



Investing in our future  
**portland  
children's  
levy**

Spotlight  
On our  
Success

**Celebrating  
10 Years  
of Supporting  
Portland's  
Children**

**2012-13  
Progress Report**



## Dear Portlander,

In 2002, I could not have imagined the effect that the Portland Children's Levy would have on the health of the city's families and the city itself.

For youngsters, we have provided a smoother route to kindergarten; for older students, safe and high-quality after-school and mentoring programs; for foster care children, strong community connections and assistance as they transition into adulthood; for stressed families struggling with violence, respite care and parenting classes. And beginning in July, the Levy

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launches a new program focus area of hunger relief by offering healthy and nutritious meals to hungry children.

The Levy has accomplished this through building strong partnerships with scores of social service organizations, forging important relationships with foundations, schools and other key stakeholders, and believing that all children should have the opportunity to succeed.

Over the years I have been heartened that Portlanders have overwhelmingly renewed the Levy — in 2008 and again in Spring 2013. Annual audits, citizen oversight, and a 5-percent cap on administrative expenses allow us to funnel 95 cents of every dollar to proven programs making a difference to Portland's youth.



The first decade of the Portland Children's Levy has been inspiring, made possible because of the critical role you have played. We look forward to the coming years, working together toward a safer and stronger city for all of us.



*Dan Saltzman*

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## Our First 10 Years

In 2002, Portlanders rallied behind a new idea: making children a priority through programs that give them a healthy start in life, and provide resources so they can experience success through high school and beyond.

10 years  
of funding  
successful  
programs

During the past 10 years, voters have done just that by overwhelmingly supporting the Levy again in 2008 and 2013. We have reached tens of thousands of children through nearly \$100 million invested in cost-effective, proven programs that build healthy families and a stronger city. We're proud of each child's success story and excited about those yet to be written in the years ahead.



## Our Programs ▼

Early Childhood

After School and Mentoring

Child Abuse Prevention and Intervention

Foster Care

Hunger Relief (starting July 2014)



## Early Childhood

Early Childhood programs are linked with better reasoning and language skills and with healthy social and emotional development.

In PCL programs that measure these outcomes:

- Of the 536 children who were screened in meeting development milestones, 88 percent were meeting key milestones.
- 99 percent of children were not removed from their preschool setting because of behavioral problems at childcare centers with access to Levy-funded mental health consultants.
- 94 percent of parents demonstrated positive parent-child interactions.
- 96 percent of parents reported using positive parenting practices.

Portland Children's Levy is created by city voters in Fall 2002 as the "Portland Children's Investment Fund"

Initial investments are made in 61 programs in Early Childhood, After School, Mentoring and Child Abuse Prevention/Intervention



# After School/ Mentoring

After-School programs provide a safe place for students to learn, have fun and help them stay engaged in school. Mentoring programs offer role models and one-to-one adult support to increase social and academic skills.

In PCL programs that measure these outcomes:

- 72 percent attended school at least 90 percent of the time.
- 71 percent who were suspended or expelled the previous year received fewer or no referrals last school year.
- 88 percent improved their attitude toward/ connection to school.
- 78 percent increased or maintained high self confidence.

A \$3 million “Leverage Fund” is created to match public dollars with private ones to sustain and expand programs for Portland children

The Levy joins with Meyer Memorial Trust, Schnitzer Care Foundation, Paul C. Allen Family Foundation and others in Leverage Fund partnerships



# Child Abuse Prevention/ Intervention

Child Abuse Prevention/Intervention programs provide stability and resiliency in stressed families.

In PCL programs that measure these outcomes:

- 91 percent of parents increased their knowledge of child development and/or managing child behavior.
- Multnomah County Child Abuse Hotline received no substantiated reports of child abuse for 94 percent of families within six months of completing services.
- 86 percent of parents demonstrated improved parent-child interactions.
- 84 percent of parents increased their access to/use of social supports.

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Levy programs are reaching more than 15,000 children and their families each year

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In Fall 2008, Portland voters overwhelmingly renew the Levy for another five years



## Foster Care

Foster Care programs reach the city's most vulnerable children by providing a wide array of services that support their well-being and development.

In PCL programs that measure these outcomes:

- 88 percent improved their school behavior/ academic success.
- 89 percent improved their school stability.
- 91 percent of birth parents improved their parenting skills.
- 97 percent of families had no further substantiated reports of child abuse within six months of reuniting with their children.

