

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

**Executive Summary**

Youth & Family Services develop services and activities that support the transition to kindergarten and diverse parent-centered family engagement in SUN Community Schools, improving educational success by ensuring a strong start. This builds on research showing that when schools actively engage and connect parents in culturally appropriate ways, their children do better in school. These strategies link partners from early learning and K-12 systems so that all partners are building a smooth transition from early learning through the early grades. These services are contracted to non-profits. YFS staff support program development through convening providers, providing technical assistance and contract monitoring.

**Program Summary**

**ISSUE:** High quality early learning opportunities are unaffordable and out of reach for many families in our community. Oregon is the fourth least affordable state when it comes to preschool, and state and federal funding provides preschool for only those families in deepest poverty, reaching only 15 percent of three- and four- year olds in Multnomah County. At the same time, we know that more than 60% of families with children under 5 years old in the county fall below the Self-Sufficiency Standard and that there are significant disparities in access to early learning for children of color, children with special needs and children whose home language is not English.

**PROGRAM GOAL:** The goal of Early Learning Family Engagement and Kindergarten Transition supports is to create opportunities for children to successfully transition to kindergarten and to foster diverse family engagement and parent leadership prior to and during the early elementary school years. These supports are built into SUN Community Schools where staff have trusted relationships and deep connections to the community.

**PROGRAM ACTIVITY:** This program area has two primary components: Early Kindergarten Transition (EKT) and P-3 (Prenatal to 3rd Grade). EKT is a school-based summer program with two core components: 1) Kindergarten class time for children led by a kindergarten teacher and 2) Family engagement activities that include a facilitated parent/caregiver group and other activities intended to promote positive family-school relationships. EKT is focused on children of color and English Language Learners who have not had prior preschool experience so that they will be more successful in school. P-3 funds early parent engagement at 9 SUN Community Schools, connecting families to school before kindergarten and empowering parents to be effective leaders in their school community. P-3 activities include culturally responsive Parent-Teacher Home Visits, play and learn groups, and Parent Cafe family support groups.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY19 Actual	FY20 Budgeted	FY20 Estimate	FY21 Offer
Output	Number of children who participate in summer Early Kindergarten Transition.	739 <sup>1</sup>	810	739	810
Outcome	Percent of parents who report comfort with activities they can engage in at home to support their child in school.	90%	90%	90%	90%

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

<sup>1</sup> FY2020 estimate and FY2021 offer target numbers reflect the consistent participation of 18 children per classroom, with a total of 45 classrooms expected in FY2021.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2020	2020	2021	2021
Personnel	\$220,468	\$0	\$191,803	\$27,998
Contractual Services	\$269,799	\$805,566	\$277,639	\$818,389
Materials & Supplies	\$7,913	\$226	\$7,699	\$0
Internal Services	\$21,042	\$6,973	\$29,357	\$3,712
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$519,222</b>	<b>\$812,765</b>	<b>\$506,498</b>	<b>\$850,099</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$1,331,987</b>		<b>\$1,356,597</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	2.00	0.00	1.57	0.25

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$75,535	\$0	\$75,535
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$784,992	\$0	\$774,564
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$860,527</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$850,099</b>

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$3,712 in indirect revenues.  
 \$745,438 - Kindergarten Innovation Grant  
 \$75,535 - Portland Public Schools SUN Community School Support  
 \$16,272 - Untied Way Ready for School  
 \$12,854 - United Way Early Learning

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2020: 25152-20 YFS - Early Kindergarten Transition Program

This program offer combines two program offers from FY2020:  
 25152-20 YFS - Early Kindergarten Transition Program  
 25158-20 YFS - Early Learning Family and School Transition