

SUN

SERVICE SYSTEM

Building a Brighter Future for Kids and their Families

System Overview

SUN SERVICE SYSTEM

The SUN Service System is Multnomah County's premiere poverty elimination effort. SUN is an integrated system of care, providing the social and support services to youth, families and community members that lead to educational success and self-sufficiency.

VISION

SUN brings a renewed focus in Multnomah County on school-age children and on providing the supports that allow all children the opportunity to succeed. Educational success and attainment are viewed as the key route for our citizens, young and old, out of poverty. It also represents a new level of commitment on the part of the County to provide culturally-specific services to best meet the needs of our diverse community. One-third of the resources contracted out in the SUN Service System are designated for culturally specific services.

SUN improves vital services by aligning city, county, state, and federal resources and programs through a single service delivery system.

SUN SERVICES

Services are delivered through school-linked and school-based strategies with targeted outreach and service delivery to specific cultural communities. The full-service package of services made accessible includes:

Academic Support and Skill Development for Youth
Early Childhood Programs
Parent/Family Involvement and Education
Anti-Poverty

- Case Management
- Anti-Poverty Education and Support
- Housing Stability
- Economic Self-Sufficiency
- Basic Needs

Health

Mental Health & Addiction

Service Access, Information & Referral, and Linkage

LOCATIONS

Resources delivered by the SUN Service System meet youth and families where they reside: their schools, their cultural communities, and their neighborhoods.

To accomplish this the system currently includes:

- 6 Regional Service Centers
- 58 SUN Community Schools
- Countywide community sites

"SUN Service System support allows the teachers to devote their time to educating youngsters while the social, health and mental health needs of students are addressed by the appropriate service specialists."

– Ken Noah
Superintendent



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Governmental Partners

City of Portland
County Departments:
Health
Human Services
Library
Commission on Children,
Families & Community
of Multnomah County
School Districts:
Centennial
David Douglas
Gresham-Barlow
Parkrose
Portland Public
Reynolds
State Department of
Human Services
State Department of Housing
& Community Services
Oregon Commission on
Children & Families
Oregon Department of
Education
U.S. Department of Housing
& Urban Development

SUN Service System Service Providers

Albina Head Start
Cascadia Behavioral Health
Catholic Charities
Friendly House
Human Solutions, Inc.
Immigrant & Refugee
Community Organization
Impact Northwest
LifeWorks Northwest
Metropolitan Family Service
Mount Hood Community
College
Native American
Rehabilitation Association
Native American Youth &
Family Center
Neighborhood House
Self-Enhancement, Inc.
YWCA

ALIGNED PARTNERS

Delivery of services is accomplished through an aligned system of providers, both non-profit and governmental. Culturally specific providers play an expanded role in this system. See the list of partners in the yellow side panel.

OUTCOMES

Both program-level and system-level goals have been defined for the SUN Service System. Specific outcome measures are derived from these broad goals which include:

- Increase access to key supports and services including:
 - Recreational and enrichment opportunities
 - Physical and mental health services
 - Affordable early childhood services
- Increase school readiness
- Increase school attendance
- Increase youth academic progress and attainment
- Improve school behavior and conflict resolution abilities
- Increase adult and youth life skills and assets
- Increase the number of children and families able to meet their basic needs
- Increase housing stability
- Improve youth physical and mental health

GOVERNANCE

The SUN Service System Coordinating Council provides governance, guidance and support to the System. The Council is comprised of representatives of the SUN sponsors, non-profit providers and community.

CONNECTED

The SUN Service System is the service delivery aspect of the School-Age Policy Framework. As such, the System is connected with other county-wide framework initiatives: the 10-year-plan to end homelessness, the Early Childhood Framework, the Children and Youth Framework, the Poverty Elimination Framework and the Gang Services Plan. By working collaboratively with the Commission on Children, Families and Community to intersect these frameworks, we are able to develop policies and plans for deploying our community's resources. Our goal is to build a united system that efficiently and effectively delivers the services and supports our children and families need to thrive.

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