

Program #40099B - Preschool For All Early Childhood Mental Health
FY 2026 Adopted

Department: Health Department **Program Contact:** Yolanda Gonzalez
Program Offer Type: Operating **Program Offer Stage:** Adopted
Related Programs: 25200-25207, 72052A, 72052B, 78335, 10000A, 10007B
Program Characteristics:

Program Description

Passed by voters in November 2020, Preschool for All has a goal to provide access to high-quality, inclusive, culturally responsive preschool for all three and four-year olds in Multnomah County. Children who currently have the least access to high quality preschool will be prioritized, including Black, Indigenous and children of color, children who speak languages other than English at home, children with disabilities and developmental delays, and other intersecting identities. In partnership with the Behavioral Health Division, the Department of County Human Services is investing in our Early Childhood Prevention and Treatment team by adding members to our team to support Preschool for All implementation.

Early Childhood Mental Health Consultants provide a comprehensive continuum of culturally relevant mental health services to children and their families in preschool programs to promote social/emotional development and school readiness. Preschool for All services expand and draw from on our highly effective existing early childhood programming based on the Pyramid Model framework, which includes evidence-based practices for promoting young children's healthy social and emotional development. Services include early childhood classroom consultation with educators, child mental health assessment and family-centered treatment, case management services, crisis triage, referral to community supports, and parent support and education. A hallmark of this program is Spanish-speaking staff and African American culturally specific counseling and parent support services provided to families throughout Multnomah County.

Community-based treatment services are provided for children to increase success at home and reduce the likelihood of suspension or expulsion from preschool, including culturally specific services for Latinx and African American families. Multnomah County population estimates completed by Portland State University as part of the planning for Preschool for All suggest that there are over 7,000 children aged 3-4 living at or below 200% of the federal poverty level, and of these, approximately 46% are Black, Indigenous and other children of color.

The Preschool for All investments will dramatically increase the size of the Early Childhood Mental Health team and create the need for additional supervision and program administrative support. This program offer includes funding for a supervisor, policy and program planning position, and administrative support. In total, this program offer provides funding for 1 Supervisor, 1 Program Specialist Senior, 1 Administrative Program specialist, and 7 Mental Health Clinicians. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to dramatically impact our entire community, including young children, making this investment incredibly urgent, now that babies born during the pandemic are now entering preschool. The prevention, treatment and early intervention services provided to young children and their families address mental health and developmental needs before they become escalated.

Performance Measures

| Measure Type | Performance Measure | FY24 Actual | FY25 Budgeted | FY25 Estimate | FY26 Target |
|--------------|---|-------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| Output | Total children receiving prevention services. ¹ | 1,394 | 800 | 2,100 | 4,000 |
| Output | Total children receiving culturally specific treatment services. ² | 12 | 30 | 24 | 30 |

Performance Measures Descriptions

¹This number is the total number of Preschool for All seats as this prevention program works upstream to make an impact for all enrolled youth

² Since this a new program part of the year was training new clinicians which impacted enrollment at beginning of FY24

Revenue/Expense Detail

| | Adopted General Fund | Adopted Other Funds | Adopted General Fund | Adopted Other Funds |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Program Expenses | 2025 | 2025 | 2026 | 2026 |
| Personnel | \$0 | \$1,717,905 | \$0 | \$1,864,555 |
| Materials & Supplies | \$0 | \$4,514 | \$0 | \$5,700 |
| Internal Services | \$0 | \$122,746 | \$0 | \$146,713 |
| Total GF/non-GF | \$0 | \$1,845,165 | \$0 | \$2,016,968 |
| Program Total: | \$1,845,165 | | \$2,016,968 | |
| Program FTE | 0.00 | 10.98 | 0.00 | 10.73 |

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

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$77,938 in indirect revenues.
 \$ 2,016,968 - PEL - Preschool For All Early Childhood. Although this program is funded by the Preschool for All Program Fund, the associated revenue is budgeted in the Department of County Human Services (program 25200).

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2025: 40099B Preschool For All Early Childhood Mental Health