

Request for Funding

Oregon Judicial Department

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Applicant Name: Mary Geelan

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Job Title: Juvenile Court Improvement Coordinator

Date: May 9, 2015

Agency: Department of Community Justice, Multnomah County

Title of Event: Multidisciplinary Domestic Violence Training

Work Address: 1401 NE 68th, Portland, OR 97213

Date of Event: July 9 and 10, 2015

Phone: 503-988-3383

Amount of request (Please attach a budget and indicate how funds will be used.): \$5000

1. If you have not worked with JCIP in the past please briefly describe the mission of your agency and the purpose of the program for which you are asking support.

As a result of the 2014 JCIP Model Court Conference, the Multnomah County Model Court team and the Family Violence Coordination Council Executive Committee (FVCC) created a workgroup, chaired by Chief Family Law Judge Maureen McKnight, Judge Amy Holmes Hehn and Judge Katherine Tennyson, to organize a multidisciplinary training about domestic violence for child welfare practitioners in Multnomah County. The training curriculum is being developed in coordination with the National Council for Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ). Faculty will include national experts in the field of domestic violence assessment, trauma informed practice, effective interventions and creating safety for families. The program will be interactive and largely conducted in small groups, encouraging participants to actively engage in the learning process.

The multidisciplinary training will bring together child welfare practitioners to simultaneously process information from nationally recognized experts about best practices in domestic violence cases. Multnomah County judges, attorneys, DHS caseworkers, Tribal representatives, CASAs and community partners will exchange ideas about the material in a small group setting, allowing for the interactive process to enhance understanding. Moreover, by processing a fact scenario the participants will be able to understand how best practices can positively impact outcomes for families affected by domestic violence.

The mission of the Workgroup, created by the FVCC and Model Court Team, is to promote safety and permanency, and to encourage positive outcomes for children and families before the court due to domestic violence. By increasing child welfare practitioners understanding of effective intervention in domestic violence and child maltreatment cases, the committee believes safety, permanency and family preservation can be enhanced.

2. Have you contacted other sources for assistance? Please explain. (JCIP funds cannot be used to supplant other funds that are or have been available from your agency for this program in the past).

The National Council for Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) is providing assistance in developing the curriculum and in providing faculty and speakers. NCJFCJ will provide copies of the "Green Book", printed materials and funding for travel and accomodation for speakers.

A funding request was also sent to the Children's Justice Act Multidisciplinary Task Force to provide funding for part of the cost of securing a conference site at a convenient location for Multnomah County Practitioners, to produce program materials, rent sound and video equipment necessary for presentations and fees associated with CLE and CEU submissions.

3. Please describe specifically how the funds for which you are applying relate to JCIP's goals and what portion of your agenda is related to those goals.

The funds being requested from JCIP will be utilized to secure a convenient location for Multnomah County juvenile court stakeholders. Since these will be all day trainings, JCIP funds will also be used to provide refreshments to participants. We are providing refreshments and a convenient location so that the maximum number of people can participate in one of the two sessions over two days. We expect approximately 250 people to attend the training in total. At the conclusion of training participants will be better able to:

1. Using "Greenbook" principles, understand the need for thorough investigation with attention to the type, severity, context and dynamics of intimate partner violence and the impact of that violence on the family system, particularly the child, with an emphasis on safety practices and court orders which enhance child safety, victim autonomy and batterer reformation and accountability.
2. Develop and implement trauma-responsive strategies across all disciplines.
3. Within the context of current Oregon statutory and case law, identify dependency petition allegations and court findings that accurately and appropriately identify the risk to a child from intimate partner violence, implement service plans designed to ameliorate that risk, and understand evidentiary and legal standards needed to determine when the risk has been adequately addressed.
4. Generate ideas and action plans to improve the cross-discipline coordination of investigation, service delivery, case planning and court proceedings in child welfare cases impacted by domestic violence. .

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Applicant Name: Amy Miller

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Job Title: Deputy General Counsel

Date: 6.3.2015

Agency: Office of Public Defense Services

Title of Event: Juvenile Law Training Academy

Work Address: 1175 Court Street NE, Salem, OR
97301

Date of Event: October 19 & 20, 2015

Phone: 503-378-3495

Amount of request (Please attach a budget and indicate how funds will be used.): \$5000

1. If you have not worked with JCIP in the past please briefly describe the mission of your agency and the purpose of the program for which you are asking support.

