



# Performance Measures

## Children's Programs 2007

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**Children's Programs** provide early learning experiences for low-income or hard to serve children, provides foster care placement and support for children to thrive in their home environment. The overarching goal of Children's Programs is to provide a thriving living and learning experience for young children.

### Investment Analysis

The Pierce County Funders Group members invest in two programmatic strategies within Children's Programs; Child Care and Foster Care. The cost of providing Children's Programs in Pierce County was roughly 4.3 million dollars in 2007.

| Services Summary             |                        |                        |             |                         |            |
|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|------------|
| Service Type                 | Total Program Budget   | Investment PCFG        | # Served    | Average Cost per Client | % PCFG     |
| Child Care - Early Learning  | \$ 1,472,400.00        | \$ 62,620.00           | 270         | \$ 5,453.33             | 4%         |
| Foster Care - Family Support | \$ 2,820,271.00        | \$ 1,655,493.00        | 1869        | \$ 1,508.97             | 59%        |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>\$ 4,292,671.00</b> | <b>\$ 1,718,113.00</b> | <b>2139</b> | <b>\$ 2,006.86</b>      | <b>40%</b> |

The Pierce County Funders Group invested one million seven hundred thousand dollars in the Children's Programs in Pierce County, serving over twenty-one hundred children. The average cost per child served was just over two thousand dollars.

### Outcome Analysis

Children's programs deliver two mandated outcomes; Improved stability in a child's home environment and Improved ability to meet developmental milestones. Both outcomes are focused on creating a rich environment for early learning and development. Sixty-six percent of the children were assessed as having a stable home environment. Forty-nine percent of the children were documented as having reached important developmental milestones.

| Outcomes Summary   |          |           |            |
|--|----------|-----------|------------|
| Outcomes   | # Served | #Attained | % Attained |
| Improved Stability in the Child's Home Environment (n=2) | 1869     | 1234      | 66%        |
| Improved Ability to Meet Developmental Milestones (n=1)  | 270      | 132       | 49%        |

### Historical Analysis<sup>1</sup>

The 2005 investment data is very similar to 2007 in cost per client at a little over two thousand dollars. The Investment by the PCFG over tripled from 2005 level of half a million to 1.7 million in 2007. At the same time the 2007 total program budget declined from 2005 by one million dollars. The outcome attainment in for both outcomes is lower in 2007 than 2005 measures. In 2007, 66% of the children had stable home environments down from 82% in 2005. Notably the number of children measured for stable home environment increased from 68 in 2005 to 1,869. This reflects a shift in programs measuring this outcome.

<sup>1</sup> Historical Analysis is based on data from the 2005 Performance Measures Profile. Financial and output data was not verified with Agency staff. Large differences in program budgets or numbers served may be more indicative of the difference in data collection than changes in investment strategies or service capacity.

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