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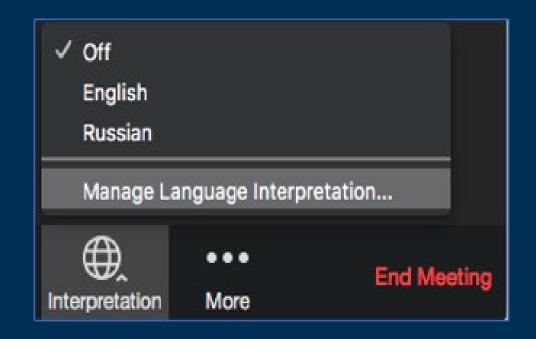
Provider Information Session – September 2024

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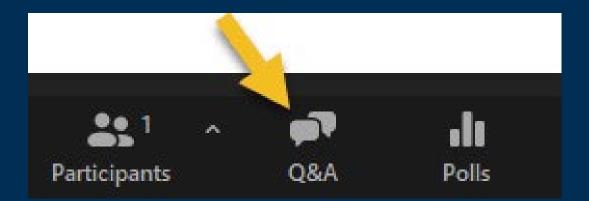
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Question and Answer Feature

- Click the Q&A icon to ask our panelists questions.
- Presione el icono de Preguntas y Respuestas para hacer preguntas a nuestros panelistas.
- Нажмите значок «Вопросы и ответы», чтобы задать вопросы участникам дискуссии.



Agenda

- 2024 Market Price and Supply Study
- Early Childhood Suspension
 & Expulsion Prevention Program
- Agency and Program Updates





Market Price & Supply Study



Purpose of the Study

This study helps to ensure families have equal access to child care.

By participating you are helping Oregon leaders have the information they need to make policy decisions, such as setting subsidy rates and invest in child care supply.

You can also use this information to see how your prices compare to other programs in your area.

How to participate

Call Your Regional CCR&Rs

Look out for email notifications from Find Child Care Oregon's Provider Portal

Watch for mailings to your program about the study

Your program information is not shared with families. It is combined with other providers in the region before reporting.

Questions





Early Childhood Suspension and Expulsion Prevention Program (ECSEPP) Updates

Katrina Miller

Common Questions

- What is the Early Childhood Suspension and Expulsion Prevention Program (ECSEPP) Program?
- What is the warmline? How will it work?
- Frequently Asked Questions



What is the Early Childhood Suspension and Expulsion Prevention Program?

The Early Childhood Suspension and Expulsion Prevention Program (ECSEPP) is a program to:

- <u>increase</u> the supports that are available to educators and early learning programs
- with a specific focus on providing support when an educator or program is dealing with challenging situations with children.

It creates a simple way to ask for support

It creates access to a new type of support service – Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation

It enhances coordination between the organizations that provide support to educators and programs

What Is the Warmline Process?

Step One: Educator submits a simple "request for support" online.

Step Two: Within 1-2 business days*, a Technical Assistance (TA) provider or Consultant from the state or local region calls the educator to gather more information.

Step Three: The request for support is assigned to a TA provider or an Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant (IECMHC).

Step Four: The TA provider or IECMHC provides ongoing, onsite support to the educator/program for a period of 3-9 months.*

*Decisions around specific time frames still need to be finalized. Length of services will vary based on the individual situation.

What will happen if a child's parent or family member is abusive or unsafe toward educators?

- The focus of the program is to provide support to educators.
- Educators are not expected to submit to abusive or unsafe behavior from a parent or family member.
- The focus of the legislation is on preventing suspension and expulsion based on the child's behaviors, disability, or other perceived needs.

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What will happen to programs if the parent or family does not pay their bill?

The goal of the program is to provide support to educators so they can support children and families.

It is not intended to require programs to provide care when they are not paid.

Educators will be allowed to unenroll a child without it being considered an expulsion if the parent/family does not pay their bill.

What will happen if an educator wants to ask for support but the parent/family do not agree?

The goal of the program is to provide support to educators. A request for support may be made at any time that an educator feels they need support with a child or group of children.

Some services will require parental consent, but other services will not. Educators can ask for help as they work on strong communication with families.

After making a request for support, the first person who talks with the educator will help to determine which services best meet the needs of the situation.

What will happen if an early learning program suspends or expels a child without seeking help from the ECSEPP?

The intent of the program is to provide support to educators in order to support children.

CCLD will address violations of the rule by first ensuring the provider has access to supportive services to prevent future suspensions or expulsions.

Child Care Licensing Division (CCLD) will use the same progressive enforcement strategy used for other non-serious licensing violations.

Violations of the Suspension and Expulsion rules will be addressed as "nonserious", which means first time violations can be addressed through technical assistance and education.

What will happen if a new child comes to an early learning program and the educator/early learning program doesn't think they can support the child?

Anytime that an early learning program or educator is worried that they cannot support a child, they should submit a warmline request.

It is okay to submit a warmline request even if the child has not yet started in your care if there is reason to believe the program will need support right from the beginning.

Accomplishments

- Early Childhood Suspension and Expulsion Prevention Program (ECSEPP) Advisory Committee is meeting monthly
 - The committee provides feedback on important parts of the ECSEPP as it is being developed
 - Committee is made up of 17 people representing family members, center-based child care, family child care, technical assistance providers, CCR&Rs, Early Learning Hubs, advocates, and early learning system leaders
- Expansion of the Pyramid Model
 - DELC has sponsored "Trainer of Trainer" events to expand the number of Pyramid Model trainers in each region

Accomplishments

- Regional Service Providers (RSPs) established
 - RSPs will provide infant and early childhood mental health consultation
 - 14 organizations (in 13 regions) have received funding
 - 2 more regions are in-process
 - All regions are currently in a planning phase (services have not started yet)

A Central Entity is established

- DELC has contracted with the Oregon Infant Mental Health Association (ORIMHA) to be the Central Entity to provide support to Regional Service Providers as they get ready to provide IECMH Consultation
- Offering Communities of Practice and trainings in IECMH Consultation
- Strengthening workforce pathways to expand the IECMH Consultation workforce

What Is Coming Next?

- Regional Service Providers will begin offering Infant and Early
 Childhood Mental Health Consultation services
 - Timeline varies between regions; start of services will occur in the next 3-12 months.
- Warmline development is in process
 - DELC program staff are working closely with DELC IT staff to create a simple and easy-to-access way to request support
 - Expected to be available by July 2025



Agency & Program Updates

Child Care Infrastructure Fund

The Child Care Infrastructure Fund Program application period is open now. Applications are due no later than 4:59 p.m. PST on September 30, 2024.

For those interested in applying, please review all of the application support materials on Business Oregon's website to make sure that your proposed project will be eligible. These support materials are available in English, Spanish, Russian, Chinese, and Vietnamese:

Request for Grant Application Program Guidelines Scoring Rubric Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Project Checklist Business Oregon's CCIF Webpage

Child Care Infrastructure Fund

Many questions you may have about the application or your proposed project are answered in the CCIF application support materials from the previous slide.

If you can't find the answer in the support materials or need specific Technical **Assistance** to prepare to apply, please contact TA providers First Children's Finance and Northwest Native Chamber. Northwest Native Chamber Email: <u>CCIFSupport@nwnc.org</u> (503) 894-4525 Website: <u>Child Care Infrastructure Fund - Northwest</u> Native Chamber (nwnc.org) CCIF Application Support Webinar can be found at the above link!

First Children's Finance

Email: <u>infoOregon@firstchildrensfinance.org</u> (612) 279-6504

Website: <u>Oregon - First Children's Finance</u> (firstchildrensfinance.org)



First Children's Finance (FCF) Oregon Child Care Sustainability Survey

- Survey Launch: September 11, 2024
- Goal: Understand financial and operational challenges
- **Topics:** Workforce, facilities, funding, and more
- Impact: Inform programs and initiatives
- Incentive: Gift card to first 100 verified responses

Stay tuned and make your voice heard!

Family Child Care Rule Revision Timeline and Engagement Milestones



Proposed effective date of July 1, 2025

Provider Management Platform October Engagement Opportunities

DELC is designing a new Online Provider Management Platform that will integrate CCLD licensing and the ERDC program into one system. While we are designing this new Online Provider Management Platform, we want to hear what would be helpful to you to manage your own ERDC and Licensing in this new online system.

- Licensed Exempt ERDC providers Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (interpretation available)
- Certified and Registered Family providers Thursday, October 10, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (interpretation available)
- Certified Centers & School Age programs Thursday, October 24, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

You can register <u>here</u>. (Information also available in the Child Care Update newsletter)

CCLD Inspection Feedback Form

Please provide feedback to Child Care Licensing Division (CCLD) in order to improve our processes and training efforts!

The CCLD Inspection Feedback Form is now available on our website. For Providers > Provider Resources > Child Care Licensing Division



Staff names should NOT be used on this form; this form is not to be used for complaints about specific staff. If you have a concern about a specific CCLD staff, please call your local CCLD regional manager or customer service line at 1-800-556-6616



In an effort to recognize child care providers across the state of Oregon for their exceptional work the Oregon Legislature has allocated an annual \$500 payment to eligible child care providers in 2024 and 2025!

The application can be found when you log into your <u>myORO</u>

Are you eligible?

- 1. Working for at least 90 days at 10 hours a week in the calendar year
- Currently working in a licensed Oregon child care facility <u>or</u> in a license exempt or recorded program <u>or</u> as a family, friend, neighbor care receiving ERDC
- 3. Have a <u>myORO</u> account

For more information: Website: Workforce Recognition Information Website Email: occdrecognition@pdx.edu



Oregon Child Care Workforce Recognition Payment Program

The application can be found when you log into your myORO

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TIMELINE OF APPLICATION PROCESS			
STEP 1		STEP 2	STEP 3
Apply to Program	Respond to PaymentWorks Email Invitation	All requests for information must be resolved	Payment Distribution for all applications completed by November 15
May - October 15	Fill out upon receiving	by November 15	Within 45 business days

For more information: Website: Workforce Recognition Information Website Email: occdrecognition@pdx.edu

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