

Department: County Human Services

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Program Offer Type: Operating

Program Offer Stage: Proposed

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:
Executive Summary

When youth feel safe, have a sense of belonging, and their culture and choices are honored, they have positive academic and life outcomes. Successful Families (SF) agencies provide culturally specific, community-based services and support for children of color age 12-17 and their families. SF agencies are currently supporting basic needs, self-care, social-emotional learning, and well-being. This is in response to the disproportionate impact the pandemic has had on communities of color - the population SF serves.

Program Description

ISSUE: Educational barriers for children and youth of color in Multnomah County are extensive. Youth of color regularly experience racism, systemic oppression, and intergenerational trauma. This contributes to disparate outcomes in health, education, and well-being for these youth. Youth are still recovering from the impacts of the pandemic because youth engagement and social emotional supports had decreased significantly. As youth feel more isolated, social emotional supports are needed now more than ever.

PROGRAM GOAL: Investing in culturally responsive and culturally specific practices reduces educational barriers. This is especially true when done in partnership with schools. SF improves culturally responsive, specific, and relevant services so that children of color can learn better. The initiative aims to increase school readiness and academic achievement so that youth can transition into adulthood successfully.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: SF uses a collective impact model to serve communities of color in ways that best reflect their culture and identity. This requires strong partnership between culturally specific organizations, school districts, and Multnomah County. Successful Families offers one-on-one support to youth, group activities, family engagement and more. These activities might include: leadership development, homework help, cultural identity promotion, and recreation. SF uses the strong relationships and trust built with the community to successfully support youth and families. Focusing on building relationships with youth and families has been critical in order to connect youth and families to critical resources. SF primarily serves two school districts: Reynolds and David Douglas.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target
Output	Number of youth served	509	1,000	1,000	1,000
Outcome	Percent students served who attended school regularly (are not chronically absent) ¹	42%	80%	80%	80%
Output	Number of parents/legal guardians/regular caregivers served ²	249	700	700	700
Outcome	% of parents/legal guardians/regular caregivers who are engaged w/ schools and monitoring progress ^{2,3}	65%	75%	75%	75%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Outputs are lower due to staffing capacity challenges.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025
Personnel	\$134,960	\$0	\$144,202	\$0
Contractual Services	\$2,589,353	\$0	\$2,674,804	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$1,920	\$0	\$480	\$0
Internal Services	\$21,216	\$0	\$21,497	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$2,747,449	\$0	\$2,840,983	\$0
Program Total:	\$2,747,449		\$2,840,983	
Program FTE	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2024: 25137 YFS - Successful Families