

Division: Behavioral Health

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

The Early Childhood Mental Health Program focuses on healthy social/emotional development and school readiness for children ages birth to six. It offers culturally, linguistically, and trauma-responsive prevention and treatment services, working with community partners to ensure child success and decrease school suspension/expulsion. Services are evidence-based, including consultation, mental health treatment, parent groups, and coordinated care, which are vital for school retention.

Program consultants provide a range of mental health consultation services to approximately 5,000 children and families in all County Head Start Programs, using evidence-based practices. Services include classroom consultation, assessment, family-centered treatment, case management, crisis triage, referrals, and parent support/education. The program collaborates closely with Early Childhood Community Partners and Early Learning Multnomah to coordinate care for at-risk families.

These services address mental health and developmental needs early, preventing acute, costly issues. A critical goal is ensuring children are ready for kindergarten

Equity Statement

Consultants use an anti-racist equity lens while providing culturally and linguistically responsive services to support the success of children and to decrease school suspension and expulsion rates, alleviating the impacts of inequities.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Personnel	\$1,420,153	\$789,576	\$2,028,083	\$129,117
Contractual Services	\$192,608	\$1	\$5,050	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$6,661	\$154	\$5,144	\$87
Internal Services	\$152,640	\$212,060	\$252,033	\$156,520
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,772,062	\$1,001,791	\$2,290,310	\$285,724
Total Expenses:	\$2,773,853		\$2,576,034	
Program FTE	8.47	4.71	11.31	0.68
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$716,067	\$0	\$0
Service Charges	\$0	\$285,724	\$0	\$285,724
Total Revenue	\$0	\$1,001,791	\$0	\$285,724

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Total children receiving prevention services	6,358	5,422	5,500
Total children receiving culturally specific treatment services.	43	38	15