

Division: Youth & Family Services

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

Parents involved with the child welfare system face multi-faceted barriers, including housing instability and a lack of preventative resources. A legacy of systemic racism in the child welfare system also profoundly affects families. Black, Indigenous and other families of color are significantly overrepresented in the child welfare system. The Family Unification Program (FUP) offers families many different kinds of organized support and uses diverse methods of family support that are specific to a family's culture. This help includes finding a home, client-centered assertive engagement, flexible funds for client needs, long-term rent assistance (permanent housing vouchers), and access to job development services. FUP is a collaboration of the Department of County Human Services (Youth and Family Services (YFS)), the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS), and Home Forward. The program partners with a community-based nonprofit legal organization, which helps remove legal barriers such as record expungement and mitigation of fines. Program activities include:

- Providing supportive wraparound case management, including housing placement, landlord negotiation, and move in assistance to families involved with ODHS Child Welfare.
- Providing permanent housing vouchers to participating families, leveraging 261 federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Housing Choice vouchers. The estimated annual value of these vouchers (if fully utilized) is over \$4 million.

This offer supports the YFS Division Outcome of Housing and Economic Stability by helping parents achieve stability and either keep or have their children returned to them.

Equity Statement

The Family Unification Program provides culturally specific and assertive engagement case management that respects and addresses the unique needs of diverse communities.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Contractual Services	\$664,004	\$300,000	\$685,916	\$300,000
Total GF/non-GF	\$664,004	\$300,000	\$685,916	\$300,000
Total Expenses:	\$964,004		\$985,916	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000
Total Revenue	\$0	\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Number of families who engage in housing placement and stability services	151	120	120
Percentage of families who engage in case management	100%	80%	80%