



Program #40099B - Preschool For All Early Childhood Mental Health FY 2025 Proposed

Department: Health Department **Program Contact:** Yolanda Gonzalez
Program Offer Type: Operating **Program Offer Stage:** Proposed
Related Programs: 25200-25207, 72052A, 72052B, 78335

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Passed by voters in November 2020, Preschool for All has a goal to provide access to high-quality, inclusive, culturally responsive preschool for all three and four-year olds in Multnomah County. Children who currently have the least access to high quality preschool will be prioritized, including Black, Indigenous and children of color, children who speak languages other than English at home, children with disabilities and developmental delays, and other intersecting identities. In partnership with the Behavioral Health Division, the Department of County Human Services is investing in our Early Childhood Prevention and Treatment team by adding members to our team to support Preschool for All implementation.

Program Description

Early Childhood Mental Health Consultants provide a comprehensive continuum of culturally relevant mental health services to children and their families in preschool programs to promote social/emotional development and school readiness. Preschool for All services expand and draw from on our highly effective existing early childhood programming based on the Pyramid Model framework, which includes evidence-based practices for promoting young children’s healthy social and emotional development. Services include early childhood classroom consultation with educators, child mental health assessment and family-centered treatment, case management services, crisis triage, referral to community supports, and parent support and education. A hallmark of this program is Spanish-speaking staff and African American culturally specific counseling and parent support services provided to families throughout Multnomah County. Community-based treatment services are provided for children to increase success at home and reduce the likelihood of suspension or expulsion from preschool, including culturally specific services for Latinx and African American families. Multnomah County population estimates completed by Portland State University as part of the planning for Preschool for All suggest that there are over 7,000 children aged 3-4 living at or below 200% of the federal poverty level, and of these, approximately 46% are Black, Indigenous and other children of color. The Preschool for All investments will dramatically increase the size of the Early Childhood Mental Health team and create the need for additional supervision and program administrative support. This program offer includes funding for a supervisor, policy and program planning position, and administrative support. In total, this program offer provides funding for 1 Supervisor, 1 Program Specialist Senior, 1 Office Assistant, and 7 Mental Health Clinicians. The COVID-19 pandemic has dramatically impacted our entire community, including young children, making this investment incredibly urgent. The prevention, treatment and early intervention services provided to young children and their families address mental health and developmental needs before they become acute, requiring more intensive and costly care and increasing the negative impact on marginalized families and children.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target
Output	Total children receiving prevention services. ¹	728	675	1,394	800
Outcome	% of Preschool for All coaches who report that they had a positive and supportive consultation experience. ²	N/A	85%	N/A	85%
Output	Total children receiving culturally specific treatment services.	0	30	15	30

Performance Measures Descriptions

¹This number is the total number of Preschool for All children as our team serves the entire program.
²This outcome measure will not be implemented until Spring of 2024 since coaches/students did not begin services until Fall of FY23

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025
Personnel	\$0	\$1,624,372	\$0	\$1,717,905
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$160	\$0	\$4,514
Internal Services	\$0	\$107,183	\$0	\$122,746
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$1,731,715	\$0	\$1,845,165
Program Total:	\$1,731,715		\$1,845,165	
Program FTE	0.00	10.98	0.00	10.98

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

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$70,606 in indirect revenues.
 \$ 1,845,165 - PEL - Preschool For All Early Childhood. Although this program is funded by the Preschool for All Program Fund, the associated revenue is budgeted in the Department of County Human Services (program 25200).

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2024: 40099B Preschool For All Early Childhood

The Outcome measure is not available and the Output measure is an estimate because the tool has not been developed yet as hiring and onboarding took longer than expected. The output of the total number of children receiving culturally specific treatment services was not reached because hiring and onboarding took longer than expected.