

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Peggy Samolinski
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

Parent Child Development Services (PCDS) provides services for young children (birth through age 5) and their parents to promote positive parenting, healthy child development and school readiness. In FY15, the program served 830 children in 554 families. PCDS uses a nationally recognized evidence-based curriculum, Parents As Teachers (PAT). This program is part of the SUN Service System, a countywide integrated and coordinated system of care for school-aged youth and their families.

Program Summary

PCDS creates opportunities for parents to interact with their children in mentored settings with child development specialists. In these settings they are able to build on healthy and age-appropriate parenting skills, manage challenging behavior, and learn new ways to support their children and promote school readiness. In addition, PCDS staff refer families for other necessary social support services. This program is critical for families who do not have other such opportunities and who are struggling to meet basic needs.

Specific services include: home visits that focus on parenting education, age-appropriate parent-child play groups, support services, developmental screening, immunization status checks and follow up, and access to other social and health services. The Ages and Stages child development screening tool is used to determine developmental stage. Children who do not meet the relevant stage for their age are referred for early childhood intervention services.

PCDS services are delivered in families' homes, community and school settings. Siting these groups in schools helps break down barriers many families have about simply going into school buildings. Services are developmentally and culturally appropriate. The Parents As Teachers curriculum is used as the foundation for engagement with families and the outcomes for participating families are strong. Last year, at the time of exit from the program, 98% of children served had up-to-date immunizations. Nearly all of the parents (97%) indicated they gained new skills from program participation. Our local results mirror national research showing that involvement in PAT home visiting programs increases children's readiness for school. In fact, in recent years the program has engaged families when their children are younger, and has intentionally connected families to appropriate preschool or Head Start programs to strengthen children's readiness for kindergarten.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY15 Actual	FY16 Purchased	FY16 Estimate	FY17 Offer
Output	Number of children served	830	737	737	737
Outcome	% of children up to date on immunizations at exit	98%	90%	95%	95%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2016	2016	2017	2017
Personnel	\$86,645	\$0	\$95,091	\$0
Contractual Services	\$1,377,115	\$286,228	\$1,337,115	\$412,079
Materials & Supplies	\$1,150	\$0	\$1,557	\$0
Internal Services	\$10,860	\$0	\$11,255	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,475,770	\$286,228	\$1,445,018	\$412,079
Program Total:	\$1,761,998		\$1,857,097	
Program FTE	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$286,228	\$0	\$412,079
Total Revenue	\$0	\$286,228	\$0	\$412,079

Explanation of Revenues

\$281,079 - OCCF Federal Family Preservation - Based on current year award; \$131,000 -OCCF Great Start - Based on award.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2016: 25151-16 Parent Child Development Services