



Program #25202 - PEL - Preschool Access: Family & Provider Navigation FY 2026 Department Requested

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Leslee Barnes
Program Offer Type: Operating **Program Offer Stage:** Department Requested
Related Programs: 40099B, 72052A, 72052B, 78335, 10000A
Program Characteristics:

Program Description

ISSUE: Two barriers to reaching universal preschool in Multnomah County are related to access. First, family child care providers face challenges as small business owners. Many of these small providers are also new to having a contract for preschool seats. Second, some populations of families and their children face significant barriers to accessing preschool. This includes families and children of color, children with developmental delays or disabilities, and families with low incomes.

PROGRAM GOAL: Prioritizing outreach to families and children with barriers to accessing preschool and offering support to family child care providers are important in achieving universal preschool and Preschool for All's (PFA) racial equity goals. To do this, PFA has invested in partnerships with community-based organizations (CBOs).

CBOs strengthen the work of PFA through their cultural knowledge, positive relationships in the community, and experience building partnerships. CBOs play two key roles in PFA: (1) Intermediary Organizations partner with small child care businesses to support their participation, and (2) Family Connector Organizations outreach to families and guide them through the application and enrollment process.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: Intermediary Organizations hold contracts with family child care providers and small centers. Family child care providers are the most diverse group of preschool providers in the community. Family child care businesses are also great starting places for small businesses, some of which will grow into future child care centers. Intermediary Organizations work closely with the Preschool & Early Learning Division to subcontract with small providers, pay providers in a timely way, and offer business training and coaching.

Family Connector Organizations hire Family Navigators to help families with the PFA application and enrollment process. This includes outreach to families who currently have the least access to preschool. Family Navigators support families in completing the PFA application. Family Navigators also connect interested families with community resources, such as food, energy, and housing assistance.

- PROGRAM OUTPUTS:**
- Supports small businesses participating in PFA.
 - Provides outreach to families in Multnomah County to apply for PFA.
 - Supports families who need help completing the PFA application.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	Number of outreach events coordinated or attended by Family Connector Organizations ¹	N/A	N/A	100	132
Output	Number of small business trainings offered to PFA providers by Intermediary Organizations ¹	N/A	N/A	80	80

Performance Measures Descriptions

¹This is a new performance measure for FY 2026.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$0	\$153,739	\$0	\$164,097
Contractual Services	\$0	\$1,460,000	\$0	\$1,631,074
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$18,361
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$1,613,739	\$0	\$1,813,532
Program Total:	\$1,613,739		\$1,813,532	
Program FTE	0.00	1.00	0.00	1.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$6,859 in indirect revenues.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2025: 25202 PEL - Preschool Access: Family & Provider Navigation

Increased funding for Family Connector Organizations and Intermediary Organization services.