Multnomah County

Service Efforts and Accomplishments FY2002

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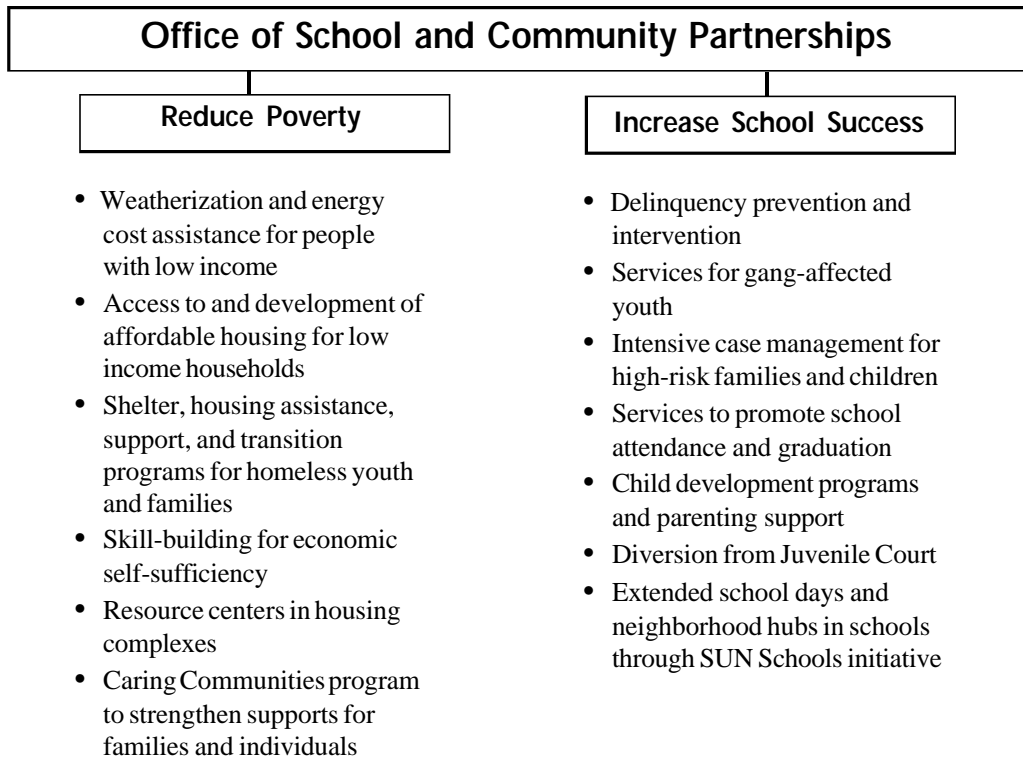
Overview

In Brief . . .

Accomplishments
- The SUN Schools Initiative began a project to forge beneficial partnerships with area businesses
- Department Director and key policy makers from the City, County, and schools presented information about SUN Schools at the Coalition for Community Schools national forum
- Touchstone program expanded to Reynolds and Centennial School Districts
- Began development of 53 units of affordable housing for people with low income, chronic mental illness, in recovery for substance abuse, former foster kids, and homeless families

Issues
- Reorganization of social services resulted in a lack of continuity of some programs and measures
- A change to a new data system resulted in the inability to compare current and historical data for this report
- Ongoing budget cuts and future funding uncertainty will impact the level and quality of services

The Office of School and Community Partnerships (OSCP) works to eliminate poverty, promote school success, and invest in healthy and safe families, neighborhoods, and communities.

OSCP was formed recently, in January 2002, as a result of department reorganization.
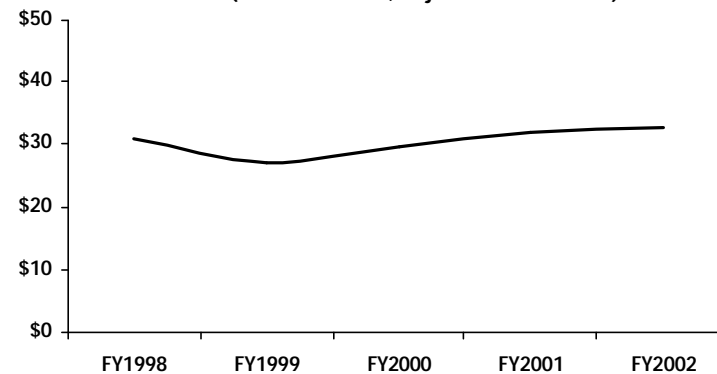
Office of School and Community Partnerships

Reduce Poverty	Increase School Success

Reduce Poverty
- Weatherization and energy cost assistance for people with low income
- Access to and development of affordable housing for low income households
- Shelter, housing assistance, support, and transition programs for homeless youth and families
- Skill-building for economic self-sufficiency
- Resource centers in housing complexes
- Caring Communities program to strengthen supports for families and individuals

Increase School Success
- Delinquency prevention and intervention
- Services for gang-affected youth
- Intensive case management for high-risk families and children
- Services to promote school attendance and graduation
- Child development programs and parenting support
- Diversion from Juvenile Court
- Extended school days and neighborhood hubs in schools through SUN Schools initiative

Spending and Staffing

Spending

Spending for services in the newly formed Office of School and Community Partnerships was approximately $32.7 million in Fiscal Year 2002 (July 1, 2001 - June 30, 2002). This is an increase of 5.7% since FY1998 for these types of programs (see note below).

- $49 was spent per county resident.
- Approximately half of OSCP's revenue came from state and federal sources. The other half came from the County general fund.
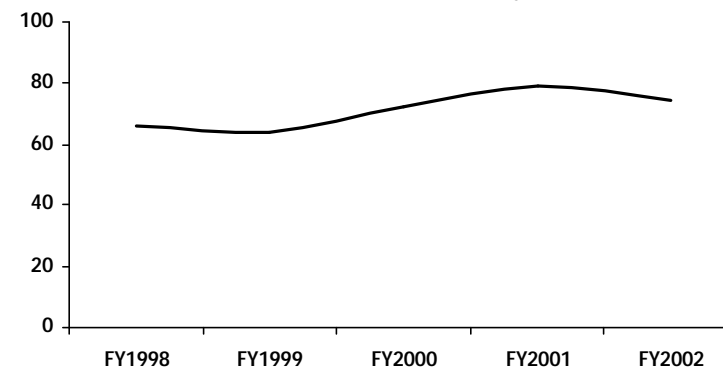- OSCP served over 74,000 clients in FY2002.

Office of School and Community Partnerships Spending
(In Millions of $, Adjusted for Inflation)

Staffing

The number of hours worked by staff in OSCP programs and administration was equal to 74 full-time positions in FY2002. This is an increase of 12% over FY1998, but a decrease of 6% from FY2001.

Office of School and Community Partnerships Staffing
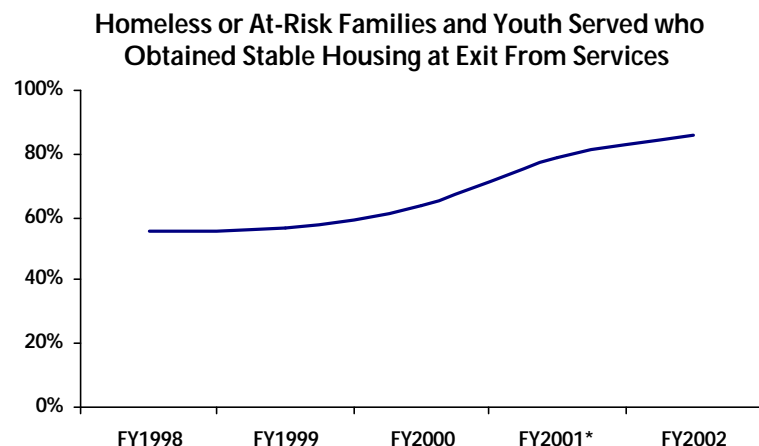(Full-time Equivalent Employees)

Note: The data for spending and staffing are derived from dividing program and administrative costs and staff from the former Department of Community and Family Services into two new agencies: OSCP and the Department of County Human Services. Figures are estimates, not actuals.

Reduce Poverty

OSCP provides or contracts for services to address and remedy the causes and effects of poverty. Services include rent assistance, transitional and emergency housing for homeless youth and families, and assistance with energy bills and home weatherization. OSCP works with communities to overcome issues associated with poverty and become healthy, safe places to live.

This chart shows the percent of clients who participated in programs that was able to find stable housing by the time they left services. The rate has increased from 56% in FY1998 to 86% in FY2002.
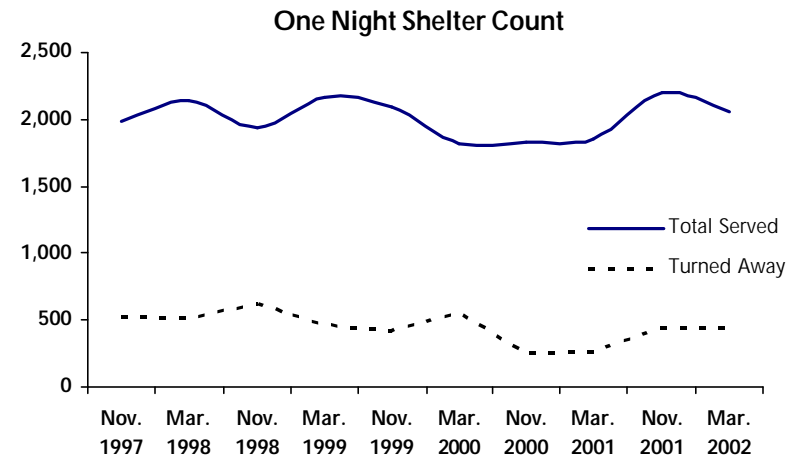
Homeless or At-Risk Families and Youth Served who Obtained Stable Housing at Exit From Services

Workload	FY1998	FY1999	FY2000	FY2001	FY2002
People in households that received rental assistance to prevent eviction	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,056*	2,220
Households weatherized	468	504	443	504	514
Households that received assistance with energy bills	N/A	12,432	11,754	15,723	15,813

Results	FY1998	FY1999	FY2000	FY2001	FY2002
Percent of families completing goals to strengthen family functioning	N/A	N/A	N/A	63%*	59.4%
Percent of households whose income is above poverty at exit from services	Measure Under Development				

Efficiency	FY1998	FY1999	FY2000	FY2001	FY2002
Cost per household weatherized (adjusted for inflation)	N/A	N/A	$2,102	$2,165	$2,761
Estimated savings per household weatherized	Measure Under Development				

*Represents seven months of data only

Reduce Poverty

In addition to programs to prevent poverty, OSCP also contracts with local organizations to provide emergency housing assistance and shelter for homeless youth and families. Once clients are stabilized in shelter, services are available to help them obtain long-term stable housing and integrate into the community.

The chart represents a snapshot of clients assisted with shelter and emergency housing in Multnomah County during the two nights per year that data are uniformly collected.

One Night Shelter Count

Workload	FY1998	FY1999	FY2000	FY2001	FY2002
People in homeless families provided with emergency housing	N/A	N/A	N/A	787*	1,430
Homeless youth provided with emergency housing	N/A	N/A	N/A	619**	569
People in homeless families who received transitional housing	N/A	N/A	N/A	599*	853
Homeless youth who received transitional housing	N/A	N/A	N/A	140**	129

Results	FY1998	FY1999	FY2000	FY2001	FY2002
Percent of people turned away from shelter or emergency beds during the one night shelter count	20.2%	21.0%	19.7%	12.2%	17.3%

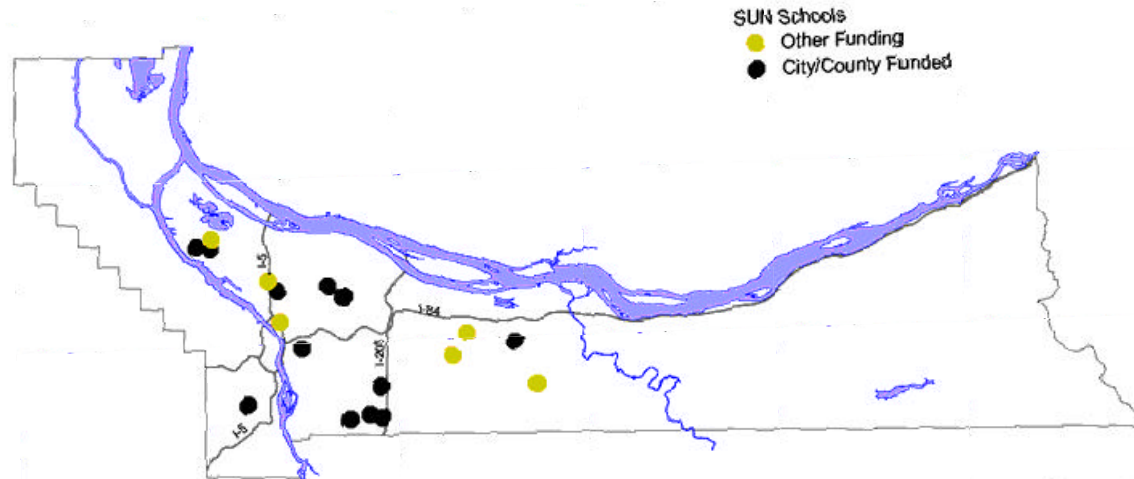| Cost/Efficiency	FY1998	FY1999	FY2000	FY2001	FY2002
Cost per homeless youth bed per night (adjusted for inflation)	N/A	N/A	N/A	$70.50	$63.61
Cost per homeless family bed per night (adjusted for inflation)	N/A	N/A	N/A	$28.80	$24.16

