

Priority: Education
Lead Agency: Commission on
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
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Related Programs:
Frameworks: School Aged Policy Framework, Early Childhood Framework, Poverty Framework

Executive Summary

The CCFC funds three projects that support school readiness by improving the quality of child care: Two family child care provider networks and one resource enhancement package that expands the services of Child Care Resource and Referral for child care providers County-wide.

Program Description

To support caregivers/parents in preparing their children to learn, the CCFC funds two Child Care Provider networks, serving two geographic areas and including up to 15 providers each who care for infants and toddlers. These providers receive extra training/resources to bring their quality of care to higher levels. Outcomes are measured using the nationally recognized Thelma Harms Family Day Care Rating Scale. The networks recruit providers who care for infants and toddlers. The geographic boundaries encompass lower income families. The CCFC also funds the Child Care Resource Team located at the Child Care Resource and Referral agency. The Resource Team package includes training, on-site consultation, mini-grants and emergency scholarships. The funds cover 1.5 FTE to help child care providers with business skills and early childhood development knowledge. This helps providers stay in business (consistency of care) and improves quality of care. The Resource team provides on-site/telephone consultation and trainings. There is no income requirement for this service. At least 100 providers and 600 children in care benefit from this service.

Program Justification

High quality child care supports all six of the developmental dimensions of the Oregon Kindergarten Readiness Survey: physical well-being, language usage, approach to learning, cognition/general knowledge, social/emotional development and motor development. According to the 2000 Population Survey, over 23,000 children are in paid child care in Multnomah County. Improving the quality of care has a long-term effect on these children. Child care networks are an evaluated model of service that has proven effectiveness and has been replicated.

Performance Measures

(1) Child Care Provider Network members reach quality standards as defined by the Thelma Harms Family Day Care Rating Scale. (2) 80% of child care providers receiving on-site training and technical assistance report that the materials/information will help in providing quality care. (3) The Resource Team meets annual targets for workshops, on-site training, in-service training to child care centers, one-on-one technical assistance phone calls, and administration of mini-grants and emergency scholarship funds.

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

This year, 23 child care providers are currently part of the 2 child care provider networks. It is anticipated that within the next quarter the number will rise to 30. This means that the quality of care will be improved for 190 children.

Expected outcomes for the Resource Team this year: 120 on-site business and early childhood training, 525 one-on-one phone technical assistance calls, 18 mini-grants, emergency scholarships for 8 families. Individual providers may benefit from services, but if you assume 6 children per provider, then approximately 4,590 children benefit from the on-site and telephone technical assistance alone.

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
Program Expenses				
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$212,725
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,383
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$214,108
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$44,655
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$44,655
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$258,763
Program Total:	\$0		\$258,763	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$214,108
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$44,655
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$258,763

Explanation of Revenues

Funds come through the Oregon Commission on Children and Families, funding source is Federal Child Care Development Funds. Grant funds are estimated based on the FY 2005 appropriation. Use of Child Care and Development Funds is for child care quality activities as identified in 45 CFR Parts 98 and 99, Oregon's Child Care and Development Fund Plan, and by the Oregon Childhood Care and Education Coordinating Council.

Significant Program Changes