



**Program #25152 - YFS - Early Learning Family Engagement and Kindergarten Transition** FY 2024 Department Requested

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

**Executive Summary**

Research shows that when schools connect with parents in culturally appropriate ways, their children do better in school. YFS Early Learning programs support the transition from early learning into kindergarten. This includes empowering families and working to build positive family-school relationships. These programs also link partners from early learning and the K-12 system so that the transition from one to the other is smooth. The early learning programs are contracted to non-profit partners. YFS staff support these providers, and facilitate collaboration between partners and schools.

**Program Description**

**ISSUE:** Once fully implemented, Multnomah County's Preschool for All will ensure that all families have access to high quality early learning opportunities. However, access to high quality early learning is not enough. To sustain the benefits of high-quality preschool beyond kindergarten, the transition between preschool and elementary school needs to be strong and well-supported. This can have long-term benefits for a child, and can also support their academic achievement in early elementary school. Families should be treated as important partners in their child's education. They have valuable information to share about their child's behavior, learning preferences, and cultural background. Strong family engagement and high quality, culturally responsive early learning should go hand in hand.

**PROGRAM GOAL:** The goal of the YFS Early Learning Programs is to help children successfully transition to kindergarten. This requires fostering diverse family engagement and parent leadership prior to and during the early elementary school years.

**PROGRAM ACTIVITY:** YFS has two early learning components that are built into the SUN Community School (SUN CS) model. This builds upon the trusted relationships and deep community connection of SUN CS. The two early learning components are: Early Kindergarten Transition (EKT) and P-3 (Prenatal to 3rd Grade). EKT is a school-based summer program for children entering kindergarten. During this program, children get time in a kindergarten classroom with a kindergarten teacher. Parents and caregivers also receive the opportunity to get to know the school and build relationships. EKT prioritizes children of color and English Language Learners for these programs. P-3 funds early parent engagement at 9 SUN Community Schools. P-3 coordinators connect families to school before kindergarten. The contracted providers empower parents to be effective leaders in their school community. P-3 also connects parents to resources as needed, and helps parents connect to other parents in their child's school.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Number of children who participate in summer Early Kindergarten Transition.	516	810	739	810
Outcome	Percent of parents who report comfort with activities they can engage in at home to support their child in school. <sup>2</sup>	90%	90%	90%	90%

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
<b>Program Expenses</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>
Personnel	\$76,336	\$49,972	\$115,824	\$22,257
Contractual Services	\$270,175	\$832,853	\$273,319	\$1,022,800
Materials & Supplies	\$450	\$0	\$8,020	\$0
Internal Services	\$26,080	\$7,013	\$21,644	\$2,743
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$373,041</b>	<b>\$889,838</b>	<b>\$418,807</b>	<b>\$1,047,800</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$1,262,879</b>		<b>\$1,466,607</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	0.60	0.40	0.84	0.16

<b>Program Revenues</b>				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$97,500	\$0	\$122,800
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$792,338	\$0	\$925,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$889,838</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,047,800</b>

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$2,743 in indirect revenues.  
 \$925,000 - United Way Early Learning (Local)  
 \$122,800 - Portland Public Schools SUN Community School Support (Local)

Significant Program Changes

**Last Year this program was:** FY 2023: 25152 YFS - Early Learning Family Engagement and Kindergarten Transition  
 Moved 0.23 FTE Program Specialist Senior from Federal/State Fund (1505) to General Fund.