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Portland Children's Levy Allocation Committee Meeting Recap
Oct. 2nd, 2017

Dan Saltzman, Portland City Commissioner | Lisa Pellegrino, Director

Meeting News

AC approves \$1.6M in new investments for Portland families

At Monday's Allocation Committee meeting, members voted to invest \$1.6 million in additional accrued revenue in childcare subsidies, focused childcare networks and two Early Head Start classrooms.

The funding will ease state budget cuts made to the Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) program which helps working families offset childcare costs, and expand center-based Early Head Start classrooms in Portland.

Specifically, the funding will:

- Invest up to \$780,000 to expand the Community Childcare Initiative to assist low-income working families with affording high quality childcare.

- Invest up to \$320,000 in Focused Childcare Networks to assure all four existing culturally specific networks (one Latino, two Russian and one African American) continue operations through June 30, 2019, as well as to launch a new Somali network.
- Invest up to \$500,000 in two additional center-based Early Head Start classrooms, one at Albina Head Start in N/NE Portland, and one at Mount Hood Community College in East Portland.

The AC also approved a \$75,000 investment in developing training certification for Community Education Workers. Certificate development for CEWs would allow current early learning professionals such as home visitors, preschool teachers and childcare providers to pursue specialized training focused on topics related to reducing racial disparities, elevating family voice, and advancing system change in early learning.

In other matters, PCL staff and the AC began discussion of goals, methods and topics for planning and community engagement in preparation for the Levy renewal, including considering engaging an outside contractor to assist in leading and carrying out the planning and community engagement process. PCL staff will return in the coming months with more information on these issues. The current Levy expires June 30, 2019.

Upcoming AC meeting info

There are currently no Allocation Committee meetings scheduled but staff anticipates one sometime later this fall. Meeting updates will be sent to the PCL database and posted on the PCL website.

2017 PCL Community Report is out

For this year's Community Report, we used flowers to help tell the story of some of the families and children PCL programs serve. Click [here](#) to view the report online.



Miss Monday's AC meeting?

Watch the Monday, Oct. 2nd AC meeting on cable channel CityNEt 30 at 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6th; and at 9 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 8th.

You can also watch the meeting on the YouTube link below:



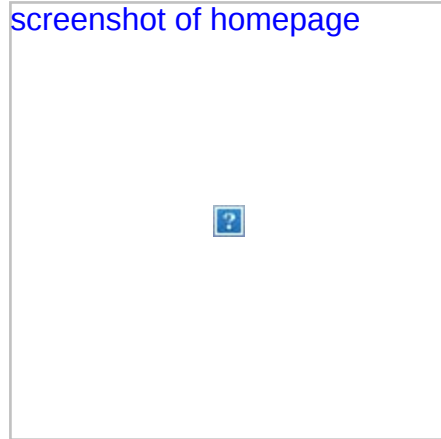
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Who We Are

The Portland Children's Levy was created by city voters in 2002 and overwhelmingly renewed by the electorate in Fall 2008 and Spring 2013. Funding for the new five-year Levy began July 1, 2014 and includes hunger

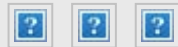
relief as a new focus area.

The Levy is supported through a property tax paid by City of Portland homeowners that generates \$17 million toward investments in proven programs in areas of Early Childhood, After School, Mentoring, Child Abuse Prevention/Intervention, Foster Care and Hunger Relief. The Levy reaches over 8,000 children and their families annually; in addition, Levy-funded hunger relief services provide food to over 11,000 children and 9,167 parents/caregivers annually.

The Levy is annually audited and administrative costs do not exceed 5 percent.

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