

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Peggy Samolinski
Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

The Preschool for All Task Force began meeting in September of 2018 to examine ways to expand preschool access for 3 and 4 year olds in Multnomah County. This work has brought together over 50 organizations, representing experts from early education, K-12, business, philanthropy and parents. The Task Force will conclude its work and produce a report in July 2019. Renewed funding will support the next phase of this work, including further analyses of cost modeling, infrastructure needs, and staff time to support community outreach and coalition building.

Program Summary

ISSUE: Healthy child development is foundational to our community’s overall health, well-being, and vibrancy. Research shows that over 80 percent 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 opportunity gap in education, chance of entering the criminal justice system, need for remedial education, and other types of costly interventions. In Multnomah County, there are approximately 64,000 children under the age of 6, and about 19,000 3 and 4 year olds (preschool aged children). One of the most effective returns on investments a community can make is in early learning programs. These investments decrease systemic inequities and disparities between children and allow for needed interventions to begin as early as possible. Research shows that access to high quality preschool can ensure that children are ready to learn when they enter kindergarten, and then stay on track throughout their education.

PROGRAM GOAL: Building on the work completed by the Preschool for All Task Force in 2018-2019, the next phase includes conducting further analysis on cost, revenue generation, and implementation needs. This funding will also support DCHS staff time to engage in community outreach and education about the work of the Task Force to build a coalition around expanding preschool access in Multnomah County.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES: The Preschool for All Task Force has significant momentum and strong collaboration with over 50 organizations in the community. The report completed by the Task Force will outline recommendations on a preschool program model, curriculum, evaluation standards, teacher credentials and compensation, infrastructure planning, finance and administrative oversight. Ongoing funding allows for the continued engagement of high level leaders, further analyses that are needed for the next phase of this project as implementation becomes more feasible, and further engagement and outreach to the broader community on the key recommendations.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY18 Actual	FY19 Purchased	FY19 Estimate	FY20 Offer
Output	# of outreach and education activities to share information about the recommendation	N/A	N/A	N/A	12
Outcome	Detailed outline of implementation plan informed by extensive community input.	N/A	N/A	N/A	1

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2019	2019	2020	2020
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0
Contractual Services	\$100,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$100,000		\$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: