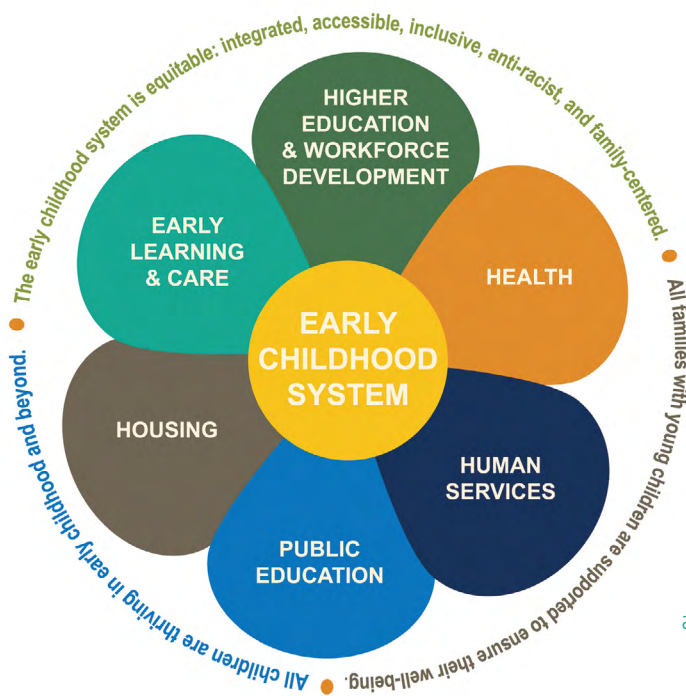


Raise Up Oregon: A Statewide Early Childhood System Plan 2024-2028 Executive Summary

Raise Up Oregon: A Statewide Early Childhood System Plan 2024-2028 is a statewide strategic plan focused on actions that state agencies can use in partnership with families, communities, and the private sector to build a comprehensive early childhood system that achieves the following vision and goals.



Vision: All of Oregon's young children, prenatal to age five, experience an early start that results in positive health, education, and life outcomes regardless of zip code, race, and family income.

System Goal 1: The early childhood system is equitable: integrated, accessible, inclusive, anti-racist, and family centered.

System Goal 2: All families with young children are supported to ensure their well-being.

System Goal 3: All children are thriving in early childhood and beyond.

The early childhood system includes the full set of supports that young children and their families need to grow and thrive. These supports include the areas of physical and mental health, housing, social services, and early learning and care. Because a comprehensive early childhood system must address all these domains and do so in a way that respects and empowers families, *Raise Up Oregon* calls out the specific and collaborative contributions that multiple agencies must commit to building this system. These agencies include the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC), Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC), Oregon Department of Education (ODE), Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS), Oregon Health Authority (OHA), and Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS). The Early Learning Council, appointed by the governor and authorized by the legislature, is charged with coordination of the early childhood system, which includes developing *Raise Up Oregon*, and championing its successful implementation.

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Raise Up Oregon starts from the recognition that access to the supports that young children and their families need and deserve has not been equitably distributed and that state agencies must take deliberate and focused actions to rectify these historical disparities.

Raise Up Oregon recognizes that the state is only a part of the early childhood system and that the early childhood system also includes community partners and families. While the focus of *Raise Up Oregon* is on the commitments that state agencies need to make to build a comprehensive early childhood system, it also recognizes that it is in communities, and with community-based organizations and families themselves, where the most important work happens. Much of *Raise Up Oregon* focuses on specific actions required of agencies to better support and partner with communities and community-based organizations, as well as to empower communities and families more fully as designers of the early childhood system.

The Early Learning Council has the responsibility to coordinate a unified and aligned early childhood system. *Raise Up Oregon* is the roadmap for meeting this obligation based on the following principles:

 <p>Ensure that the early childhood system embeds racial, economic, and geographic equity and inclusion.</p>	 <p>Build an early childhood system inclusive of all children and their families.</p>	 <p>Elevate the voices of communities and families in the design and implementation of the early childhood system.</p>
 <p>Be jointly accountable across all sectors and work together to positively impact outcomes for all young children and their families.</p>	 <p>Ensure equitable and affordable access to culturally responsive, anti-racist services for young children and their families.</p>	 <p>Ensure high-quality implementation and continuous improvement of early childhood policy, program, funding, services, and practices for young children and their families.</p>

The Council is also responsible for monitoring progress in achieving *Raise Up Oregon's* vision. As part of this responsibility, the Council convenes leadership from its six partner agencies to identify their early childhood priorities, facilitate cross-agency collaboration on implementation, and address barriers and opportunities as they arise. The Council will be working with its agency partners to release progress reports based on tracking and monitoring data related to achieving the objectives identified in the plan. The Council will continue to be a champion for *Raise Up Oregon* and Oregon's work to build a comprehensive early childhood system.

RAISE UP OREGON AT-A-GLANCE

SYSTEM GOAL 1: The early childhood system is equitable: integrated, accessible, inclusive, anti-racist, and family centered.

OBJECTIVE 1: Honor and recognize the sovereignty of the nine federally recognized tribal nations within Oregon and ensure strong government-to-government relationships to benefit tribal communities.

OBJECTIVE 2: Multi-agency partnerships are developed at the state and local levels to systematically support improved outcomes and streamlined access for all young children and their families.

OBJECTIVE 3: Early Learning Hubs are leveraged and resourced to advance regional early childhood systems that are equitable, integrated, accessible, inclusive, and family centered.

OBJECTIVE 4: The business, philanthropic, and non-profit communities champion and support the development of the early childhood system.

