

Division: Youth & Family Services

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

Multnomah County has 17,589 children under age six in low-income families. Families with low incomes, historically marginalized families, and immigrants and refugees have fewer opportunities to participate in services supporting parenting knowledge and child development. This contributes significantly to disparities in kindergarten readiness levels and success in school. Impacts from the pandemic and inflation continue to create barriers for children and families. More families require help meeting their basic needs and lack the social, emotional, and mental health supports to thrive. Parent Child Development Services (PCDS), part of the Schools Uniting Neighborhoods (SUN) Service System, aims to increase kindergarten readiness and ensure healthy child development by removing barriers and providing resources to families with children under age six. PCDS contracts with nonprofit partners, dedicating 60% of funding to culturally specific services. These nonprofit partners offer services such as developmental screening, immunization checks, resource connections, skill building, playgroups, and support in navigating resource and health systems, including connecting families to Preschool for All. They support families and engage with them in a culturally responsive manner that honors the needs of families. Program activities include:

- Connecting parents to PCDS staff, increasing knowledge, ensuring healthy child development, and fostering connections.
- Providing resource connections for parents if they are seeking developmental support.
- Connecting parents to preschool and elementary school resources and supports.

This offer supports the Youth & Family Services (YFS) Division Outcome of Educational Opportunity and Success by increasing kindergarten readiness and ensuring healthy child development.

Equity Statement

The Schools Uniting Neighborhoods (SUN) Service System is an aligned system of care that drives youth educational success, family stability, and prosperity for all, with a focus on equity. System planning and design uses the equity and empowerment lens to address systemic barriers. Strategies include culturally appropriate and culturally specific services, community engagement, fostering of safety, trust, and belonging, and disaggregation of data to produce outcomes for all.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Personnel	\$87,535	\$0	\$77,848	\$0
Contractual Services	\$1,226,072	\$544,803	\$1,271,215	\$456,248
Materials & Supplies	\$1,815	\$0	\$13,320	\$0
Internal Services	\$7,797	\$0	\$12,676	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,323,219	\$544,803	\$1,375,059	\$456,248
Total Expenses:	\$1,868,022		\$1,831,307	
Program FTE	0.50	0.00	0.50	0.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$299,853	\$0	\$360,502
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$244,950	\$0	\$95,746
Total Revenue	\$0	\$544,803	\$0	\$456,248

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Number of children served	466	200	200
Percent of children up to date on immunizations at exit	75%	80%	90%