

Lead Agency: Commission on
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs:

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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Part of the Multnomah County Commission on Children, Families and Community's (CCFC) mission is to make strategic investments which help build a thriving community. The CCFC does this by allocating and managing resources received from the Oregon Commission on Children and Families (OCCF) to provide prevention and support services for children from birth to age 18. The CCFC is responsible for promoting policies and practices that support the well-being of all children, youth and families, and to increase the economic security of low income people.

Program Description

A primary role of the local Commission on Children & Families is to identify, through a comprehensive community planning process, critical service gaps and collaboration opportunities and to direct State resources to address those local needs. Additionally, the CCFC manages contracts for State services which are under the umbrella of the Oregon Commission on Children & Families system. This program offer includes contracts for services to:

1. Volunteers of America: Relief Nursery
2. Children's Relief Nursery
3. Foundations for Families
4. Community Warehouse.

Both Relief Nursery contracts are pass through contracts directing State allocated resources to two local relief nurseries which provide family support, early childhood education and social/emotional development services, and child abuse prevention services.

Multnomah County is one of 8 counties working to safely and equitably reduce the number of children in the Child Welfare system. The remaining two contracts direct Federal Family Preservation and Support funds to two community-based agencies which are helping provide support services to families whose children are at risk of entering the child welfare system.

Foundations for Families provides in-home, intensive family support services to primarily families of color who have an open investigation by the Oregon Department of Human Services. The goal of these services to help stabilize the family and allow them to maintain their children, safely in their home without DHS involvement.

The Community Warehouse provides furniture and household items to families for whom material items like beds, dressers, etc will help prevent child welfare removal or facilitate their children being returned.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY09-10)	Current Year Purchased (FY10-11)	Current Year Estimate (FY10-11)	Next Year Offer (FY11-12)
Output	Dollars leveraged to support contracted services	0	85,000	1,115,000	1,100,000
Outcome	FPS- % of families engaged in services whose children do not enter foster care	0.0%	70.0%	97.0%	85.0%
Efficiency	% of contract payments processed in a timely manner	0.0%	100.0%	70.0%	100.0%

Performance Measure - Description

CCFC worked with the Oregon Department of Human Services to realign state resources to support intensive, in-home services to prevent removal. DHS allocated 1.1 million in existing resources to this new type of service. This represents a return on investment of \$7.59 for every Commission dollar contracted through FPS.

The service model support through FPS has been extremely successful. Of those families engaged approximately 97% have been able to safely maintain their children in their homes and avoid removal. Historical data shows that 60% of white families will avoid child welfare removal once an investigation is opened. Only 45% of families of color will avoid child welfare involvement. This model dramatically increases family stability and effectively prevents child welfare involvement.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

The Commission on Children and Families system was created in 1993 (HB 2004). It requires that each County, through its Board of County Commissioners, create a local children and families commission. In 1998, through Ordinance No. 921, the Board of County Commissioners joined the two, creating the Commission on Children, Families and Community. In 1999, SB555 expanded the responsibilities of local children and families commissions (LCCF), including leading development and implementation of a coordinated comprehensive plan.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2011	2011	2012	2012
Contracts	\$0	\$580,574	\$0	\$586,663
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$580,574	\$0	\$586,663
Program Total:	\$580,574		\$586,663	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$580,574	\$0	\$586,663
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$580,574	\$0	\$586,663

Explanation of Revenues

Contracts are funded through State and Federal funds transferred to the County by the Oregon Commission on Children & Families.

Significant Program Changes

✔ Significantly Changed

Last year this program was: #10009, Contracts for Services: Birth to 18

Many services funded in this program offer in past years have been defunded (Child Care Resource and Referral and EDG:E being two examples). The CCFC began managing the Relief Nurseries contract directly in FY11 and reallocated Family Preservation and Support funds in FY11 to align with the goals of the Safe and Equitable Foster Care Reduction Initiative. All service contracts listed in this offer are managed directly by the CCFC.