We officially change our name to the Portland Children's Levy to more accurately reflect who we are

In 2009-10, the Levy begins a new funding area: helping children in foster care succeed



## Hunger Relief

New focus on  
Hunger Relief  
beginning in  
July 2014

We don't believe any child in our city should go hungry. And yet, hunger is a problem that affects too many of Portland's kids with an average 12,000 eating from an emergency food box each month.

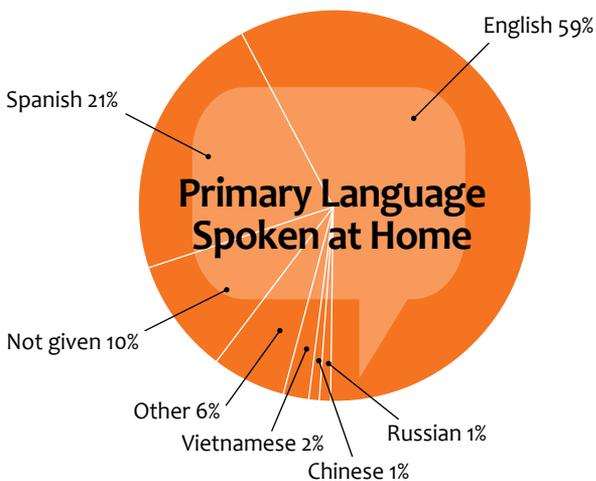
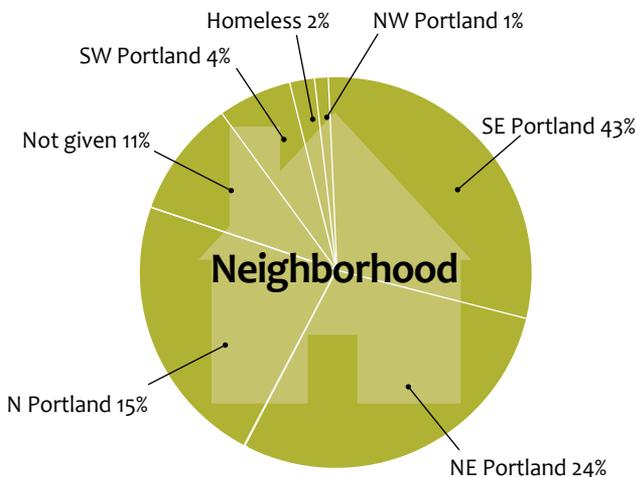
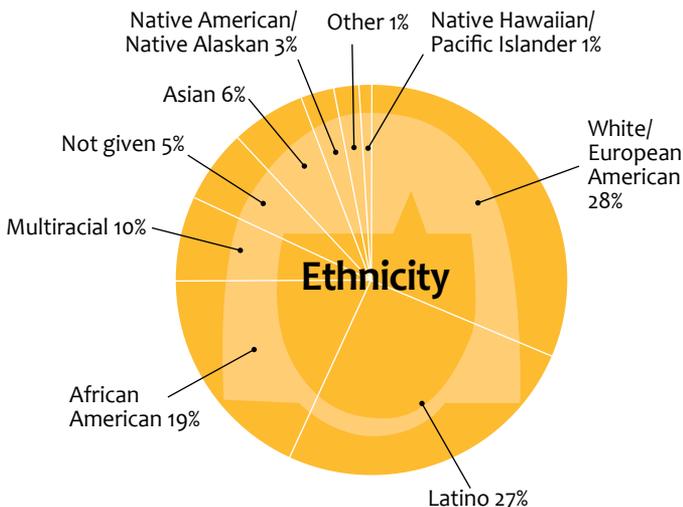
Children who are hungry, or worried about where or when their next meal is coming, can't learn or retain complicated facts. Hunger stunts healthy growth and makes children susceptible to illness. Hungry kids are also at a higher risk for behavioral problems.

PCL hunger relief programs will provide nutritious and healthy meals to mitigate hunger's devastating effects on a child's health and well-being.

