

**Department:** County Human Services      **Program Contact:** Peggy Samolinski  
**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating Program      **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted  
**Related Programs:** 25151  
**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

Parent Child Development Services (PCDS) removes barriers for families so that children are ready for kindergarten and get a strong start to their education. PCDS recognizes that parents are a child's first teachers and provides services that are reflective of and responsive to cultural values and norms. These services are contracted to non-profits; 60 percent of funds are allocated to culturally specific communities. During the COVID-19 pandemic, PCDS providers have shifted focus to include more resource connections, due to the instability brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. YFS staff support program development through convening providers, providing technical assistance and contract monitoring.

**Program Summary**

**ISSUE:** Families with low incomes, BIPOC families, and immigrants and refugees face barriers and have fewer opportunities to participate in services that support parenting knowledge and healthy child development. This contributes significantly to disparities in kindergarten readiness levels and, ultimately, in school success. Multnomah County has 34,000 children under the age of six in families with low incomes. The COVID-19 pandemic has increased barriers for children as they start their education with families needing support meeting basic needs and additional social emotional and mental supports for families. The submitted budget reduction was expected to cause a reduction to services to families.

**PROGRAM GOAL:** PCDS's goals are to improve positive parenting skills, ensure the healthy development of young children, and increase kindergarten readiness for families with children under the age of six. During the pandemic services support families in virtual spaces with tools families can use for social emotional wellbeing along with skills geared towards the school readiness.

**PROGRAM ACTIVITY:** PCDS creates opportunities for parents to interact with their children in mentored settings with child development specialists. Specific services include: home visits that focus on parenting education, age-appropriate parent child playgroups, support services, developmental screening, immunization status checks and follow up and access to other social and health services. During the COVID-19 pandemic, providers have quickly pivoted to conducting virtual home visits and play groups. The pandemic has also created an unprecedented need for helping families navigate resource and health information systems. PCDS early educators have provided families with meals, supplies such as diapers, and developmentally appropriate activity packets for young children. This program offer restores funding in order to insure there is no reduction of services that would have impacted 25 children.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY20 Actual	FY21 Budgeted	FY21 Estimate	FY22 Offer
Output	Number of children served	532	N/A	N/A	25
Outcome	Percent of children up to date on immunizations at exit	90%	95%	95%	95%

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

Performance measure output reflects numbers for the restored funding only.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2021	2021	2022	2022
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$59,739	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$59,739</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$59,739</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: