

**Lane County - Service Option Sheet - FY 20-21 Proposed**

SOS 10: **Family Law**  
 Dept: District Attorney  
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**Service Category: Public Safety**

<b>Mandate</b>	None	Related	<b>SHALL</b>
<b>Leverage</b>	None	Some	<b>HIGH</b>

**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 \$21,000,000 per year for local children and their families.

**Service Descriptions**

	Revenue	Expense Total	General Fund	FTE
<b>Proposed Budget Total</b>	\$1,662,861	\$2,246,527	\$583,666	14.00

Mandated services include: establishment of paternity, child support and medical support orders; enforcement and modification of child support orders and medical insurance obligations; initiating and responding to interjurisdictional child support establishment, enforcement, and modification requests. Federal and state laws govern the level of service required. Strict timelines and performance guidelines are imposed. Failure to meet them can lead to a loss of federal funding.

**State/Federal Mandate**

ORS 25.080; OAR 137-055-2020; 42 USC Sections 651-669; 45 CFR 303; ORS 25.080 "... The entity shall provide the support enforcement services described in subsection (4)...". The following entity is primarily responsible per ORS 25.080(1)b "...the district attorney in cases other than those described in paragraph (a)". 25.080(7) "All county governing bodies and all district attorneys shall enter into child support cooperative agreements with the [D]epartment [of Justice, Division of Child Support]".

**Leverage Details**

The General Fund portion of this program leverages the following:

_____ \$1,662,861	back to the Discretionary General Fund
_____ \$0	into other non Discretionary County Funds
_____ \$20,000,000	directly to community members