

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

Lead Agency: Health Department
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The High-Risk Infants and Children program serves families with an infant or child at risk for poor growth and development. Services are provided in home to parents or through community providers such as Head Start, crisis relief nursery and child care providers.

Program Description

This offer focuses on services to families with an infant or child at risk for poor growth and development. Infants can be at risk due to being born premature/low birth weight, having medical conditions, or having parents who are not able to fully meet their needs or need education and support to provide responsible and competent care. The home visit services are part of two statewide programs, Babies First & CaCoon. County funds are crucial to reaching the greatest number of families. Babies First! identifies and screens infants at risk over time to assess growth and development. CaCoon serves children with known medical problems (e.g., cerebral palsy, Down's Syndrome), connecting them with community care services such as special education or special needs clinics. Services for all families include infant screening for growth and development; parent education such as discussing child development (what to expect when baby is 6 mos., 9 mos., etc.), age-appropriate stimulation, nurturing, and discipline. Nurses observe parent/child interaction and look for "teachable moments" that can give parents cues to their baby's behavior. Case management assists families to meet their basic needs. Health consultation to child care providers ensures the health needs of infants and children will be met when in child care.

Program Justification

To assure an infant/child is ready to learn, parents need to be prepared to support their growth and development. This program's unique emphasis on home visits by nurses provides significant support to parents, tailored to their needs as observed in their home environment. The program empowers parents with information and promotes positive maternal behavior. With support, families can learn how to cope with existing health issues and prevent or reduce the consequences of future health problems. These services help parents manage their children's health issues, making success in school more likely. The services in this program offer support the outcomes and strategies identified in the County's Early Childhood Framework.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY07-08)	Current Year Purchased (FY08-09)	Current Year Estimate (FY08-09)	Next Year Offer (FY09-10)
Output	# of home visits to infants & children under age 5	10,187	10,000	10,983	9,280
Outcome	% of children within normal limits for development at 1 year of age	84.0%	80.0%	82.0%	82.0%
Output	% of families screened for domestic violence	57.0%	75.0%	57.0%	60.0%
Output	% of children with medical problems receiving appropriate community care	94.0%	89.0%	90.0%	90.0%

Performance Measure - Description

- 1) Number of home visits has been decreased due to reduced FTE to provide services.
- 2) No national standard. Most work is focused on increasing the number of children screened early in life for early identification of problems. Academy of Pediatrics cites 1994 study estimating 12-16% of children have a developmental or behavioral problem.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Babies First & CaCoon services must comply with contract requirements.
 Crisis Relief Nursery funds must comply with requirements from OCCF.
 Services reimbursed by Medicaid must comply with Medicaid rules.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2009	2009	2010	2010
Program Expenses				
Personnel	\$1,235,728	\$1,143,019	\$863,412	\$1,397,417
Contracts	\$268,939	\$716,808	\$710,964	\$16,600
Materials & Supplies	\$27,512	\$67,635	\$26,325	\$53,361
Internal Services	\$36,912	\$439,447	\$163,163	\$315,941
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$1,569,091	\$2,366,909	\$1,813,864	\$1,783,319
Administration	\$83,812	\$0	\$87,260	\$0
Program Support	\$585,046	\$36,137	\$604,402	\$47,301
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$668,858	\$36,137	\$691,662	\$47,301
Total GF/non-GF:	\$2,237,949	\$2,403,046	\$2,505,526	\$1,830,620
Program Total:	\$4,640,995		\$4,336,146	
Program FTE	25.32	12.13	8.18	12.78
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$104,554	\$0	\$124,001	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$2,315,501	\$0	\$1,783,319
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$51,387	\$0	\$0
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$36,137	\$0	\$47,613
Total Revenue:	\$104,554	\$2,403,025	\$124,001	\$1,830,932

Explanation of Revenues

-Babies First grant, state general funds; CaCoon contract with CDRC, federal Title V funds; Crisis Relief Nursery funds from OCCF; Mt Hood Community College Head Start contract; State DHS contract for child care health consultation
 -Medicaid reimbursement for targeted case management

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #40013C, Early Childhood Svcs for High Risk Infants and Children

Program staffing reduced by nearly 1/2 across all EC offers to meet funding constraints.

\$403,723 Revenue from the Multnomah County Commission on Children & Families for Crisis Relief Nurseries was moved back to the Commission and pass-through was reduced by \$403,723. This funding source didn't not allow either central or department indirect.