

Priority: Education **Lead Agency:** County Human Services
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating **Program Contact:** Peggy Samolinski
Related Programs: 25119, 25143, 25145A, 25146, 25149, 25150, 25155

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Child Development Services (CDS) serves approximately 700 families, using a nationally recognized, evidence based curriculum, Parents As Teachers. CDS provides services for young children (birth through age 5) and their parents to promote positive parenting, healthy child development and school readiness. Last year, 94% of children served were within a normal developmental stage at the end of the program. Programs include SUN Service System Parent Child Development Services (PCDS) and Native American Child Care. These programs align with the Early Childhood Framework and the PCDS program is part of the SUN Service System, a countywide integrated and coordinated system of care for school-aged youth and their families.

Program Description

Child Development Services provide an evidence based curriculum to 700 families per year. Services include a range of activities designed to promote parent competence and healthy child development to ensure children are prepared to learn. Specific services include: 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 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 early childhood intervention services. Services are delivered in both community sites and in school sites. They are developmental and culturally appropriate. Most utilize an evidence-based curriculum as the foundation for intervention, Parents As Teachers (PAT).

Program Justification

Child development supports the Education priority and is an important service component in the Early Childhood Framework. By providing opportunities for parents to interact with their children, in mentored settings with child development specialists, they are able to learn healthy and age appropriate parenting skills and manage challenging behavior, and learn ways to support their children and promote school readiness.

These opportunities are critical for families struggling to meet basic needs and who may not have other such opportunities; 56% of families who participated in the program in FY07 were at or below the Federal Poverty Level. The Oregon State University's Family Study Center 1998 research shows a strong correlation between kindergarten readiness and a child's immunization status, age-appropriate development, and a parent/caregiver's ability to provide consistent parenting. School readiness correlates to early academic performance, an indicator of future school success. Likewise school completion impacts adult success in life. Child development programs are an important gateway in this continuum.

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	# of families served	675	720	600	600
Outcome	% of children up to date on immunizations	95.0%	90.0%	95.0%	95.0%
Outcome	% of children screened to are at appropriate developmental stage at exit	94.0%	90.0%	90.0%	90.0%

Performance Measure - Description

Target numbers are 50 families per year per contractor; agencies have historically served more than the target number. FY08 estimate are based on that trend, however for FY07 we see a downward trend more towards the target. The target for FY09 reflects this.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2008	2008	2009	2009
Personnel	\$27,954	\$0	\$90,561	\$0
Contracts	\$1,152,253	\$177,516	\$1,186,615	\$177,516
Materials & Supplies	\$1,081	\$0	\$2,303	\$0
Internal Services	\$4,405	\$0	\$10,604	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$1,185,693	\$177,516	\$1,290,083	\$177,516
Administration	\$51,678	\$0	\$176,612	\$0
Program Support	\$45,383	\$0	\$64,978	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$97,061	\$0	\$241,590	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$1,282,754	\$177,516	\$1,531,673	\$177,516
Program Total:	\$1,460,270		\$1,709,189	
Program FTE	0.35	0.00	1.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$177,516	\$0	\$177,516
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$177,516	\$0	\$177,516

Explanation of Revenues

Oregon Commission on Children and Families - \$177,516
 County General Fund - \$1,290,083

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #25151, SUN Service System: Child Development Services

This Program Offer includes a 3% inflationary increase of \$34,555 over FY08 for the County General Fund portion of contracted client services.