

#### Program #15309 - MDT - Child Abuse Unit

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program Program Offer Stage: As Requested

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: In Target

# **Executive Summary**

The Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) uses best practices to protect children from physical and sexual abuse. The MDT prosecutes felony crimes against children including homicide, physical abuse and sexual assault where the perpetrator is considered family; protects vulnerable children through litigating dependency cases in juvenile court; and coordinates child protection efforts by working with advocates, investigators and physicians to develop equitable practices and policies.

## **Program Summary**

The MDT is part of a larger team comprised of representatives from law enforcement, public schools, hospitals, courts, health departments, the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS), and the Oregon Department of Employment Child Care Division. The team provides services to child victims, advances public safety and increases the effectiveness of prosecution of both criminal and dependency cases.

This program prosecutes homicides and serious felony sexual and physical assaults against children. Deputy District Attorneys (DDAs) respond to child death crime scenes and review all unexpected child fatalities. DDAs also work with the Department of Human Services (DHS) and other agencies to protect children who are abused and neglected. They work with the Victim Assistance Program to ensure all practices are trauma-informed and mitigate the life-long consequences of child abuse.

DDAs litigate some of the most high risk/high lethality child protection cases in Juvenile Court. With the court, DHS and other agencies and community partners, DDAs develop plans that provide protection for the child.

MDT DDAs assist in training with agencies preventing child abuse and advise community partners on child abuse legal issues. The senior deputy district attorney is on call 24/7 to assist law enforcement, medical personnel and DHS in regard to infant deaths and immediate physical and child sexual assault cases. This program also coordinates the distribution of state Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention (CAMI) funds to a variety of local partners on an annual basis for projects/services associated with child abuse intervention.

Performan	Performance Measures								
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer				
Output	Number of Dependency/Criminal Case reviewed	200	285	150	196				
Outcome	Percentage of presumptively prison eligible defendants diverted from prison to community supervision	20%	42%	42%	25%				

#### **Performance Measures Descriptions**

## **Legal / Contractual Obligation**

ORS 8.660 - Attending court and prosecuting offenses. (1) The district attorney shall attend the terms of all courts having jurisdiction of public offenses within the district attorney's county, and, except as otherwise provided in this section, conduct, on behalf of the state, all prosecutions for such offenses therein

## **Revenue/Expense Detail**

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Requested General Fund	Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Personnel	\$1,258,162	\$216,969	\$1,363,213	\$223,005
Contractual Services	\$31,700	\$672,039	\$31,700	\$627,473
Materials & Supplies	\$18,000	\$22,375	\$17,500	\$63,543
Internal Services	\$144,683	\$37,506	\$157,489	\$45,701
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,452,545	\$948,889	\$1,569,902	\$959,722
Program Total:	\$2,401,434		\$2,529,624	
Program FTE	5.00	2.00	5.00	2.00

Program Revenues							
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$948,889	\$0	\$959,722			
Total Revenue	\$0	\$948,889	\$0	\$959,722			

## **Explanation of Revenues**

This program generates \$45,701 in indirect revenues. \$959,722 State Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention (CAMI) Grant

## Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2022: 15103 MDT - Child Abuse Unit

Since FY 2020 the MDT unit has been at the Juvenile Court Building on 68th and Glisan. In FY 2021 Gresham Police Department (GPD) and Portland Police Bureau (PPB) child abuse detectives discontinued co-housing investigators which impacted MDT coordination.

Additionally, COVID conditions, emergency procedures and law enforcement obligations have reduced the number of mandatory reports and investigations of child abuse which has resulted in far fewer police and DHS investigations submitted to this unit to review. Because of COVID, trials have stopped; this delay in resolution negatively impacts child victims and their families.

Program moves from Division 1 to Division 3