SYSTEM GOAL 2: All families with young children are supported to ensure their well-being.

OBJECTIVE 5: Families with young children are supported in knowing about and accessing a full range of services that meet their needs and are culturally and linguistically responsive.

OBJECTIVE 6: Families with young children have increased access to economic supports.

OBJECTIVE 7: All families have access to support for their physical, social, emotional, behavioral, and oral health.

OBJECTIVE 8: Families have expanded access to culturally and linguistically responsive and specific family preservation strategies, resources, and programs focused on the prenatal-to-five population.

OBJECTIVE 9: Affordable housing is available statewide for all families with young children.

OBJECTIVE 10: All parents and families are supported and engaged in enabling their children to thrive.

SYSTEM GOAL 3: All children are thriving in early childhood and beyond.

OBJECTIVE 11: Families have access to high-quality, culturally, and linguistically responsive birth-to-five pediatric health care services.

OBJECTIVE 12: Families have access to high-quality, culturally, and linguistically responsive birth-to-five social and emotional supports.

OBJECTIVE 13: Young children with developmental delays and disabilities are identified early and provided with inclusive services to reach their full potential.

OBJECTIVE 14: Families have access to high-quality (culturally responsive, inclusive, developmentally appropriate) and affordable early learning and care that meets their needs.

OBJECTIVE 15: The early childhood workforce is diverse, culturally responsive, high quality, and well compensated.

OBJECTIVE 16: Children and families experience supportive transitions and continuity of services across early learning and care and public education (K-12) settings.

DEVELOPING RAISE UP OREGON

INITIAL PLAN DEVELOPMENT • (Spring 2021-December 2022)

EARLY LEARNING COUNCIL
Community Listening Sessions reach

33 FAMILIES
(Multnomah, Jackson, Josephine Counties)



ANALYZE
70 REPORTS

including needs assessments, community engagement findings, and strategic plans from ODE, ODHS, OHA, OHCS, and ELD/DELIC



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT • (January – April 2023)

EARLY LEARNING HUBS ENGAGE NEARLY

700 diverse families and early childhood professionals/providers throughout Oregon



EARLY LEARNING COUNCIL

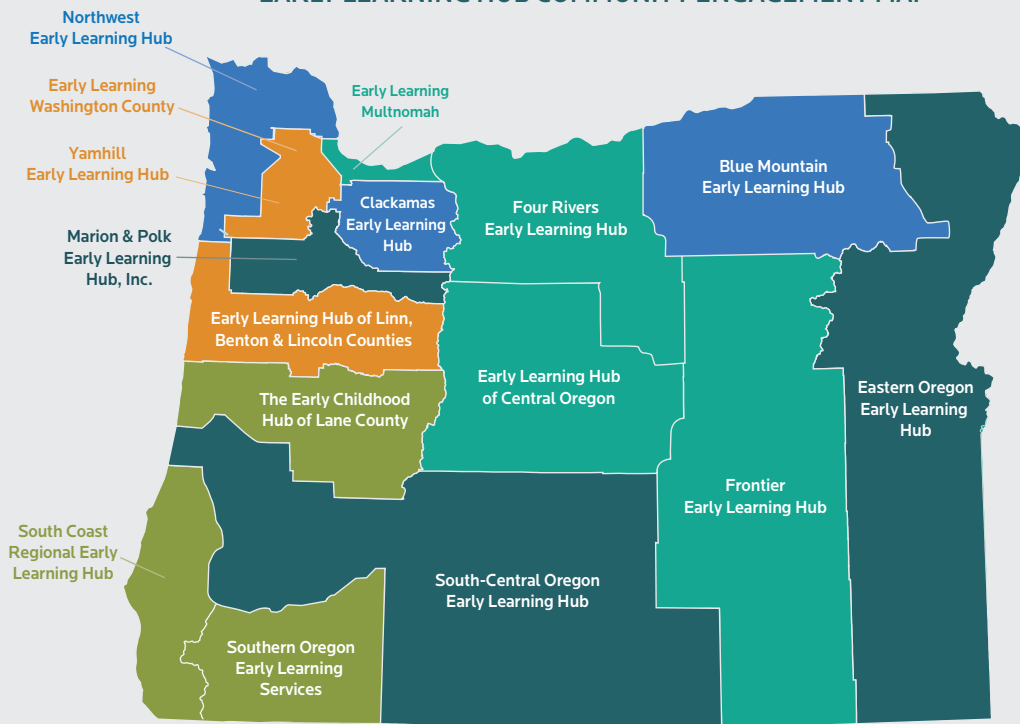
engages business and philanthropy, research partners, home visiting, Tribal Early Learning Alliance, State Interagency Coordinating Council, and Early Learning Hubs

PUBLIC PORTAL GARNERS

60 COMMENTS



EARLY LEARNING HUB COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MAP



- HEALTH:** Linn, Benton & Lincoln Washington Yamhill
- HOUSING:** Lane South Coast Regional Southern Oregon
- HUMAN SERVICES:** Eastern Oregon Marion & Polk South-Central Oregon
- PUBLIC EDUCATION:** Blue Mountain Clackamas Northwest
- EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION:** Central Oregon Four Rivers Frontier Multnomah

PLAN REVISIONS AND ADOPTION • (May-June 2023)

PLAN REVISIONS SHARPEN FOCUS ON:

Anti-racism | Engagement of families in the co-design of programs and services
Social, emotional, and behavioral services | Culturally specific services
Tribal engagement | Rural needs | Community-based family navigation



COUNCIL ADOPTS



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