

**Priority:** Safety Net Services  
**Program Offer Type:** New Program  
**Related Programs:**  
**Frameworks:** School Aged Policy Framework, Early Childhood Framework, Poverty Framework

**Lead Agency:** Commission on  
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### **Executive Summary**

Expand and strengthen early childhood services and supports for vulnerable families so that young children can thrive. Develop and implement action plan to fill gaps in services through utilizing data and best practices, engaging community partners in a shared vision, and developing new funding resources.

### **Program Description**

This offer builds upon work begun four years ago, and that has continued on a scaled-down level due to decreased resources. The long term (multi-year) goal is to have a seamless continuum of effective and efficient services for children and families at risk. In this first year, we will: (1) Collect/analyze data on system of service provision to young children/families. Develop compelling materials identifying the number of children/families in need and best practice strategies for affecting measurable change. (2) Heighten community awareness/involvement around early childhood development/child abuse prevention. Develop/implement a strategic plan to motivate individuals/the community to take action. (3) Create/strengthen community collaboration to reach out to children/families who need help and to create positive prevention strategies. Organize/mobilize active constituencies, uniting public and private organizations, and citizens, around a common vision of child well-being. (4) Convene stakeholders to design an implementation plan for sustainable funding. Engage the leadership/expertise of economists, large and small businesses, health care providers, labor, local government, philanthropy and others, including the Portland Children's Investment Fund. (5) Apply, and assist partners in applying, for grants.

### **Program Justification**

This offer is consistent with the Basic Living Needs Selection Strategies because it will help the County and community partners: (1) provide access to care that addresses the needs of vulnerable families and their young children, (2) facilitate access to appropriate information, and (3) provide for crisis and other services for long-term stability. It would dramatically improve and expand on the on-the-ground services of the Early Childhood Framework Goal 3: Strengthening High Risk Families.

### **Performance Measures**

The 5-year measures of success are: (a) Percentage of children who meet all school readiness dimensions increases to 90%, (b) Child care slots meet Oregon Benchmarks (25 per 100 children), and (c) Rate of child abuse decreases to 6.2/1000.

Year One measures of success: (a) The County and community have access to a well prepared needs assessment and a collection of best practices to facilitate strong grant-writing, (b) Apply for 4 grants, and (c) Raise at least \$250,000 in funds/leverage towards bringing the system to a scale that yields significant positive outcomes.

### **Summary of last year's program results and this year's expected results**

In the past few years, we have worked with Deschutes County's CCF to develop a brief analysis of what it would take to fully fund the early childhood system. This led to a Congressional package proposal to create a pilot project in the two counties. (Not yet been funded.)

The Goal 3 Committee of the Early Childhood Framework (Strengthening High Risk Families) updated the Readiness to Learn inventory, which will serve as a platform for this program offer. The Goal 3 Committee is beginning to gather best practices to be posted on the CCFC website.

The proposed additional FTE would provide capacity to move forward strategies to improve the safety and well-being of young children in tangible, measurable ways.

**Program Mandate: 4 Program and Funding Level Choice**

**Revenue/Expense Detail**

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2005	2005	2006	2006
<b>Program Expenses</b>				
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$116,701	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$13,167	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$19,403	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$149,271</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Total GF/non-GF:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$149,271</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Program Total:	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$149,271</b>	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	1.50	0.00
<b>Program Revenues</b>				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Explanation of Revenues**

**Significant Program Changes**