During our first 10 years, the Levy annually reached an average 13,000 children with proven, cost-effective programs

In Spring 2013, Portlanders again overwhelmingly renew the Levy and a sixth investment area is added: relieving childhood hunger, to begin July 2014

# Making Children a Priority Since 2002



**10**  
10 years  
of investing  
in Portland's  
children

\* A detailed breakdown of Portland Children's Levy demographics, including numbers of children served by city Zip Code, can be found on the Portland Children's Levy website: [www.portlandchildrenslevy.org](http://www.portlandchildrenslevy.org)



The white boxes on the map represent Levy-funded programs located throughout the city. Not shown are dozens of sites for childcare providers, Head Start and Early Head Start locales and homes of children receiving home-based services. ▶

10 years  
of serving  
Portland's  
families  
throughout  
the city



Allocation  
Committee

## Stewards of Your Tax Dollars

The Portland Children's Levy is overseen by a five-member Allocation Committee that meets publicly to make funding decisions. It is composed of one Portland City Commissioner, one Multnomah County Commissioner and three citizen members appointed by the City, County and Portland Business Alliance respectively.

### Current Members:

Dan Saltzman  
Portland City Commissioner  
Allocation Committee Chair

Marissa Madrigal  
Multnomah County Commission Chair

Julie S. Young  
Youth advocate and community volunteer

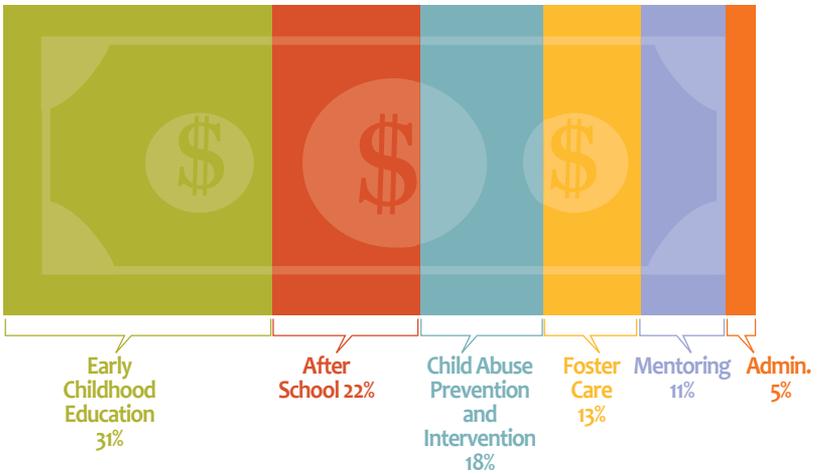
Serena Stoudamire-Wesley  
Early childhood advocate and  
community volunteer

Mitch Hornecker  
Executive VP/Chief Legal Officer  
Howard S. Wright/Balfour Beatty



10 years  
of making sound  
investments  
for our most  
vulnerable  
residents

## Wisely Investing Tax Dollars



### Portland Children's Levy ~ July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013

#### REVENUES

Earned in FY 2012-2013	\$ 10,023,684
Accrued from July 1, 2003 - June 30, 2012	1,015,885
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,039,569</b>

#### INVESTMENTS AND COMMITMENTS

Program Investments, FY 2012-2013	
Early Childhood	\$ 2,715,168
After School	2,000,766
Child Abuse Prevention & Intervention	1,616,776
Foster Care	1,169,011
Mentoring	1,011,701
Leverage Fund	447,364
Administration, FY 2012 - 2013	\$ 539,051
Encumbered Funds, FY 2012 - 2013	\$ 1,539,732
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,039,569</b>

The most recent audit completed in February 2014 by independent auditor McDonald Jacobs, PC found that administrative expenses were less than 5 percent of revenues, were necessary and proper and all grant disbursements were properly documented and in accordance with approved budgets.

City homeowners support the Levy through a property tax of about \$60 a year for a home with an assessed value of \$150,000.



During the past 10 years, Portlanders have said “yes” to giving hope and opportunity to our children.

10 years of believing that all children should have the opportunity to succeed

### Thanks to your support:

- 12,000 of our most vulnerable children and families received services.
- More than 1,600 parents participated in classes or home visiting services focused on children’s development, behavior, health and safety.
- More than 4,700 hours of respite care were provided for parents of young children at risk of abuse and neglect.
- About 800 children received childcare while their mothers received help at the Gateway Center for Domestic Violence Services.
- More than 5,300 students participated in school and community-based after-school programs in all five city school districts: Portland, David Douglas, Parkrose, Centennial and Reynolds.
- Nearly 1,700 students participated in mentoring programs.

