

**MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC TESTIMONY SIGN-UP**

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MEETING DATE: APRIL 24 2016

SUBJECT: Multnomah County Fiscal Year 2017 Budget

SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC (DEPARTMENT OR PROGRAM): AFRICAN IMMIGRANT
PARENT CHILDREN SERVICE - AIPCDs / AFRICA HOUSE

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IF YOU WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD IN PERSON:

1. Please complete this form and submit to the Board Clerk.
2. Commenters are called to testify in the order forms are received. The Presiding Officer may re-arrange the order that testimony is given or ask Invited Guests or Elected Officials to speak first.
3. When your name is called, come forward and be seated at the presenter's table; state your name for the record and speak clearly into the microphone.
4. Public comment is limited to **3 minutes or less** per person unless otherwise directed by the Chair, who is the Presiding Officer.
5. A buzzer will signify the end of your allotted time.
6. If submitting handouts to be given to the Board, seven (7) copies are required. If only one (1) copy is provided, it will be received for the file and electronically shared with the Board and County Attorney after the meeting.
7. All meetings are audio and video recorded and can be viewed at: multco.us.
8. The Chair has authority to keep order and may impose reasonable restrictions necessary for the efficient and orderly conduct of a meeting. Any person who fails to comply with the Rules of Conduct, or who creates a disturbance, may be asked or required to leave and upon failure to do so, becomes a trespasser and will be treated accordingly. Copies of the Rules of Conduct are available next to the sign up sheets.

IF YOU WISH TO SUBMIT WRITTEN INSTEAD OF ORAL COMMENTS TO THE BOARD:

1. Please complete this form along with your written testimony and return to the Board Clerk at the meeting, or submit by e-mail at: lynda.grow@multco.us
2. Written testimony will be entered into the official record.

AFRICAN IMMIGRANTS PARENTS AND CHILDREN SERVICES

AT IRC O/AFRICA HOUSE

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

AI-PCDS is serving 73 Africans children in Multnomah County, our program serves children from 0 to 5 years old. We most target new arrival families, and we offer Parenting Education and basic skills. Our goal is to prepare children for kindergarten readiness. We organize group activities and we visit clients twice a month. We connect clients to different resources that are in the community, and we provide some assistance with diapers, schools supplies and we connect client to food bank etc.

We have found that many African children are not served yet, and some parents, especially mothers aren't supported with parenting Education and skills. However, could the County extend the funding to our program, then we may hire more Parents Educators and serve more clients, knowing that many of them came from refugees camps, and they need more help.

**Thank you for your understanding. For more details, please contact:
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PARENT CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICE (PCDS)

Who we are:

The PCDS is a voluntary program which assists families to give their children the best that the parents and can be. Services are offered to families with children ages zero to five years of age.

The purpose of PCDS program is to provide parenting, child development, and brain development information. The parent educator will visit with you; they will bring you the information that will be helpful to you. The parent educator will also refer you to community resources that might be helpful for you and your family.

What Can PCDS program do for your child

The parent educator will bring developmental activities for you to do with your child. The parent educator will provide information on how children grow and what to expect from the child in each stage of development. The parent educator will help your child to become ready for kindergarten and also will help you to enroll your child into kindergarten.

Where does this take place?

Usually, the parent educator will visit with you in your home. The parent educator might also visit with you at other places, like a school or a park—whatever is easiest for you.

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