

DRAFT for TAC Review: TAC OTELA TELH TELP One-Page Information Sheet

2021: In June, the legislature passes HB 2055 which establishes a Tribal Early Learning Hub to coordinate early learning services in tribal communities, and the Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) to advise the Department of Early Learning and Care's governing body, the Early Learning Council, on the design and implementation of the Hub. DELC does not administer Hubs, but contracts with a third-party entity which provides the services.

2022: TAC meets monthly, begins establishing branding for the Hub and in September, decides that the Tribal Early Learning Hub, also known as the Oregon Tribal Early Learning Alliance (OTELA), would be a non-profit organization.

2023: In April, the OTELA branding is finalized, and the decision is made for OTELA not to become a non-profit. Due to constraints with the structure of a Hub that infringe on tribal sovereignty, in October, TAC decides to develop a Tribal Early Learning Plan instead, using the Oregon Department of Education's American Indian Alaska Native Student Success Plan as a starting point, to maintain the G2G relationship. TAC also recommends becoming an early learning subcommittee of the Government-to-Government Education Cluster, so branding is no longer needed.

2024 to present: TAC establishes strategies, goals, and metrics as the framework for the Tribal Early Learning Plan through winter and into the Spring. In February, TAC members are tasked to work with their tribal councils in deciding to move forward with a TELH or TELP/F. In March, TAC members returned with feedback on behalf of their Tribes, with the majority voting in favor of pursuing a TELP/F. An in-person work session was held in April to determine what legislative changes are needed and to define the strategies and desired components of the TELP/F. In May, DELC requested Tribes to appoint two members to the new G2G Subcommittee. DELC submits a legislative concept on behalf of the TAC to revise the current TELH statute and replace it with the Tribal Early Learning Plan and Fund. The proposed bill language was submitted in June.

Through the end of 2024: DELC anticipates the G2G Subcommittee will launch in September. TAC will continue meeting regularly, with a possible work session in October to provide edits as needed to the bill language for the TELP/F once DELC receives the draft back from legislative counsel, which should be on or around 10/25/2024. DELC will have five to seven days to request changes before the language continues to move through the legislative process. Tribal consultation is ongoing, including council feedback requested on the draft bill language during the short turnaround in October.

2025 and on: During the upcoming long legislative session, lasting roughly February through June, TAC and DELC, in partnership with the tribes, will be seeking passage of the TELP/F. Once the TELP/F legislation is in effect, the TAC will sunset and OTELA, the new name for the advisory body overseeing DELC's implementation of the TELP/F will convene.