

**Priority:** Accountability **Lead Agency:** Commission on  
**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating **Program Contact:** Wendy Lebow  
**Related Programs:** 10008A, 25076, 40024, 40025  
**Program Characteristics:** One-Time-Only Request

**Executive Summary**

The Commission is mandated by the State and County board with the creation of the 6-year plan to improve outcomes for Children and Families. Completed this year and adopted by the County Board the 6-year plan directly engaged over 300 individuals directly in determining which areas would most benefit Multnomah County children & families. Additionally, we incorporated the opinions and thoughts of, at a minimum, 20 thousand citizens through reviewing locally produced research, reports, and recommendations. 3 actions were prioritized within the plan. This program offer funds the implementation of 1 of those actions, increasing utilization of School-Based & Community-based Health Centers.

**Program Description**

Community Mobilization and Positive Youth Development strategies will dovetail to create this program which will hire and train 60 youth in 8 schools to create health education and marketing messages for the 9,615 youth who attend schools with School Based Health Centers. Additionally, youth outside those schools will be informed of services and may travel to a school based health center or community-based center to receive services. By mobilizing those most impacted by lack of medical care for youth, youth themselves, this program offer improves outcomes not only for those youth who access the health centers but also the 60 youth hired to create the marketing messages and peer health education materials. The Multnomah Youth Commission and the "Our Bill of Rights: Youth & Children" Implementation Committee will lead this effort to increase youth awareness and utilization of existing community health resources, including School-Based Health Centers. These materials will be distributed in schools and the community by youth, school staff, and County Health and Human Services Departments working directly with youth.

**Program Justification**

To be accountable to the public we need to create open, honest processes for their engagement and involvement; clearly disseminate the result of the process, and then follow through by implementing the recommendations and improving our systems so we create the best outcomes for the least amount of money possible. Without implementation our efforts around the 6-year plan become no more than more planning for planning sake. Funding this program offer increases trust and confidence in Multnomah County because the 300 citizen involved in the 6-year plan see that we follow through. Funding this program offer increases satisfaction with government services, effectiveness and price by improving the health of our young people while also ensuring that current investments (School Based Health Centers & School Based Mental Health) are fully utilized and serving as many youth as possible. Additionally, a side benefit is that this effort links diverse young people to local government. They will gain an understanding of how the County operates and will have access to County staff and decision-makers.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY06-07)	Current Year Purchased (FY07-08)	Current Year Estimate (FY07-08)	Next Year Offer (FY08-09)
Output	Targeted peer marketing messages created	0	0	0	10
Outcome	Increased utilization of SBHC given service cuts	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Outcome	ESL youth/families increase utilization of SBHC	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	10.0%
Outcome		0	0	0	0

**Performance Measure - Description**

The 0% increased utilization of SBHC represents a stabilization of clinic usage in the face of large cuts in service hours, days, and times. If we are to keep the same level of utilization with greatly reduced resources this will be a great accomplishment. Without this program offer, utilization of clinics by youth who need medical care is expected to drop.

ESL- English as a second language, again the low target of a 10% increase reflects on the recent reduction in clinic capacity (hours, times, staff). If we are able to increase this vulnerable population's access given current reductions in service this will be an important achievement.

## Legal/Contractual Obligation

The Oregon Legislature passed SB 555 in 1999, which requires local commissions on children and families to take the lead creating coordinated comprehensive plans. It also stipulates that resources of the local commission be used in accordance with that plan. The County Board adopted the current 6-year plan in January of 2008.

## Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2008	2008	2009	2009
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$130,200	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$130,200</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>\$130,200</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Program Total:	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$130,200</b>	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	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

This program is a one-time General Fund request.

## Significant Program Changes

### Last year this program was:

This is a new program for FY 2009.