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**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating Program      **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed  
**Related Programs:** 40054, 40055, 40058A  
**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

Healthy Families of Multnomah County (HFMC) is an evidence-based early childhood home visiting program that is part of the state-wide Healthy Families of Oregon program serving at-risk families. Overall goals include reducing child abuse and neglect, improving school readiness, and promoting healthy growth and development of young children up to age three. HFMC will screen approximately 2,750 families for eligibility for home visiting services through our Welcome Baby screening program, and serve approximately 575 families through community contracts for Healthy Families services.

**Program Summary**

Research shows the conditions of early life have a profound impact on long-term health and stability. Healthy Families of Multnomah County (HFMC) serves families from the birth of a new child until the child turns three. Families who screen positive for parenting stress indicators are offered voluntary home visits shown to improve outcomes: reduced child abuse and neglect, improved school readiness, and improved access to information and supports for healthy growth and development. The HFMC program performs two related purposes: a community screening program, "Welcome Baby" which identifies families with potential need and interest in home visiting services; and a home visiting program, which uses the Healthy Families America model of home visiting, a credentialed best practice model delivered by highly trained staff through community-based agencies. These HFMC teams have a population or culturally-specific focus, including African American, immigrant/refugee, and teen parents. MCHD will screen an estimated 2,750 families and will serve and estimated 576 at-risk families through HFMC community contracts.

HFMC is also connected with Early Learning Multnomah (ELM), a collaboration of over 50 early learning programs that seek to coordinate services across the county to ensure all children in the county are kindergarten-ready. ELM has identified two intersecting groups of children at the greatest risk for not entering school ready to learn: those living at or near the poverty level, and children of color (including English language learners). HFMC adopted these ELM priority populations as its new priority screening population, and without increasing screening numbers, has focus its screening efforts on reaching families identified as at risk of health, educational and child welfare inequities.

HFMC responds to racial and ethnic inequities outlined in the 2014 Report Card on Racial and Ethnic Disparities, addresses underlying causes of population health by focusing on a life course health perspective, and builds capacity among community partners. Long-term benefits to the county include healthy children ready to learn; a healthier workforce; decreased costs related to child welfare involvement, school failure, juvenile crime, and chronic disease; and gains in equity for the county's communities of color and low-income communities.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY15 Actual	FY16 Purchased	FY16 Estimate	FY17 Offer
Output	Number of families served	601	600	600	575
Outcome	% of participating parents who report reading to/with a child at least 3X/week	94%	94%	93%	94%
Quality	% of families remaining in intensive services for 12 months or longer	66%	66%	61%	64%

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

The ELD provides annual reports providing HFMC with performance monitoring data. We expect a gap in data reporting in 2015-16 due to a transition in data systems at the state. In the future, performance measures for the HFMC program will be drawn from a State of Oregon database "THEO", that is not fully built yet. We expect to add several more sensitive performance measures in FY17, once THEO data reporting is functional.

## Legal / Contractual Obligation

Healthy Families of Multnomah County must comply with Healthy Families of Oregon policies and procedures, which are based on Healthy Families America (HFA) credentialing standards and contract obligations. Failure to comply may result in disaffiliation with HFA and withholding of funding from the State.

## Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
<b>Program Expenses</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2017</b>
Personnel	\$514,665	\$338,472	\$429,884	\$640,225
Contractual Services	\$659,686	\$1,055,838	\$435,164	\$1,547,632
Materials & Supplies	\$8,717	\$26,441	\$14,905	\$23,071
Internal Services	\$0	\$196,836	\$61,532	\$164,533
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$1,183,068</b>	<b>\$1,617,587</b>	<b>\$941,485</b>	<b>\$2,375,461</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$2,800,655</b>		<b>\$3,316,946</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	4.91	3.99	5.55	7.00

<b>Program Revenues</b>				
Indirect for Dept. Admin	\$97,251	\$0	\$48,363	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$1,617,587	\$0	\$2,375,461
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$97,251</b>	<b>\$1,617,587</b>	<b>\$48,363</b>	<b>\$2,375,461</b>

## Explanation of Revenues

Healthy Families of Multnomah County is funded by the State Healthy Families grant which requires a County paid match of 50%.

## Significant Program Changes

**Last Year this program was:** FY 2016: 40056-16 Healthy Families

In FY17, the Healthy Families program will increase screening with a new community-based strategy to the established "Welcome Baby" parent screening program. This will further target screening where it is most needed and facilitate broader access to early childhood programs.

MCHD no longer receives contract funding for additional Healthy Families slots from Federal funding. These funds go directly to our contractors and leverages an additional 102 slots for Healthy Families.