

The Dept. of Community Justice's Title IV-E Claiming Program in the Juvenile Services Division

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What is Title IV-E?

Title IV of the Social Security Act, Part E – Federal Payments for Foster Care and Adoption Assistance:

- Permanently authorizes federal matching to states for costs related to foster care and adoption assistance.
- is an open-ended entitlement program, which provides support to state programs for:
 - out-of-home care and adoption assistance for children, and
 - programs aimed at preventing removal of children from their homes and communities,
 - or for returning children to their home once they have been removed.
- Additionally, it authorizes grants to states for independent living programs.



What Can the Juvenile Services Division Receive Title IVE Reimbursements for?

Title IV-E provides quarterly reimbursement for preventative measures taken to keep “at risk” youth in their home, such as the **following JSD Staff Activities and Services Provided to Youth and Families:**

- Out-of Home Placements (e.g. Shelter beds and residential treatment)
- Preparation for placement
- Development of case plans
- Case reviews
- Home visits
- School Visits
- Court related activity



The Project: Developing and Implementing a Title IV-E Claiming Program at JSD

- In the summer of 2012, DCJ issued a Request for Proposals to hire a firm to assist the Juvenile Services Division in developing and implementing a Title IV-E Claiming Program.
- DCJ believed implementing a Title IVE Claiming Program would:
 - help to sustain important existing programs and services;
 - Support further programmatic innovation that was in alignment with DCJ's philosophy of utilizing family-focused and evidence-based practices to keep youth connected to their home communities.
- Justice Benefits, Inc. ("JBI") was awarded the contract, and began the project with JSD on October 1, 2012.



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- JBI is a Government Consulting Firm that was established in **1997** and specializes in Federal Reimbursement Programs.
- JBI works with over 600 Counties nationwide on numerous Federal Reimbursement Programs.
- Specializes in Title IV-E claiming for Juvenile Departments
- Ensured that we had the information needed to work with key stakeholders and community partners to ensure that the Title IV-E Claiming Program became a reality, and assisted us in developing the necessary program components.



The Project: Collaboration

The collaborative process included:

- Oregon Department of Human Services
- Multnomah Circuit Court Judges and Judicial Officers
- Multnomah Trial Court Administrator's Office
- DCJ managers and employees from several work units
- Youth, Rights, and Justice, attorneys representing children
- Oregon Youth Authority
- District Attorney's Office/Juvenile Division



Collaboration: The Critical Role of the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS)

Title IV-E entitlement funding is **administered by a single state agency designated as the single administrative IV-E agent in each state** and covers foster care maintenance payments, training costs and administrative costs on a percentage basis.



Collaboration: The Critical Role of the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS)

The JSD Title IV-E Claiming Project would not be possible without the interagency agreement in place with DHS, and the collaboration of:

DHS Child Welfare Director Lois Day, and

Federal Compliance Manager, Sherril Kuhns

and many other DHS employees at Central Office and the local Multnomah DHS Offices.



Collaboration: The Critical Role of the Multnomah County Circuit Court

- To claim Title IV-E, court orders must contain special findings and must adhere to the Code of Federal Regulations.
- The Multnomah County Circuit Court modified its court orders to adhere to the necessary Title IV-E requirements

This would not have been possible without the leadership, support of this project, and commitment to helping youth in our county exhibited by:

Presiding Judge of the Multnomah County Circuit Court Nan Waller, and

Chief Family Court Judge Maureen McKnight.



Implementing the Title IVE Program: A Myriad of Changes in Business Practices for JSD Staff

- The format and content of JSD's Case Plans were changed to be in compliance with Title IV-E
- New Court Orders and Forms were adopted
- JSD Staff learned to use JBI's web-based Random Time Study program to capture time spent on preventative case management services to enhance our Title IV-E reimbursability.
- Managers learned how to use the various quality assurance reports and features of JBI's web-based program to be able to assist staff.
- JSD managers and staff participated in extensive training before the start of the ongoing Random Time Study on January 1, 2013, and also in refresher trainings provided by JBI on an ongoing basis



Acknowledgement of DCJ Staff for Successful Implementation of the Title IV-E Claiming Program

Many Employees of the Juvenile Services Division made significant changes in how they did their work and had to learn many new things in a short amount of time to allow for the collection of information on January 1, 2013 for future claims.

Without their initial and ongoing hard work and dedication, we would not be able to submit claims to receive Title IV-E reimbursements.



Acknowledgement of DCJ Managers for Successful Implementation of the Title IV-E Claiming Program

JSD Community Justice Manager Thanh Dang served as our Project Manager and was responsible for transforming the multitude of requirements into protocols and practices, and for getting our Claiming Program initially implemented.

JSD Community Justice Manager Lavis Robinson is leading the ongoing implementation and maintenance of the Title IVE Claiming Program, working closely with JBI, DHS, and our managers and staff to ensure our compliance and to make our Title IVE program a success.

DCJ Business Services Manager Joyce Resare and her team have played a crucial role in working with JBI and providing key financial information throughout this project, and in developing the procurement and overseeing the RFP process that got this entire project started.



Why is the Implementation of the Title IV-E Claiming Program so Monumental?

- Multnomah County lead the effort in our state, and is not only the **first county in Oregon**, but actually the **first county in Federal Region 10** (consisting of Alaska, Washington, Idaho, and Oregon) to implement a Title IV-E claiming program for juvenile justice.
- This means that through our partnership with DHS, and the subsequent agreements that other Oregon counties will now be able to enter into, in the years to come, thousands of children and families in Oregon will receive the benefit of having critical juvenile justice programs sustained or innovative new programs implemented.



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- In Multnomah County, we will benefit from having additional resources to keep kids connected to their families and to their home communities, as well as promoting public safety by utilizing interventions that will increase the success of youth on probation, and reduce the number of youth who further penetrate the juvenile and/or adult criminal justice systems.
- When fully ramped up, it is anticipated Multnomah County will be able to submit claims for over \$200,000 in Title IV-E reimbursement each quarter.
- The Title IV-E Program will assist Multnomah County in maintaining our commitment to continuous improvement, system change, and innovation in our county.



Innovation in Action: Youth Villages Intercept Model

Guest: Lynne Saxton, Executive Director, Youth Villages Oregon

The Title IV-E Claiming Program is allowing DCJ to utilize the Intercept Model, an evidence-based, culturally responsive service that is used to divert youth from residential placements and/or youth correctional facility commitments. The Intercept Model provides intensive wraparound services to youth and families in their homes, and is in alignment with DCJ's philosophy of keeping kids connected to their communities.



Innovation in Action: Youth Villages Intercept Model

- Intensive home and community based treatment program
- Designed to safely and effectively:
 - Divert youth from out of home placements
 - Reunify those who have been removed
- Used with young people involved in Juvenile Justice, Child Welfare and Mental health systems
- Relentlessly focused on permanency and responsibility
- Uses a combination of evidence based and promising practices
- Over 17,000 youth and families served across 10 states since 2006
- 41% of young people served were youth of color and 51% were Caucasian youth
- Rigorously evaluated for *long term impact*



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Success measures: Two years after Intercept

