

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

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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.

Program Description

A primary role of the CCFC 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 funded by 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. Native American Rehabilitation Association
4. Greater New Hope Baptist Church
5. Cascadia Behavioral Health: Garlington Center
6. Community Warehouse.
7. Morrison Center: Parent Mentors

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

-NARA provides, intensive family support to primarily Native families who are TANF recipients and identified as at-risk of child welfare involvement. Both Cascadia and Greater New Hope Baptist Church provide similar services to primarily African American families. 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.

-Parent Mentors provide support for families at shelter and permanency hearings so they can more effectively engage with the court and keep their children at home.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY10-11)	Current Year Purchased (FY11-12)	Current Year Estimate (FY11-12)	Next Year Offer (FY12-13)
Output	Dollars leveraged to support contracted services	1,115,000	1,100,000	1,075,375	400,000
Outcome	FPS- % of families engaged in services whose children do not enter foster care	97.0%	85.0%	98.0%	85.0%
Efficiency	% of contract payments processed in a timely manner	70.0%	100.0%	85.0%	90.0%

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. We are now piloting this model with DHS TANF recipients to test its effectiveness with this population.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

While State requirements for the continuation of local commissions on children and families were eliminated in 2011 it is assumed that Counties will maintain local investments in services from Oregon Commission on Children & Families dollars until the Early Learning Council fully implements its redesign of early learning investments.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2012	2012	2013	2013
Contracts	\$0	\$586,663	\$0	\$568,903
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,543
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$586,663	\$0	\$579,446
Program Total:	\$586,663		\$579,446	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$586,663	\$0	\$579,446
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$586,663	\$0	\$579,446

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

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

Last year Family Preservation and Support dollars were contracted to Foundations for Families as they were the only provider of this type of intensive in-home services. The CCFC included as part of our investment that the contractor provide training and technical assistance to culturally specific providers so they could compete for these funds. After a competitive funding process three new culturally specific providers were chosen to provide these services replacing the one contract with Foundations for Families.