

EARLY LEARNING

Ways & Means Education Subcommittee April, 2015

Requested Early Learning Investments

- Kindergarten Partnership and Innovation Fund
 - **GRB:** \$5 million
- Preschool
 - GRB: \$29.8 million
- Home Visiting (family support and coaching)
 GRB: \$10 million
- Early Intervention/ Early Childhood Special Education
 - GRB: \$15 million

Kindergarten Partnership and Innovation Fund

3



Kindergarten Partnership and Innovation

- David Douglas School District
- Early Learning Hub, Inc. (Marion and Polk Counties)
- Early Learning Multhomah
- □ Echo School District
- Forest Grove School District
- Frontier Oregon Early Learning Services Hub (Grant and Harney Counties)
- High Desert ESD
- □ Intermountain ESD
- □ Lane Early Learning Alliance
- Malheur ESD
- Neah-Kah-Nie School District
- Oregon City School District
- Northwest Family Services (Clackamas County)
- South Central Early Learning Hub (Douglas, Klamath, and Lake Counties)
- Southern Oregon Early Learning Services (Jackson and Josephine Counties)
- Yamhill County Early Learning Hub

16 funded
projects
125
elementary
schools
9,000
children
impacted

Engaging Families as Partners

- 5
- Parents who participated in Partnership & Innovation family engagement activities report the positive impact of participating in these programs, including:
 - 74% feel confident in their ability to support their child's reading at home.
 - 91% feel confident in their ability to support their child's math skills.
 - 94% are confident that their child is ready for kindergarten.

Strengthening Practices for Educators

Examples:

- Professional learning teams consisting of child care providers, Pre-K, Head Start and K-3 teachers
- Focus on social and emotional development
- Partnerships with community based organizations to implement culturally relevant family engagement practices

Supporting Successful Transitions

- □ Examples:
 - Expanded access to Ready! for K program
 - Expansion of Kids in Transition to School (KITS) program
 - ESD, child care, pre-K and families partner to launch homegrown kindergarten transition camp

Roseburg: *READY! for Kindergarten* Program & District-Run Pre-K



Neah-Kah-Nie: District-Run Pre-K



Forest Grove: Echo Shaw Elementary School Bilingual Pre-K Program



Eastern Oregon Early Learning Hub: Summer Kindergarten Transition Camp (all students)





Eastern Oregon Early Learning Hub: Summer Kindergarten Transition Camp (Hispanic students)



12

Lane County: Kids in Transition to School (KITS)



Changes in Percentage of Children At-Risk for Reading Difficulties: Letter Name Fluency

Lane County: Kids in Transition to School (KITS)



Changes in Percentage of Children At-Risk for Reading Difficulties: Initial Sound Fluency

Lane County: Kids in Transition to School (KITS)

Beginning of KITS

15

End of KITS

■ 50% or Below Correct



on Self-Regulation Task

Kindergarten Partnership and Innovation Fund

□ This year (2014-15):

\$4 million in existing dollars

Request (2015-17):
 \$5 million



Oregon Pre-Kindergarten

- 13,762 children served
- 62% of eligible population
- 2,630 children on waitlist
- Funding:
 \$127,909,979

- Eligibility:
 - 3 & 4 years old
 - Living in poverty or some children with disabilities over income limit

OPK Funding History



General Fund

Preschool Request

- 20
- □ \$29.8 million for mixed-delivery model
- □ 1/3 to go to Oregon Pre-Kindergarten
 - Would reach an additional 22% of children on waitlists
- Expand publicly-funded preschool sites to include
 - OPK
 - Child Care
 - Community Based Organizations
 - Elementary Schools

Value of High Quality Preschool

21



Preschool:
 \$8,500 per child

Oregon Youth
 Authority:
 \$79,000 per
 year

Mixed Delivery Preschool

If passed:

- □ 1,500 additional children served
- 8,790 total children served by state funded preschool

Mixed Delivery Preschool Features

- Groundwork for serving all eligible children in high quality publicly funded preschool
- Expands eligibility from 100% to 200% of the federal poverty level
- Builds on existing community capacity
- Coordination with Early Learning Hubs
- Collaboration across preschool settings
- Mixed-income classrooms
- Immediate funding for OPK, mixed delivery starting 16-17 school year
- Immediate focus on rules, monitoring protocol and selecting pilot sites

