

Department: County Human Services

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Program Offer Type: Existing

Program Offer Stage: Adopted

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. During the pandemic, youth engagement and classroom participation has also 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. An important piece of SF during the pandemic has been connecting youth and families to critical resources. SF staff have helped families understand public health information, including vaccine information. According to SF providers, families have appreciated the flexibility and virtual approaches grown out of necessity during the pandemic. SF primarily serves two school districts: Reynolds and David Douglas.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Number of youth served	349	1,000	1,000	1,000
Outcome	Percent students served who attended school regularly (are not chronically absent) ¹	Not Available	80%	80%	80%
Output	Number of parents/legal guardians/regular caregivers served ²	62	700	700	700
Outcome	% of parents/legal guardians/regular caregivers who are engaged w/ schools and monitoring progress ^{2,3}	Not Available	75%	75%	75%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Output data is low due to agency staff capacity and continued COVID protocols in school buildings in FY22, that impacted student and family engagement.

Outcome data is not available for FY22 due to contractor start up with the work and establishing relationships with the school districts and MESD for student-level data sharing.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Personnel	\$126,306	\$0	\$134,960	\$0
Contractual Services	\$2,351,747	\$0	\$2,589,353	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$50	\$0	\$1,920	\$0
Internal Services	\$25,060	\$0	\$21,216	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$2,503,163	\$0	\$2,747,449	\$0
Program Total:	\$2,503,163		\$2,747,449	
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 2023: 25137 YFS - Successful Families