



Program #25202 - PEL - Preschool Access: Family & Provider Navigation FY 2025 Proposed

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Program Offer Type: Operating **Program Offer Stage:** Proposed
Related Programs: 40099B, 72052A, 72052B, 78335
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Community based organizations strengthen the work of Preschool for All through their cultural knowledge, positive relationships in the community, and experience building partnerships. Community based organizations play two key roles in Preschool for All: (1) Intermediary Organizations partner with small child care businesses to support their participation. (2) Family Connector Organizations outreach to families and guide them through the application and enrollment process.

Program Description

ISSUE: Historically, in-home preschool providers have faced challenges as small business owners. Many providers will be new to having a contract for preschool slots. Families who have the least access to high-quality preschool may be hard to reach and enroll in a new program.

PROGRAM GOAL: Including in-home preschool providers and prioritizing children who experience barriers accessing preschool are important in order to achieve Preschool for All’s racial equity goals. Intermediary Organizations support small preschool providers who want to participate. Family Connector Organizations increase access to Preschool for All.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: The Preschool & Early Learning Division holds contracts with larger preschool centers and with school districts. Intermediary Organizations hold contracts with in-home providers and small centers. In-home providers are the most diverse group of preschool providers in the community. They give children rich learning environments and build strong relationships with families. Intermediary Organizations work closely with the PFA administration to ensure that in-home providers’ needs are met and that their businesses can thrive.

Culturally specific organizations hire Family Navigators to help families with the Preschool for All application and enrollment process. This includes outreach to families who currently have the least access to high-quality preschool and support to complete the application. Family Navigators also connect interested families to community resources, such as food, energy, and housing assistance.

Performance Measures

| Measure Type | Performance Measure | FY23 Actual | FY24 Budgeted | FY24 Estimate | FY25 Target |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| Output | Number of new Preschool for All applications completed by Black, Indigenous, and families of color each year | 1,236 | 750 | 1,400 | 1,600 |
| Outcome | % of providers who are satisfied with the support they receive from PFA's intermediary organization* | 86% | 85% | 85% | 85% |

Performance Measures Descriptions

* The wording of this performance measure was adjusted slightly from: % of small providers who say that the Intermediary Org supports their participation in PFA

Revenue/Expense Detail

| | Adopted General Fund | Adopted Other Funds | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Program Expenses | 2024 | 2024 | 2025 | 2025 |
| Contractual Services | \$0 | \$1,460,000 | \$0 | \$1,460,000 |
| Total GF/non-GF | \$0 | \$1,460,000 | \$0 | \$1,460,000 |
| Program Total: | \$1,460,000 | | \$1,460,000 | |
| Program FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

| Program Revenues | | | | |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Total Revenue | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2024: 25202 PEL - Preschool Access: Family & Provider Navigation