

Priority: Education
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs:

Lead Agency: School and Community
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Child Development Services provides services for children (birth through age 5) and their parents to promote positive parenting, healthy child development and school readiness. Programs include SUN Service System Parent Child Development Services, Head Start Health Services and Native American Child care. These programs align with the Early Childhood Framework.

Program Description

All child development services include a range of activities designed to promote parent competence and healthy child development. Specific services are: providing age appropriate parent child play groups, parenting education and support services, developmental screening, immunization status checks (and follow up), culturally specific child care for parents in residential treatment, and access to other needed social and health services. The Ages and Stages child development screening tool is used to determine developmental stage; those not meeting the relevant stage for their age are referred for further early childhood intervention services. All services are delivered at community sites, as well as in school sites and are developmental and culturally appropriate. Most utilize the nationally recognized Parents As Teachers (PAT) curriculum.

Program Justification

Child development supports the Education's Team request for offer to "support parents and caregivers in preparing their children to learn". By providing opportunities for parents to interact with their child in mentored settings with child development specialists they are able to learn healthy and age appropriate parenting skills while learning ways to support their child and promote school readiness. Children of substance abusing parents are at risk for numerous negative outcomes throughout their childhoods, that left unaddressed, may hamper their ability to become members of the community.

The Oregon State University's Family Study Center 1998 research shows a strong correlation between a child's immunization status, age-appropriate development, and a parent/caregiver's ability to provide consistent parenting, with kindergarten readiness. School readiness correlates to early academic performance, an indicator of future school success. School completion impacts adult success in life. Child development programs are an important gateway in this continuum for young children.

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	Number of families served	806	600	720	720
Outcome	% of children up to date on immunizations	99%	85%	85%	90%
Outcome	% children screened who are at appropriate stage of development for their age	94%	85%	95%	90%
Quality	Parents who indicate they are satisfied with services	94%	80%	80%	80%

Performance Measure - Description

These measures were developed during the early phases of this program in 1995/6 with the program contractors and guided by expertise provided by the Oregon State University Family Study Center. The measures are captured at exit from the program. DSCP will review satisfaction after the 2nd year to determine if that measure should increase to reflect actuals.

Legal/Contractual Obligation**Revenue/Expense Detail**

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2006	2006	2007	2007
Personnel	\$154,317	\$0	\$36,906	\$0
Contracts	\$1,091,334	\$202,244	\$1,155,123	\$177,516
Materials & Supplies	\$3,344	\$0	\$1,109	\$0
Internal Services	\$54,223	\$0	\$5,967	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$1,303,218	\$202,244	\$1,199,105	\$177,516
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$11,122	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$103,902	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$115,024	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$1,303,218	\$202,244	\$1,314,129	\$177,516
Program Total:	\$1,505,462		\$1,491,645	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.40	0.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$202,244	\$0	\$177,516
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$202,244	\$0	\$177,516

Explanation of Revenues

General Fund- Based on current level of service

Fed/State Fund- Based on current level of funding from grantors

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #21005, Early Childhood Services

The current County General Fund costs in this program offer as been increased by 3.5% of contracted services to reflect the inflation factor related to maintaining services at current service level. The amount of COLA included in this program offer is \$39,062 and will be passed through to the community based providers in their FY07 contract.