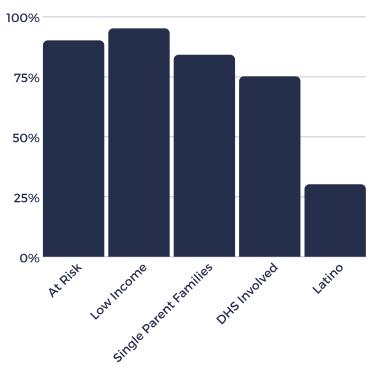
## **COURTCARE** DATA FOR MARION AND POLK COUNTIES

### FAMILY DEMOGRAPHICS

A snapshot look at the demographics of families served in CourtCare since 2017.

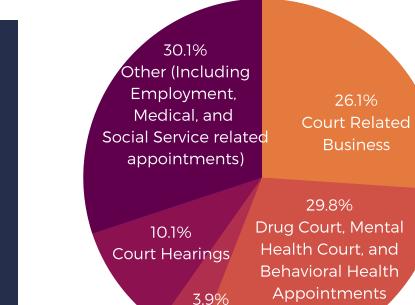


"The CourtCare teachers not only care for my children, they also provided me with resources that allowed me to work toward being self-sufficient." -CourtCare Parent



#### **TOP REASONS FOR CARE**

Top reasons for care in Marion and Polk Counties for families using CourtCare since 2017.



DHS Appts.

85%

of court staff agreed that the CourtCare program is valuable to the community

## 1,552

Families served to date in Polk County (Program Currently Open)

# 1,629

Families served to date in Marion County (Program Temporarily Closed)

# 95%

of judges reported seeing fewer children in the courtroom since CourtCare began

### **FUNDING PARTNERS**

**UNITED WAY** 

OREGON WOMEN'S LAWYERS FOUNDATION

POLK COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# COURTCARE

COURTCARE IS FREE, HIGH-QUALITY CHILD CARE LOCATED IN OR NEAR THE COURTHOUSE FOR CHILDREN AGED SIX WEEKS TO TWELVE YEARS.

## WHY COURTCARE? KIDS FA

Because it reduces trauma among children at high risk and prevents them from witnessing conflict.

## FAMILIES

Because they often can't find affordable and accessible child care on short notice.

### COURTS

Because it removes the potential disruption of children in the courtroom and helps parents get to court on time.

### **PROGRAM NEED**

In 2017, the Legislature established a two-year pilot in Marion and Polk Counties, in which the State provided \$200,000 for the CourtCare Program. The pilot was not renewed in the 2019 session, leaving the programs without a significant part of their budgets. Marion County's program closed immediately, while Polk County's program is still operational with bridge funding provided by local partners.

SB 1558 will provide \$200,000, which will allow the Marion County program to re-open and keep both programs open for an additional two years.

Both counties plan to continue following the requirements of the original pilot:

- Provide at least 10% cash match, and 15% in-kind match -Secured, both counties.
- Collect data about the pilots and report back to the state Data collection tool in place.
- Partner with an experienced, high-quality, licensed child care provider to implement the program -Provider identified in both counties.



"I am so thankful for your services. It is making it possible for me to be on time to court and gives my daughter the chance to be around other people and kids in a safe environment." -CourtCare Parent

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