Mixed Delivery Preschool Funds

- 24
- □ \$29.8 million to fund 1,500 slots
- \$640,000 in ELD administrative and infrastructure costs (\$360,000 one-time start-up costs)

Oregon Pre-Kindergarten Impact

100% 90% 80% 70% 60% Entire Program ■ Hispanic/Latino 50% Black English Language Learners 40% Child on IFSP 30% 20% 10% 0% fall spring winter

Language

Oregon Pre-Kindergarten Impact

26

Social Emotional



27 Home Visiting

Family Support and Coaching

Home Visiting (Family Support and Coaching)

- 2,470 families received support and coaching this biennium through Healthy Families Oregon
- In 2013, services expanded from only first-births to subsequent births (with no additional funding)
- 1,100 eligible families turned away because of lack of funding to serve them
- □ Estimate currently serving 15% of eligible families
- □ Request: \$10 million to address service gap

Home Visiting (Family Support and Coaching)

Outcomes

- Children served are 2.5 times less likely to be maltreated
- Mothers who enroll prenatally are less likely to have low birth weight babies
- Children served are more likely to receive their immunizations
- Parents report less stress and reading more often to their children

This is a program that nationally is shown to reduce behavior challenges and increase cognitive development. In New York for example, the program showed a 27% reduction in special education needs by age 7.

Home Visiting (Family Support and Coaching)

- □ Value:
 - Clear demand and increasing need (maltreatment cases)
 - Proven to reduce foster care placements

Home Visiting = \$4,600/child Child Welfare Case = \$29,000

31 Early Intervention/ Early Childhood Special Education

Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education

32

2013-2015 Current Service Level Funding for EI/ECSE Programs/Student Services

Program	State General Fund	State Funds as Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
EI/ECSE	\$146.4m	\$O	\$28m	\$174.4m

Governor's Requested Budget: \$15 million additional

EI/ECSE – Facts About Services

- Early childhood special education is federally mandated; early intervention is state-mandated (ORS 343.455 through 343.534).
- Local programs provide services through nine regional ESDs and Oregon school districts. ODE staff administer contracts, monitor performance under the contracts, provide technical assistance, and collect data on the programs.
- Serves infants, toddlers, and preschoolers (birth to school age) who have disabilities or developmental delays; goal is to address disability through early intervention and increase school readiness; also provides community resources for families
- Caseload has grown since the 1990s; served average of 11,108 children in 2013-14
- \$7,419 annual allocation per child in 2013-15 (an increase of only 5.3% in 10 years)

El/ECSE Caseload Growth: 2010-2014 (April Actuals)



EI/ECSE Program Funding History

35



EI/ECSE Program Investments

- Program Improvement: Increased services-funding has not kept pace with the cost of services; collaboration to implement state-wide developmental screening.
- Program Growth: Anticipated increase in numbers of children receiving services based on statewide implementation of developmental screening.
- Program Enhancement: Focused teaching of social emotional and approaches to learning skills.

Funding for EI/ECSE Programs

- The greatest cost of the program is personnel, funding has not kept pace with personnel compensation.
- Comparison 2003-05 to 2013-15 total funding allocated per child.
 - \$7048 allocation per child in 2003-05
 - \$7419 estimated allocation in 2013-15
- □ Comparison 2003-05 to 2013-15 teacher salaries
 - \$66,426 average compensation for 2003-05
 - \$88,848 average compensation for 2013-15

Growth in EI/ECSE Programs

38

 A developmental screener was adopted by the state with training of child care providers starting in fall 2014; anticipate more children will be eligible for EI/ECSE services.

Estimate of Additional Children Eligible for El/ECSE Services with Full Implementation of Statewide Developmental Screening

Developmental Screening							
Percentage of	EI (birth to age 3)	ECSE (age 3 to K)	К	1 st Grade			
Population							
2012 (Actual)	2.79%	6.90%	7.61%	9.3%			
% Anticipated							
with Full	7%	7% to 9%					
Implementation							

Enhancement to Increase Social-Emotional and Approaches to Learning Skills – State Improvement Plan

If ODE provides technical assistance and financial support for EI/ECSE programs to fully implement evidence-based strategies targeting social emotional and approaches to learning skills,

And, if EI/ECSE programs implement, with fidelity, evidence-based strategies for teaching social emotional and approaches to learning skills,

Then, an increased percentage of young children with disabilities will demonstrate growth in social emotional and approaches to learning skills and enter school ready to learn.

