** John Casalino
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: Backfill State/Federal/Grant

Executive Summary

This program allows the Juvenile Court Trial Unit to retain two primary functions: 1) delinquency (prosecuting certain criminal offenses committed by juveniles), 2) limited dependency (litigating some child protection cases in Juvenile Court). In dependency, this program seeks child safety while strengthening the protective capacity of families. Refer to 15101 A which details the delinquency function of the Juvenile Unit.

Program Summary

The Juvenile Unit will no longer accomplish community protection, youth reformation and family preservation and skill building to the extent it has in the past. This Unit will continue to prosecute all but the most serious (Ballot Measure 11) crimes committed by juveniles. This includes cases ranging from certain misdemeanors to serious felonies. In addition to delinquency function described in 15101A, this program partially restores this Unit to have two primary functions, delinquency and limited dependency to serve families in Multnomah County.

Dependency proceedings are noncriminal in Juvenile Court where children are found unsafe and the court needs to intervene to protect the child. Dependency is proactive which can result in safer, healthier children who grow up to be adults who also implement safe parenting practices. These DDAs seek to protect children, strengthen families and work with system partners in dependency.

Beginning July 1, 2019, the Department of Human Services will redirect state and federal funds from MCDA to pay their own lawyers at the Department of Justice to represent DHS in all TPR and dependency matters in Multnomah County. Because of overall funding loss to the Juvenile Court Unit, DDAs’ child safety efforts will be reduced and in many cases DDAs will no longer work with DHS and other agencies and partners to fashion plans which will provide protection for the child and opportunities for the parents to expand their protective capacity. Because this Unit has reduced funding, it has reduced coordination with community and system partners and reduced engagement in the cross-over youth practice model.

Performance Measures					
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY18 Actual	FY19 Purchased	FY19 Estimate	FY20 Offer
Output	Cases reviewed for Delinquency, Dependency, TPR. (Estimate and offer includes Delinquency & Dependency)	2,043	na/-	1,887	1,887
Outcome	Early intervention program participants ___% less likely to recidivate than non-participants.	40%	na/-	40%	40%
Input	Number of attorneys needed to fulfill program description in 15101A & 15101B	na/-	11	7 unit total	5 unit total

Performance Measures Descriptions

Continuing MCDA involvement in juvenile dependency cases promote public safety through building parental capacity and safeguarding children.

For additional MCDA Budget Information:

<http://mcda.us/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/MCDA-Budget-Informational-Packet-FY-20.pdf>

Legal / Contractual Obligation

Juvenile Trial Court: 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	2019	2019	2020	2020
Personnel	\$0	\$613,195	\$578,857	\$0
Contractual Services	\$0	\$6,000	\$0	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$18,226	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$51,076	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$619,195	\$648,159	\$0
Program Total:	\$619,195		\$648,159	
Program FTE	0.00	3.67	3.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$619,195	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue	\$0	\$619,195	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was:

State and Federal funding was eliminated in this program because the Department of Human Services has decided to have the Department of Justice represent DHS in all Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) and dependency matters in Multnomah County. This program restores the reduction in County funding for the Juvenile Unit and will be used to partially backfill the reduction in State funding. This funding will allow the District Attorney's Office to continue its dependency function in a reduced role. Partial funding limits MCDA's work on Juvenile Justice reform issues and reduces both public safety, youth reformation and victim input regarding system decisions. The MDT Unit Program is also impacted. The Child Abuse Unit will leave the Multnomah County MDT building; ending an internationally recognized coordination model began in the early 90s.