



**Program #40099C - Early Childhood Mental Health Program - In/Out of Scope Services** FY 2024 Proposed

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**Program Offer Type:** Existing **Program Offer Stage:** Proposed  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

This program focuses on the healthy emotional development of children from birth to age six, through prevention and culturally specific treatment services. The Early Childhood program works collaboratively with partners, using an anti-racist equity lens, to ensure the educational success of children and to decrease school suspension and expulsion rates. The program provides evidence-based services which include: child mental health consultation, child and family mental health treatment services, parent groups, and care coordination services with culturally specific community supports. These services have proven vital in contributing to retention of children in pre-school educational settings.

**Program Description**

This culturally specific contract includes an extension of this service array and team. Early Childhood Mental Health Consultants provide a comprehensive continuum of culturally relevant mental health services to over 5,000 children Countywide and their families in Head Start Programs to promote social/emotional development and school readiness. The consultant's use 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, family centered treatment, case management services, crisis triage, referral to community supports, and parent support and education. This program works in close collaboration with Early Childhood Community Partners and Early Learning Multnomah to ensure coordinated services occur for Multnomah County's at-risk children and families.

A hallmark of this program is Spanish-speaking staff and availability of African American culturally specific counseling and parent support services provided to families at Albina Head Start, Portland Public Schools Head Start, Migrant Seasonal Head Start, Neighborhood House and Mt. Hood Community College Head Start. Community-based culturally specific treatment services are provided for Latinx and African American children to increase success at home and reduce the likelihood of suspension or expulsion from Head Start.

The prevention, treatment and early intervention services provided to these young children and their families address mental health and developmental needs before they become acute and require more intensive and costly care and have a greater impact on families. A critical goal of this program is to ensure children are ready to learn once they enter Kindergarten.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Total children receiving prevention services.	5,214	4,700	5,214	5,000
Outcome	Overall social/emotional supports in place in Head Start classrooms based on TPOT data <sup>2</sup>	N/A	75%	N/A	75%

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

<sup>1</sup> See Specific Program Changes for a full explanation of increase  
<sup>2</sup> Teaching Pyramid Observation Tool (TPOT): an evidence-based tool to measure teacher implementation of the 3-tiered Pyramid Model. This is an in-person tool and since positions were hybrid this year it was not able to be utilized. A tool that better captures outcomes from a racial justice lens is being investigated.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Personnel	\$49,786	\$0	\$54,572	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$14,551	\$0	\$1,807	\$0
Internal Services	\$33,605	\$0	\$44,682	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$97,942</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$101,061</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$97,942</b>		<b>\$101,061</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	0.50	0.00	0.50	0.00

Program Revenues				
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2023: 40099C Early Childhood Mental Health Program - In/Out of Scope Services

FY22 Output for prevention services increased because the program site size increased.

The TPOT was not administered this year because a new/replacement tool, the Teacher Wellbeing Survey by Daniela Falecki is currently being piloted.