The training academy workgroup has worked with JCIP in the past; this history is included below.

The Public Defense Services Commission (PDSC), which is responsible for arranging, paying for and overseeing all public defense services in the state courts was created in 2001. As set forth in the legislation that established PDSC, ORS 151.216(1)(a) requires that the commission "Establish and maintain a public defense system that ensures the provision of public defense services in the most cost-efficient manner consistent with the Oregon Constitution, the United States Constitution and Oregon and national standards of justice."

Though progress has been made in the area of juvenile dependency representation, information gained by OPDS through peer reviews, site visits, other means indicates that the performance standards for representation in juvenile dependency cases are not uniformly followed and there is much progress yet to be made in improving the quality of representation in juvenile dependency cases.

After assuming responsibility for trial level public defense services in 2003, PDSC has pursued a number of strategies to improve the quality of representation. Juvenile dependency representation was an area of particular interest. In 2003 representatives of a number of groups concerned about the quality of representation in this area began meeting to discuss the creation of additional educational opportunities for juvenile dependency attorneys. This group became the "Juvenile Law Training Academy Workgroup." Its principal focus over the years has been to outline a training curriculum for attorneys and to supplement available training opportunities. JCIP has been a member of the workgroup since it's founding. Other members are the Office of Public Defense Services, the University of Oregon Law School, Youth, Rights & Justice, the Juvenile Law Section of the Oregon State Bar, and the Oregon Criminal Defense Attorneys Association. The first CLE event sponsored by the workgroup was held in 2005. It was a 2-day event scheduled to coincide with the Oregon Judicial Conference (with many of the judges attending the judicial conference, lawyers were more likely to be able to attend the attorney conference). Because of the financial and in-kind contributions of its sponsors, including JCIP, the cost of the seminar could be kept low (\$50 – 75) to encourage more attorneys to attend. The focus of the seminar was on "The Essentials of Juvenile Court Practice." It was well attended and well received. Since 2005, a conference has been held every year at the same time in October. The 2015 conference is scheduled for October 19 and 20 and will be the 10th Annual Juvenile Law Training Academy. The focus of the conference has alternated between subject matter appealing to newer practitioners, and subject matter of more interest to experienced practitioners. In addition to this conference, the Oregon State Bar Juvenile Law Section sponsors an annual one-day conference on juvenile law and the Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association sponsors an annual 1 ½ day conference on juvenile dependency and

delinquency defense. There are occasionally other CLE events available to juvenile law practitioners, some of them local and some statewide but the three mentioned above have been the primary training opportunities for juvenile attorneys.

The focus of the Academy training changed in 2007 when the effort was made to expand the curriculum so that it was of interest to state's attorneys, CASAs, CRB members and others, as well as attorneys for parents and children. The planning group now includes representatives from the Department of Justice, district attorneys, and CASA.

While the cost has increased since 2005 (to \$110 – \$135 in 2014) it is still much less than what the average cost of a two day seminar would be. The seminar has been well attended in all years but one when the planning group offered too basic a training to interest even moderately experienced attorneys. The 2014 JLTA had 198 paid attendees. The planning for the 2015 JLTA has recently begun and the seminar is expected include both technical presentations (such as application of caselaw, evidence, DHS administrative rules, and other legal concepts) and general presentations (focused on systemic issues such as incarcerated parents, bias, and the ACES study as it applies in the child welfare context). Judge Schuman, who has recently retired as a Court of Appeals Judge, will serve as a keynote speaker.

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Academy workgroup members all contribute to the conference. The Oregon State Bar Juvenile Law section has generally made a financial contribution and such a contribution will be requested again this year. OPDS has participated in planning and promoting the event and in providing supplemental support for public defense attorneys who are otherwise unable to participate. Youth, Rights & Justice has participated in the planning, in providing speakers, in the preparation of materials and in assisting its member attorneys with the costs of participation. Professor Leslie Harris from the University of Oregon Law School has been a member of the planning group since the beginning, has been a presenter, has developed materials and has offered to provide space at the university for the event. The Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association has made all of the arrangements for meeting space, for hotel accommodations, for meals, and has managed the registration process, the production of materials and the staffing of the event. The planning committee attempts to cover OCDLA's out of pocket expenses each year with tuition. The Department of Justice and DHS have both contributed to the academy through the excellent presentations made by their attorneys and staff.