*Represents seven months of data only

**Because of changes in the reporting system, these numbers could be a slight undercount of actual clients served

Increase School Success

SUN School Locations

The goal of school-focused services is to enhance school success by working with families and children from an early age through high school:

- Schools Uniting Neighborhoods (SUN) Schools provide after-school academic and recreational programs, expanded social and health services, and increased community involvement.

- Early childhood programs include parent education, support for in-home childcare providers, and child care information and referral.

- Touchstone serves high-risk youth and their families at schools and community centers to help meet their needs and improve success in school.

- Prevention services work to strengthen families, and improve graduation and attendance rates, particularly among Native American and Latino youth.

- The Caring Communities program seeks to coordinate services and strengthen community support for both families and children so that they can be successful in school.
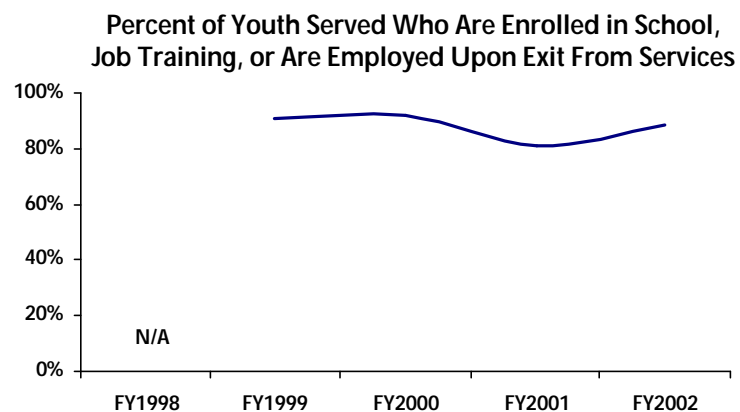
Workload	FY1998	FY1999	FY2000	FY2001	FY2002
Families served with intensive case-management in schools	N/A	N/A	N/A	387*	567
Families served in early childhood programs	N/A	N/A	N/A	798*	1,004
SUN school locations (City/County funded)	New Project		8	9	12
Students enrolled in extended day activities through SUN schools		New Project			3,798

*Represents seven months of data only

Increase School Success

The Office also contracts for services to work directly with youth who are at risk of not completing school or becoming involved in the criminal justice system. Services are provided by community-based organizations located in the youths' neighborhoods to help them address gang activity, employment and skill building, school attendance, and delinquency.

The percent of youth served who make positive progress by going to school, training, or who are employed has dropped slightly in recent years. However, the rate remained above 80% each year.

Percent of Youth Served Who Are Enrolled in School, Job Training, or Are Employed Upon Exit From Services

Workload	FY1998	FY1999	FY2000	FY2001	FY2002
Youth served:					
Gang-affected youth	N/A	N/A	N/A	57*	145
At-risk youth (Youth Investment)	N/A	N/A	N/A	464*	504
Youth diverted from Juvenile Justice System	N/A	N/A	N/A	568*	824
Stay-in school programs (Student Retention)	N/A	N/A	N/A	371*	685

Results	FY1998	FY1999	FY2000	FY2001	FY2002
Percent of youth served who graduated or advanced a grade at the end of the school year	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	87%

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