

**Lane County, Oregon**

**FY 08-09 Service Options Sheet**

**Service:** Family Law - Child Support Prosecution  
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**BCC Service Priorities:** 1, 3, 5  
**Fund:** 124 **Dept. Org ID:** 1111020  
**Dept. Priority:** 3 of 3  
**Fund Priority:** 9 of 46

**Executive Summary**

Parents are obligated by law to support their children. When parents separate, divorce or paternity is established, the Court often orders that child support be paid. The Family Law Division collects this child support for the custodial parents. Total collections average \$20,000,000 per year for local children and their families.

**State/Federal Mandate**

ORS 25.080; OAR 137-055-2020; 42 USC Sections 651-669; 45 CFR 303

**Outcome Measure/s**

About \$20 million in child support will be collected and distributed to Lane County families. Approximately 275 child support and medical support orders will be established for families who do not have such orders. These outcomes will be achieved cost-effectively through maximum leveraging of federal and state funding resources. \$1 of County General Fund buys about \$5.40 of program operations.

**Service Level Descriptions. Level 1 (very bottom) = Threshold Level Below Which Service Cannot Be Provided**

X=Funded	Proposed Service Funding >>	Other Funds	Expense	Total General Fund	FTE
		1,290,964	1,455,090	164,126	13.00
<b>X</b>	<b>Level 1: Child Support Enforcement</b>	1,290,964	1,455,090	164,126	13.00

Mandated services include: establishment of paternity; enforcement of child support orders, spousal support orders, and medical insurance obligations; initiating and responding to interstate child support orders and medical insurance establishment, modification and enforcement requests. Federal and state statutes govern the level of service required. Strict timelines and guidelines are imposed and failure to meet them can lead to a loss or reduction in federal funding.

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- "Shall" Mandate
- Related Mandate
- No Clear Mandate
- Highly Leveraged to County provided service (100% return or greater)
- Leverages Funds to County
- Leverages Funding for Citizens and/or Community Organizations

**Leverage Details**

At the FY 07-08 level of service, the	\$1,290,964	back to the General Fund
GF portion of this program leverages:	\$0	into other County Funds
	\$0	directly or via subcontract to community orgs
	\$20,000,000	directly to citizens via services provided

**786.57%** County Funds Leverage Ratio

For the purpose of this comparison, only include leveraged funds that are dependent on General Fund revenue. Do not include funds that would still be leveraged if the General Fund portion of the service were decreased or eliminated.

**Please use this space to explain the Proposed Service Level Funding impact on leverage of the varying levels of service described above.**

The Family Law Division receives grant funds which reimburse the County for 66% of expenditures. Also received back into the General Fund are Incentive money, which are bonus for meeting performance benchmarks in the collection of child support funds for families. All the leverage funds above would disappear if the General Fund portion of this service was decreased or eliminated. If the service were eliminated, the State would likely take it over and charge the County for the cost (which would like be more than what the service currently expends in General Funds).