

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.

This program offer may be impacted by a Chair's budget reduction.

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	\$2,345,629	\$129,117
Contractual Services	\$192,608	\$1	\$171,029	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$6,661	\$154	\$5,144	\$87
Internal Services	\$152,640	\$212,060	\$252,512	\$156,520
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,772,062	\$1,001,791	\$2,774,314	\$285,724
Total Expenses:	\$2,773,853		\$3,060,038	
Program FTE	8.47	4.71	13.31	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 (EC and Preschool for All have a joint treatment team. These #'s reflect clients served by both programs.)	43	38	40