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Family Defense Project

About Us

The Family Defense Project provides free, short-term legal representation to Multnomah County parents whose children are at risk of entering foster care.

Our Mission

To empower families, prevent foster care placement, and keep children safely at home



Who We Are

- ▶ We are a legal team of lawyers and social workers
- ▶ We develop client-led confidential relationships

Who We Serve

- ✔ Parents who are under a CPS (Child Protective Services) investigation
- ✔ Parents who are at risk of experiencing a CPS investigation

**Must live in Multnomah County
AND qualify for public assistance
(TANF, food stamps)**

How We Can Help

- ▶ We can help by explaining the CPS investigation process
- ▶ We can be there when parents talk to CPS caseworkers
- ▶ We can help parents understand CPS terms
- ▶ We can help gather information
- ▶ We can connect parents with community resources for treatment, housing and basic needs



Legal Problems We Handle

- Safety Planning
- Short Term Custody Issues
- Restraining Orders
- Immediate Danger Orders
- Advice About Guardianships

We Cannot:

- ✘ Represent More Than One Parent
- ✘ Work With a Parent Who Already Has an Attorney
- ✘ Guarantee That CPS Will Close the Case