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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Research shows that when schools connect with parents in culturally appropriate ways, their children do better in school. YFS Early Learning programs support the transition from early learning into kindergarten. This includes empowering families and working to build positive family-school relationships. These programs also link partners from early learning and the K-12 system so that the transition from one to the other is smooth. The early learning programs are contracted to non-profit partners. YFS staff support these providers, and facilitate collaboration between partners and schools.

Program Summary

ISSUE: Once fully implemented, Multnomah County's Preschool for All will ensure that all families have access to high quality early learning opportunities. However, access to high quality early learning is not enough. To sustain the benefits of high-quality preschool beyond kindergarten, the transition between preschool and elementary school needs to be strong and well-supported. This can have long-term benefits for a child, and can also support their academic achievement in early elementary school. Families should be treated as important partners in their child's education. They have valuable information to share about their child's behavior, learning preferences, and cultural background. Strong family engagement and high quality, culturally responsive early learning should go hand in hand.

PROGRAM GOAL: The goal of the YFS Early Learning Programs is to help children successfully transition to kindergarten. This requires fostering diverse family engagement and parent leadership prior to and during the early elementary school years.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: YFS has two early learning components that are built into the SUN Community School (SUN CS) model. This builds upon the trusted relationships and deep community connection of SUN CS. The two early learning components are: Early Kindergarten Transition (EKT) and P-3 (Prenatal to 3rd Grade). EKT is a school-based summer program for children entering kindergarten. During this program, children get time in a kindergarten classroom with a kindergarten teacher. Parents and caregivers also receive the opportunity to get to know the school and build relationships. EKT prioritizes children of color and English Language Learners for these programs. P-3 funds early parent engagement at 9 SUN Community Schools. P-3 coordinators connect families to school before kindergarten. The contracted providers empower parents to be effective leaders in their school community. P-3 also connects parents to resources as needed, and helps parents connect to other parents in their child's school.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Number of children who participate in summer Early Kindergarten Transition. ¹	509	810	739	810
Outcome	Percent of parents who report comfort with activities they can engage in at home to support their child in school. ²	N/A	90%	90%	90%

Performance Measures Descriptions

¹ Output is lower than expected due to COVID-19 and subsequent data challenges. We expect these to be resolved for FY 2022.

² Data unavailable due to the impacts of COVID-19.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Personnel	\$72,485	\$47,875	\$76,336	\$49,972
Contractual Services	\$282,914	\$819,764	\$270,175	\$832,853
Materials & Supplies	\$11,277	\$0	\$450	\$0
Internal Services	\$43,226	\$6,985	\$26,080	\$7,013
Total GF/non-GF	\$409,902	\$874,624	\$373,041	\$889,838
Program Total:	\$1,284,526		\$1,262,879	
Program FTE	0.60	0.40	0.60	0.40

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$75,535	\$0	\$97,500
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$799,089	\$0	\$792,338
Total Revenue	\$0	\$874,624	\$0	\$889,838

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$7,013 in indirect revenues.
 \$763,846 - Kindergarten Innovation Grant
 \$97,500 - Portland Public Schools SUN Community School Support
 \$28,492 - United Way Early Learning

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2022: 25152 YFS - Early Learning Family Engagement and Kindergarten Transition