

Department: County Human Services

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Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program

Program Offer Stage: As Adopted

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

The Early Learning Access to Preschool Task Force will bring together a diverse group of stakeholders and experts to examine the feasibility of increasing access to high quality Preschool programs for priority populations within Multnomah County. The Task Force will examine the policy, financial, infrastructure, workforce, program and implementation needs to ensure equitable access to preschool. This Task Force will produce a set of recommendations for consideration of future implementation.

Program Summary

ISSUE: Healthy child development is the foundation our community's overall health, well-being and vibrancy. Research shows that 80% of a child's brain is developed by the time they've reached age 5, and that investing early in a child's development can significantly reduce the widening opportunity gap. In Multnomah County, there are approximately 64,000 children under the age of 6, children of color represent a little less than half of all kids in the age range, but children of color make up more than two-thirds of the young children in poverty. The Oregon Department of Education reports that nearly one third of students are not reading proficiently by the third grade; 75% of students who struggle with reading in third grade never catch up, and are four times more likely to drop out of high school. This signals a need for high quality, reliable preschool access to ensure that children are ready to learn when they enter kindergarten, and can stay on track throughout their education.

PROGRAM GOAL: The goal of this effort will be to develop a set of recommendations for how to increase access to high quality preschool for priority populations in Multnomah County.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES: The Task Force will bring together a wide range of stakeholders to examine the feasibility of implementing a Preschool for All model in Multnomah County. The Task Force will be made up of roughly 25 people who represent parents, service providers, community organizations, government agencies, business leaders, and the philanthropic community. The Task Force will be responsible for researching, completing a cost analysis, and bringing recommendations forward on the following areas: policy and financing design, current supply/demand of preschool and childcare options, program and workforce development, infrastructure development planning and implementation timeline and strategic planning. Multnomah County is working in collaboration with Social Venture Partners, Portland State University, and United Way, groups that are also contributing resources to the work of this task force.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY17 Actual	FY18 Purchased	FY18 Estimate	FY19 Offer
Output	Access to Preschool Feasibility Report and Recommendations	N/A	N/A	N/A	1
Outcome		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2018	2018	2019	2019
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$100,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: