

**Department:** County Human Services      **Program Contact:** Peggy Samolinski  
**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating Program      **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:** Measure 5 Education, In Target

**Executive Summary**

Schools Uniting Neighborhoods Community Schools (SUN CS) employs culturally responsive practices to reduce learning barriers. SUN CS builds on student and family assets, promotes racial equity, and supports family stability. By contracting with community based organizations, SUN CS is able to respond to the unique needs of each community and honor their cultures and preferences. YFS staff support program development by convening stakeholders and responding to their needs. YFS staff work with providers to leverage the power of community to ensure that all children are healthy, educated, and prosperous.

**Program Summary**

**ISSUE:** Educational disparities are pervasive throughout Multnomah County and the State of Oregon. These disparities have the greatest impact on students and families of color. Students of color experience daily and pervasive racism, systemic oppression, and intergenerational trauma. The pandemic has made these disparities worse due to unequal access to resources. Inequities in technology, food, housing, employment, and health have made it more and more difficult for students to learn. Addressing these disparities requires a coordinated and collaborative approach.

**PROGRAM GOAL:** Students can thrive in school if their needs are met, they feel like they belong, and their culture and identity are honored. The goal of SUN CS is that all students and families, especially those from BIPOC communities, are healthy, educated, and prosperous. SUN CS supports this goal by reducing learning barriers, building on student and family assets, and uniting the community.

**PROGRAM ACTIVITY:** SUN CS supports students and their families by: 1) prioritizing relationships; 2) centering student learning; 3) integrating supports to help meet basic needs; and, 4) collaboration and leadership. There are 92 SUN schools in Multnomah County. Each Community School has a site manager who leads and coordinates the program. Site managers lead after school programming, engage and support families, and collaborate with school staff and community partners. During the pandemic, site managers have been critical in helping families navigate complex resource systems. Students in SUN CS have shared that they love SUN because "it is fun" and "there are people who look like me there". Community Schools center students and meet them where they are at. This, in turn, leads to great engagement in schools and success in schools and beyond.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Number of children (ages 5-18) served <sup>1</sup>	80,875	10,000	10,000 <sup>3</sup>	10,000
Outcome	Percent of 9th graders who earn 6 credits and are on target to graduate <sup>2</sup>	N/A	75%	75%	75%
Outcome	Percent who attended school consistently (more than 90% of days) <sup>2</sup>	N/A	90%	90%	90%

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

<sup>1</sup> To allow providers to better respond to community needs during COVID-19, regular client-level data entry was suspended for FY 2021. These numbers are approximate and likely duplicated across months. Range for this figure is July - May, 2021.  
<sup>2</sup> Outcomes not available. This data will be available again in FY 2022.  
<sup>3</sup>Due to the ongoing pandemic, school closures, and staffing issues, we anticipate providers will serve fewer people in FY 2022.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Requested General Fund	Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Personnel	\$511,910	\$0	\$575,006	\$0
Contractual Services	\$6,679,344	\$2,408,479	\$6,924,917	\$3,111,828
Materials & Supplies	\$22,067	\$0	\$2,315	\$0
Internal Services	\$66,721	\$0	\$104,569	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$7,280,042</b>	<b>\$2,408,479</b>	<b>\$7,606,807</b>	<b>\$3,111,828</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$9,688,521</b>		<b>\$10,718,635</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	4.00	0.00	4.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$2,408,479	\$0	\$3,111,828
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,408,479</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,111,828</b>

Explanation of Revenues

\$1,507,729 - Portland Public Schools SUN Community School Support  
 \$680,028 - City of Portland Parks & Recreation  
 \$324,810 - Reynolds School District  
 \$265,766 - David Douglas School District  
 \$173,044 - Gresham Barlow School District  
 \$155,451 - Parkrose School District  
 \$5,000 - Centennial School District

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2022: 25145A YFS - SUN Community Schools