## 2012-2013 Investments

### Early Childhood Programs

**Albina Early Head Start** ▶ Early Head Start classroom and home-based Early Head Start services; N, NE, SE Portland.

**Friendly House Preschool** ▶ Subsidized preschool for children from low-income families; NW Portland.

**Hacienda CDC** ▶ Home-visit child development services with families in Hacienda locations; N, NE Portland.

**Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization** ▶ Home-visit child development services with immigrants & refugees; citywide.

**Impact Northwest** ▶ Home-visit child development services and kindergarten transition services; NE, SE Portland.

**Latino Network** ▶ Early literacy services with Latino families focusing on pre-kindergarten children and their parents; E Portland.

**Morrison Child & Family Services** ▶ Mental health consultation, parenting education, child mental health outpatient services with 10 childcare sites & preschools; citywide.

**Morrison Child & Family Services Listos Para Aprender** ▶ Home-visit child development services with Latino families; citywide.

**Mt. Hood Community College Head Start** ▶ Early Head Start classroom-based and home-based services; East Portland.

**Neighborhood House Early Oregon Pre-Kindergarten** ▶ Home-based services modeled after Early Head Start; N, NW, SW Portland.

**Neighborhood House Child Care Improvement Project** ▶ Quality improvement and support for in-home childcare providers; SE, SW Portland.

**Peninsula Children's Center** ▶ Childcare quality and affordability for children from low-income families; N, NE Portland.

**Portland Public Schools Head Start** ▶ Three extended-day Head Start classrooms; SE Portland.

*A special Thank You to the children at Albina Early Head Start who appear in this report*



### After-School Programs

**Boys & Girls Clubs of Portland Metropolitan Area** ▶ After-school program and mental health counseling at Club sites; N, NE, outer SE Portland.

**Chess for Success** ▶ After-school chess program at five schools; outer NE, SE Portland.

**Camp Fire USA Portland Metro Council** ▶ After-school academic, recreation and service learning program at three elementary schools; outer SE Portland.

**Ethos Music Center** ▶ After-school music education program at seven schools for students in grades 2-8; N, NE Portland.

**Friendly House** ▶ After-school program for homeless children attending school in NW Portland.

**Girls Inc. of Northwest Oregon** ▶ After-school program for girls focused on youth development at six schools for students ages 8-15; citywide.

**Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization** ▶ After-school program, family services and parent education for immigrants/refugees for students in grades 5-8; SE Portland.

**Impact Northwest** ▶ SUN Community School program for children at Whitman Elementary School and Franklin High School; SE Portland.

**Impact Northwest** ▶ Urban Opportunities program to prepare at-risk youth with accredited workforce employment training and job readiness skills; N, NE, SE Portland.

*10 years of partnering with hundreds of organizations helping children*

**Impact Northwest** ▶ After-school science program at SUN Community Schools in Portland; citywide.

**Metropolitan Family Service** ▶ SUN Community School program at Glenfair Elementary and Parklane Elementary; outer NE, SE Portland.

**NAYA Family Center** ▶ Academic support, cultural and sports after-school program for Native American/Native Alaskan students ages 5-18; citywide.

**Neighborhood House** ▶ SUN Community School program at Jackson Middle School; SW Portland.

**Northwest Family Services** ▶ After-school program for Latino youth at five schools; N, SE Portland.

**Open Meadow** ▶ After-school program offering tutoring, advocacy and leadership training at Madison, Franklin and Roosevelt high schools for 9th and 10th graders.

**Saturday Academy** ▶ After-school enrichment programs at 12 schools in grades 1-8; N, NE, SE Portland.

**Self Enhancement, Inc.** ▶ After-school academic and enrichment services for children in grades 6-8, focused on African-American youth; N, NE Portland.

## Mentoring Programs

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Columbia Northwest** ▶ Community-based, one-to-one mentoring program; citywide, with focus on outer SE Portland.

**Friends of the Children** ▶ Long-term, community-based, one-to-one mentoring program for children grades K-12; citywide.

**Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization** ▶ Community-based one-to-one and group mentoring program for African immigrant youth in middle and high school; NE, SE Portland.

**Impact Northwest** ▶ School and community-based, one-to-one mentoring program; NE, SE Portland.

**Metropolitan Family Service** ▶ One-to-one mentoring program serving seven elementary schools, retirees serve as mentors; N, NE, SE Portland.

