

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Peggy Samolinski
Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested
Related Programs: 25130A
Program Characteristics: Out of Target

Executive Summary

The Family Unification Project (FUP) is a culturally specific program that supports Child Welfare System involved families to secure safe and stable housing, and be reunified with their child(ren). It is focused on reducing disproportional representation in communities who are over-represented in the child welfare system. The program is a partnership with County Human Services, Youth & Family Services (DCHS/YFS), Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS), Home Forward (HF), Metropolitan Public Defenders, and community agencies. These services are contracted to non-profits. YFS staff support FUP through program development through convening providers, providing technical assistance and contract monitoring. This Offer adds funding to increase staffing capacity at non-profits to support an additional 66 families in FY21.

Program Summary

ISSUE: Families of color are disproportionately represented in the DHS Child Welfare system and require culturally specific approaches of engagement and support. Families often struggle to get appropriate services in order to keep/regain custody of their child(ren), including housing, education, employment, child care and parenting support.

PROGRAM GOAL: The program goal is that families will stay together and/or reunite, remain stably housed, and exit from DHS child welfare system involvement.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: Each of the partners provides an important programmatic element for the FUP program. Home Forward makes available HUD-funded Housing Choice vouchers for families with DHS child welfare involvement. DCHS/YFS provides funds for case management through culturally specific and responsive community agencies, and DHS supports families to reunite with their children. Metropolitan Public Defenders provides legal supports that remove legal barriers, such as record expungement and mitigation of fines.

Case management supports use of the Assertive Engagement model. This approach recognizes the individual as the expert in their own life, and instills hope. It strives to nurture the innate capacity of families to choose their own path by using proven methods of engagement to improve their abilities to envision a brighter future for their families. Agency staff draw from an array of flexible service options made available to families so that they choose what suits their hopes and goals. Flexible services may include payments for household and life-needs, supporting involvement in groups and activities and related services.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY19 Actual	FY20 Budgeted	FY20 Estimate	FY21 Offer
Output	Number of families who engage in services	N/A	N/A	N/A	66
Outcome	Percent of families reunited with children within 90 days of stable housing	N/A	N/A	N/A	60%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Outcome measure is new for FY2020, therefore previous year's data is not available.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Requested General Fund	Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2020	2020	2021	2021
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$200,000	
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: