

Division: Preschool & Early Learning

Program Characteristics: New Request, One-Time-Only Request

Program Description

Preschool for All (PFA) fosters inclusive environments and upholds a suspension and expulsion ban for children with developmental delays and disabilities. Intervention support for children is an increasing need in PFA classrooms. To address the need for whole-classroom well-being and individualized behavioral support, in partnership with the University of Oregon's Ballmer Institute, PEL is funding a 1.00 Limited Duration Assignment for a clinical supervisor to oversee behavioral health interns.

This partnership creates a vital learning pipeline for behavioral health interns, strengthening the early learning workforce beyond the classroom. By hosting these interns, PFA not only provides immediate behavioral support but also cultivates a skilled talent pool for specialized, non-teaching roles essential to a holistic preschool system. PEL remains committed to investing in these critical supporting positions, ensuring that our workforce development strategies successfully expand the pipeline of professionals prepared to meet the complex developmental and behavioral needs of our diverse preschool community.

Equity Statement

PFA expands access to free, culturally responsive preschool across Multnomah County. To ensure equitable outcomes, particularly for children facing behavioral challenges, PFA provides educators with essential resources and coaching. PEL's partnership with the Ballmer Institute offers clinical supervision and learning pathways for behavioral health interns, creating an intentional workforce development strategy that aligns academic training to build a sustainable pipeline of professionals.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$191,663
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,149
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$198,812
Total Expenses:	\$0		\$198,812	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Number of classrooms receiving behavioral health consultation served by the Balmer Institute behavioral health interns	N/A	N/A	25
Percentage of preschool providers who were satisfied with the support they received from behavioral health interns	N/A	N/A	85%