

Program #25146 - YFS - SUN Community Schools: Family Resource Navigators FY 2025 Adopted

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Rachel Pearl
Program Offer Type: Operating **Program Offer Stage:** Adopted

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: New Request, One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

Integrated support is a core component of the SUN Community School (SUN CS) model. Helping to meet basic needs and connecting families to resources increases family stability. The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted family stability in many ways. These impacts have been most felt by students and families of color. Because basic needs help has increased so much, the demand on SUN CS site managers has also increased. The intensity of support required to help families with getting basic needs met has not decreased. This year, YFS will reduce the Family Resource Navigator (FRN) program in SUN CS to 60 sites. This allows for focus on title one schools, while ensuring family basic needs are met while a ramp down strategy is developed as funds will no longer be available after fiscal year 2025.

Program Description

ISSUE: Academic performance is linked to a student's health, well-being, family, and community. Before learning can take place, a student's basic needs must be met. This is even more true for students and families of color, who experience daily structural racism and systemic oppression. The COVID-19 pandemic and period after has exacerbated existing inequities in food, housing, employment, health, and more. All these inequities impact a student's ability to learn and thrive.

PROGRAM GOAL: The goal of the FRN program is to increase staffing capacity at each County supported SUN Community School. This will allow staff to further support COVID-impacted families in accessing needed resources. The program aims to build skills so that families know how to access the resources they need in the future.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: Family Resource Navigators work alongside families to help reduce barriers in the home. FRNs work to build skills and confidence so that families can continue to get their needs met. Promoting this self-sufficiency helps students learn and families thrive. Through this program, a half-time Family Resource Navigator has been placed at 60 Community School sites. This FRN is culturally responsive, and prioritizes support to families of color. FRNs collaborate with school staff, other SUN Service System programs, and community partners to identify families who might need extra support. Services provided include but are not limited to: case management, group skill building, reducing language barriers, and outreach.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target
Output	Number of individuals who receive support from Family Resource Navigators	8,000	5,670	8,850	6,500
Outcome	Percent of people served who identify as Black, Indigenous, Families of Color, and immigrants/refugees	80%	80%	90%	85%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
	2024	2024	2025	2025
Program Expenses				
Contractual Services	\$0	\$4,443,455	\$3,000,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$4,443,455	\$3,000,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$4,443,455		\$3,000,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$4,443,455	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue	\$0	\$4,443,455	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2024: 25399E ARP - SUN Community Schools: Family Resource Navigators

In FY 2024, this program was funded with Federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Direct County Funding.

The FY 2025 budget is reduced to focus on title one schools (60 SUN Community School sites). The FY 2024 budget included 81 SUN Community School sites.