



Item:

Strategic Plan Pathway: Programmatic & Funding Realignment Framework

Requested Action:

The Board is asked to:

1. Receive an overview of the program evaluation and decision-making framework

Background:

As part of its commitment to strategic alignment, fiscal responsibility, and maximizing community impact, the Children's Trust has developed a structured, data-driven framework to guide program evaluation and funding decisions.

Framework Overview:

The framework begins by categorizing programs based on contractual structure, distinguishing between committed contracts, which are multi-year and not considered for discontinuation, and annual contracts, which may be reduced or discontinued based on evaluation outcomes. Programs are then evaluated using a standardized 1–5 scoring system across key criteria, including strategic alignment, community need, cost effectiveness, outcomes and data quality, and uniqueness. Each category is weighted to prioritize impact and performance, and total scores guide funding recommendations.

Programmatic Impact:

- **Goal 1:** Children and youth are healthy and have nurturing caregivers and relationships
- **Goal 2:** Children and youth can learn what they need to be successful
- **Goal 3:** Children and youth live in a safe community

Fiscal Impact:

The framework establishes the foundation for funding decisions. Budget recommendations are currently being developed and will be presented following application of this framework.

Attachments:

Strategic Plan Pathway Programmatic and Funding Realignment PowerPoint
Program Evaluation & Funding Decision Tool

Recommendation:

The Board to receive information on framework.