

FAMILY COURT SERVICES

- 2025 Total Number of Employees

- Clinical staff 8
- Admin staff 3 (2 vacant)
- LTE support staff 2

Total 2025 Department Spending \$1.1 MILLION

Total 2025 GPR Spending \$1.5 MILLION

Total GPR reduction to meet 4% (\$45,696) \$47,000

Other revenue sources

Fees for most services

LEGAL FILES

- Last year we were excited to have a new case management tool, Legal Files, up and running by Hc



- Our admin support Clerk IV retired in June.

SET BACK AND THEN SUCCESS!

- Legal Files was not up and running last year, but will be launching next Friday, September 19!
- The Clerk III position was not filled as it seemed prudent to train a new person on the new system.
- Unfortunately the process dragged. With the help of DCIM a new systems person was assigned to our case this spring and we are now nearing completion.



4 % REDUCTION REQUEST

- The FCS budget is mostly staff related with some funds to purchase paper clips and toner cartridges.
- Will be requesting a reclass of the Clerk III to a Clerk I/II **AND** reducing from 1.0 to .6.

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tool is expected to increase efficiency for admin



UNEXPECTED DEVELOPMENT

- In May 2025, the Clerk IV position became open when the incumbent relocated out of state.
- The PD has been updated, the requisition has been approved and is currently going through alternative selection.

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FAMILY STUDY WAITLIST

- Beginning in February this year, the waitlist is very short with most cases being assigned to a counselor in 4-6 weeks of the referral.
- This provides time for fees to be set and collected. And allows parents ample time to return necessary paperwork and/or attend Parent Education.





2025 NUMBERS

So far in 2025:

- ✓ 257 mediations have been assigned
- ✓ 71 family studies have been assigned
- ✓ 5 Brief Focused Assessments have been assigned
- ✓ 589 parents have been assigned to attend Parent Education
- ✓ 457 of those parents attended the class



REVENUE

Current revenue is \$375,200

Consider raising tier 1 limit from \$60,000 combined incomes

Possibilities

- a) With electronic files there could be a flat fee for file reviews
- b) Adding one or two higher tiers for fees (current max is \$2,000 shared)
- c) Raising Parent Education fee from \$40 per parent to \$50 per parent
- d) Adding step parent adoptions to our services

REMODEL

- Public works is quite busy with current projects.
- It seems likely our remodel will not happen this year.



SUMMARY

I am very grateful to work with such a dedicated, insightful and determined group.

The clients get more and more complicated and the no show/no call cases absorb a lot of time, for admin and clinical staff. Still, not a day goes by that I'm not astonished at the hard work my staff conducts.

Dane County FCS is well respected around the state and we are often consulted on procedures and cases.