**Portland OIC** ▶ School-based mentoring for students attending Rosemary Anderson High School; N Portland.

**SMART** ▶ Literacy mentoring program for children grades K-3 at 14 elementary schools; N, NE, SE Portland.

**Trillium Family Services** ▶ Family-to-child mentoring program for elementary school children; N, NE, SE Portland.

## Child Abuse Prevention and Intervention Programs

**CARES Northwest /Legacy Emanuel Hospital and Health Center** ▶ Assessment services for children with urgent child abuse concerns; citywide.

**Catholic Charities** ▶ Therapeutic intervention services for Latino children of victims of domestic violence; citywide.

**Children's Relief Nursery at LifeWorks NW** ▶ Classroom-based therapeutic care for children ages 0-3, home visits, parenting education and respite care; citywide.

**Impact Northwest** ▶ Therapeutic intervention services for children of victims of domestic violence; citywide.

**Janus Youth Programs/Insights** ▶ Case management, parent education, home visiting and support services for teen parents and their children; citywide.

**LifeWorks NW** ▶ Case management and skills development and violence prevention classes for middle-school age children at risk for abuse; N, NE and SE Portland.

**LifeWorks NW** ▶ Case management and home visiting services for families at risk for child abuse; citywide.

**Pathfinders of Oregon** ▶ Parenting classes, case management and home visiting services for families involved in the criminal justice system or are at risk; citywide.

**Salvation Army/West Women's and Children's Shelter** ▶ Therapeutic intervention services for children of victims of domestic violence; citywide.

**Volunteers of America** ▶ Services for children, youth and parents at the Gateway Center for Domestic Violence Services in East Portland.

**Volunteers of America** ▶ Classroom-based therapeutic care for children ages 0-5, home visits, parenting education and respite care; citywide.

## Foster Care Programs

**Boys & Girls Aid** ▶ Child-specific recruitment services to secure permanent adoptive homes for children in foster care; citywide.

**Children's Relief Nursery at LifeWorks NW** ▶ Comprehensive relief nursery services to support children in foster care and their biological or foster care parents; N, NE Portland.

**Impact Northwest** ▶ Program to provide parent-child development services to children in temporary foster care; NE, SE Portland.

**Janus Youth Programs/Insights** ▶ Case management and parent education for teen mothers and their children, where either the mother and/or the child is in foster care; citywide.

**NAYA Family Center** ▶ Case management and enrichment services for Native American youth in foster care and support for foster parents; citywide.

**Randall Children's Hospital at Legacy Emanuel** ▶ Health coordination and health education services for children in foster care; citywide.

**Self Enhancement, Inc.** ▶ Comprehensive in-school and out-of-school services for African American children in foster care; N, NE Portland.

**Youth Rights & Justice: Attorneys at Law** ▶ Legal representation, advocacy and case management for children in foster care; citywide.



## Leverage Fund Supported Programs

The Leverage Fund includes collaboration grants that support funder-initiated partnerships in Portland Children's Levy funding areas and challenge grants that require dollar-for-dollar matches.

## Collaboration Grants

### Cradle to Career with All Hands Raised

Partners include Living Cities, Wieden & Kennedy, Paul G. Allen Family Foundation and NW Natural.

### Portland State University Trauma Informed Care Project with Impact Northwest and Catholic Charities

Partners include the Gates Foundation and Meyer Memorial Trust.

## Challenge Grants

### Children's Relief Nursery at LifeWorks NW

Eastside Expansion  
Partners include the MJ Murdock Charitable Trust and the Collins Foundation.

### Hacienda CDC Expresiones After-School Program

Partner includes the United Way of the Columbia-Willamette.

### Morrison Child & Family Services Family Sexual Abuse Treatment Program

Partners include Multnomah County and the Oregon Department of Human Services.

### Neighborhood House Sol in New Columbia

Partners include the Housing Authority of Portland and Meyer Memorial Trust.

### Peninsula Children's Center Childcare Quality Indicators Project

Partners include the Templeton Foundation, the Jubitz Foundation, the O.P. and W.E. Edwards Foundation and individual donors.

### Self Enhancement, Inc.

### Parent Involvement Program

Partners include the Ann & Bill Swindells Charitable Trust and Consolidated Supply Co.