

Program #25399E - ARP - SUN Community Schools: Family Resource Navigators 3/7/2022

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Peggy Samolinski
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: Out of Target

Executive Summary

Integrated support is a core component of the SUN Community School (SUN CS) model. Helping to meet basic needs and connecting families to resources increases family stability. The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted family stability in many ways. These impacts have been most felt by students and families of color. Because basic needs help has increased so much, the demand on SUN CS site managers has also increased. The intensity of support required to help families is unsustainable, especially as SUN CS sites return to programming. Creating the Family Resource Navigator (FRN) program in SUN CS allows sites to expand focus while ensuring family basic needs are met.

Program Summary

ISSUE: Academic performance is linked to a student's health, well-being, family, and community. Before learning can take place, a student's basic needs must be met. This is even more true for students and families of color, who experience daily structural racism and systemic oppression. The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated existing inequities in food, housing, employment, health, and more. All these inequities impact a student's ability to learn and thrive.

PROGRAM GOAL: The goal of the FRN program is to increase staffing capacity at each SUN Community School. This will allow staff to further support COVID-impacted families in accessing needed resources. The program aims to build skills so that families know how to access the resources they need in the future.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: Family Resource Navigators work alongside families to help reduce barriers in the home. FRNs work to build skills and confidence so that families can continue to get their needs met. Promoting this self-sufficiency helps students learn and families thrive. Through this program, a half-time Family Resource Navigator has been placed at each Community School site. This FRN is culturally responsive, and prioritizes support to families of color. FRNs collaborate with school staff, other SUN Service System programs, and community partners to identify families who might need extra support. Services provided might include: case management, group skill building, reducing language barriers, family engagement, and outreach.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Number of households who receive support from Family Resource Navigator	N/A ¹	9,200	9,200	9,200
Outcome	Percent of Black, Indigenous, and Families of Color who receive support with basic needs and system navigation.	N/A ¹	70%	70%	70%

Performance Measures Descriptions

¹No data for FY21. Program started in FY22.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Requested General Fund	Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Contractual Services	\$0	\$4,073,000	\$0	\$4,073,000
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$4,073,000	\$0	\$4,073,000
Program Total:	\$4,073,000		\$4,073,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$4,073,000	\$0	\$4,073,000
Total Revenue	\$0	\$4,073,000	\$0	\$4,073,000

Explanation of Revenues

\$4,073,000 - American Rescue Plan (ARP) Direct County Funding

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2022: 25399E ARP - SUN Community Schools: Family Resource Navigators

This program addresses the Crisis Response & Community Recovery priority. Adding staff capacity to SUN Community Schools creates opportunity for deeper connection with families and support as they navigate complex social service systems to access basic needs supports. SUN Community Schools are an integral part of 92 schools in Multnomah County.