

Priority: Basic Needs
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs: 25073A

Lead Agency: Commission on
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The CCFC funds three projects that support basic living needs by improving the quality, stability and availability 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

Quality childcare not only improves school readiness, it enables parents and families to thrive in the workforce. 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. The networks recruit providers who care for infants and toddlers, which is often a harder type of care to find. 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

These contracts improve access to quality childcare in Multnomah County. The Resource Team is closely linked with the mental health consultation also provided by the County. Helping child care providers stay in business supports employment within the County because workers need to feel confident that their children are in good care. According to the 2000 Population Survey, over 23,000 children are in paid childcare in our County. Improving the quality of care has a long-term effect on these children. Childcare networks are modeled on the Child Care Improvement Project, which has both been proven effective and replicated.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY04-05)	Current Year Purchased (FY05-06)	Current Year Estimate (FY05-06)	Next Year Offer (FY06-07)
Output	Total of 30 providers in networks, serving up to 300 children	23	30	30	30
Outcome	The Resource Team meets annual targets for all contacts with providers	100%	100%	100%	100%
Quality	Providers report Resource Team assistance will help them provide quality care	100%	80%	100%	90%
Quality	Network providers assessed and craft improvement plans per Thelma Harms scale	0%	100%	100%	100%

Performance Measure - Description

-All three contracts have detailed outcome reports required. The performance measures for this program offer capture the essential measures of success. Meeting the Thelma Harms Family Day Care Rating Scale is a way to determine the overall effect of the network on each individual provider. Assuming there are 30 providers participating, this means that the quality of care will be improved for up to 300 children.

-The Resource Team has many tasks they must complete: 120 on-site business and early childhood training, 525 one-on-one phone technical assistance calls, 18 mini-grants, and emergency scholarships for 8 families. Individual providers may benefit from services, but assuming 6 children per provider, then approximately 4,590 children benefit from the on-site and telephone technical assistance alone.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

The contracts are issued following the County's bidding process.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2006	2006	2007	2007
Personnel	\$0	\$15,105	\$0	\$23,300
Contracts	\$0	\$212,725	\$0	\$244,691
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$1,277	\$0	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$1,489	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$230,596	\$0	\$267,991
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$48,088
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$48,088
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$230,596	\$0	\$316,079
Program Total:	\$230,596		\$316,079	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.25
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$230,596	\$0	\$267,991
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$48,088
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$230,596	\$0	\$316,079

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 childcare 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

Last year this program was:
None.