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The purpose of the training academy workgroup is to improve the quality of representation provided to all parties in juvenile dependency cases by educating the attorneys who provide that representation. High quality representation helps to protect children from abuse and neglect by ensuring that the needs of the children and their families are addressed, that statutory requirements are met, and that information is available to the court that will enable it to make decisions which will promote permanent placements in appropriate homes for all children. Well trained attorneys for the parties are better able to advocate effectively for placement decisions and visitation plans that preserve family relationships and for services that enhance the family's capacity to provide for children's needs.

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Applicant Name: Alene Jacobs

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Job Title: Treatment Court Coordinator

Date: 5/21/15

Agency: Yamhill Circuit Court

Title of Event: Incentives for Women's Recovery Court and School Attendance Diversion Court Program

Work Address: 535 NE 5th Street, McMinnville OR 97128

Date of Event: 2015

Phone: 503-434-3050

Amount of request (Please attach a budget and indicate how funds will be used.): \$5000

1. If you have not worked with JCIP in the past please briefly describe the mission of your agency and the purpose of the program for which you are asking support.

Women's Recovery Court (formerly known as Family Drug Court) serves medium to high risk pregnant or parenting women who are on probation for criminal drug-related cases. The program combines treatment, supervision and regular reporting to the Women's Recovery Court Judge in an effort to reduce the number of mothers in active addiction and children entering the child-welfare system. The program is a partnership between the Circuit Court, DHS, DAs office, Yamhill County Adult Programs (chemical dependency and mental health), Yamhill County Public Health and Yamhill Community Corrections.

The Attendance Diversion Project is a collaboration between Circuit Court Judge, Hon. Cynthia L. Easterday, Yamhill County Mediators, numerous counseling providers, Juvenile Department, Department of Human Services, and school district staff. The Attendance Diversion Project strives to build relationships with, and provide services to, families of students who are chronically absent from school. The project's goal is to improve school attendance and decrease the dropout rate. Families that appear in court for a violation of compulsory attendance law are often on the edge of the dependency or delinquency system and may be struggling with addiction, lack of parenting skills, mental illness, and other issues. Parents agree to the six month attendance diversion program, are given court recommendations to follow, and report back to the court monthly. The program keeps families connected to services, keeps track of any absences that may have occurred, and works with the family on increasing the students' attendance in school.

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The Women's Recovery Court received a JCIP grant in 2011 for incentives. There are no funds currently available to purchase incentives.

The Attendance Diversion Project has not applied to other funding sources. Grant funds would be used to build on current initiatives of the School Attendance Improvement Committee and not to supplant services or activities currently funded through a school district.

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Funds for which we are applying would be used to purchase items and activities that promote pro-social behavior, for example gift vouchers, tickets to a local event and other tokens acknowledging the participant's accomplishments. Many of the incentives will be targeted towards positive parent/child activities such as bowling, movies, etc...Incentives and recognition have long been used to motivate change and are a common feature in adult and juvenile drug court programs.

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BUDGET

Applicant: Alene Jacobs, Treatment Court Coordinator
Yamhill Circuit Court

Project: Incentives for Women’s Recovery Court and School Attendance Diversion Program

Amount Requested: \$5000

The JCIP grant funds, if awarded, will be divided between the two programs as follows:

Women’s Recovery Court \$3000

School Attendance Diversion Program \$2000

Court teams for each program will be decided on incentives to be purchased for the participants of their respective programs.

Incentives will meet one of the following criteria -

- a practical nature – vouchers for haircuts, clothing, shoes, etc.,
- recovery oriented – coins, daily meditations, etc.,
- geared toward positive family activities – bowling, pool passes, , movie passes, sporting event tickets.

No other funding has been requested for this project. This project will not generate funding.