

## Program #15103 - MDT - Child Abuse Unit

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Program Offer Stage: As Requested

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**Department: District Attorney** 

**Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program** 

**Related Programs:** 

Program Characteristics: In Target

## **Executive Summary**

This group of Deputy District Attorneys and staff, known as Multidisciplinary Child Abuse Team (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, minimizes the number of victim interviews, prevents abuse of other potential victims, and increases the effectiveness of prosecution of both criminal and dependency cases.

## **Program Summary**

The MDT/Child Abuse Team has three primary functions: (1) Prosecute felony crimes involving child victims including homicide, physical abuse, abandonment and neglect; prosecute sexual exploitation and sexual assault of children where the perpetrator is considered family by blood relationship, any relationship through marriage, family relationships created by practice, e.g., live-in boyfriends or girlfriends of a parent, or by a relationship established through the courts, e.g., foster parents foster siblings and legal guardians. (2) Protect children though litigating dependency cases in juvenile court; and (3) Coordinate child protection efforts and policy with community partners to make and keep children safe. The team also provides a forum for discussion and resolution of inter-agency issues, assists in training with agencies involved in child abuse, participates in policy meetings regarding child abuse and neglect, prepares and updates the protocols for the team, and advises the team on child abuse legal issues.

Located at the Gateway Children's Center campus, these Deputy District Attorneys and staff are co-housed with the Child Abuse Hotline and a specialized police unit comprised of police detectives from the Portland Police Bureau and the Gresham Police Department. This program prosecutes some of the most troubling homicides and serious felony sexual and physical assaults against children in the county. This team reviews all fatalities which involve a child under the age of 18 years. Deputy District Attorneys also work with the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) and other agencies to protect children who are abused and neglected. Deputy District Attorneys are responsible for litigating the most high risk/high lethality child protection cases (dependency cases) in Juvenile Court and for working with DHS and other agencies and partners to fashion plans which will provide protection for the child and opportunities for the parents to mitigate the dangers which brought the child to the attention of the court in the first place. This program also coordinates the distribution Child Abuse Multidisciplinary intervention (C.A.M.I) funds, which are generated from unitary assessment funds from the state, to a variety of local partners on an annual basis for projects associated with child abuse intervention.

Performance Measures								
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY14 Actual	FY15 Purchased	FY15 Estimate	FY16 Offer			
Output	The number of dependency cases	55	60	60	60			
Outcome	The number of children protected	81	100	85	85			

#### **Performance Measures Descriptions**

Output - The number of new or reopened dependency cases.

Outcome - The number of children protected on dependency cases.

# **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.

ORS 8.665 - Prosecuting violations. Upon the issuance of a citation by any person authorized to issue citations for violations, a district attorney shall prosecute the case if it appears that a violation has occurred.

ORS 8.670 - Proceedings before magistrates and grand jury. The district attorney shall institute proceedings before magistrates for the arrest of persons charged with or reasonably suspected of public offenses, when the district attorney has information that any such offense has been committed, and attend upon and advise the grand jury when required.

## Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2015	2015	2016	2016
Personnel	\$879,888	\$172,888	\$906,884	\$179,234
Contractual Services	\$22,000	\$594,553	\$30,700	\$583,318
Materials & Supplies	\$11,405	\$22,579	\$11,550	\$20,730
Internal Services	\$74,361	\$39,565	\$79,352	\$39,164
Total GF/non-GF	\$987,654	\$829,585	\$1,028,486	\$822,446
Program Total:	\$1,817,239		\$1,850,932	
Program FTE	5.00	2.00	5.00	2.00

Program Revenues								
Indirect for Dept. Admin	\$27,510	\$0	\$28,759	\$0				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$829,585	\$0	\$822,446				
Total Revenue	\$27,510	\$829,585	\$28,759	\$822,446				

# **Explanation of Revenues**

\$822,446 in revenue from the State of Oregon for Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention.

## Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2015: 15009 MDT - Child Abuse Unit