



# EARLY CHILDHOOD EQUITY FUND



LatinoNetwork

# Equity Fund: Background

- In 5 Oregon counties, the majority of 0-5 year olds are children of color
- 36.5 % of babies born in Oregon are children of color



- Oregon's children of color continue to experience gaps in access and opportunity
- Oregon currently does not invest intentionally in early childhood programs designed and led by communities of color

# Equity Fund: Opportunity



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- HB 3069 creates an Early Childhood Equity Fund to invest in culturally specific early childhood programs that are **getting positive results** for kids and families of color
- Consider these results from Latino Network's Juntos Aprendemos program:
  - ✓ 90% of children make measurable gains in kindergarten readiness skills
  - ✓ 90% of parents report significant changes in family literacy activities and parent engagement
- Organizations led by communities of color in Oregon are poised and ready to close the opportunity gap:



- Latino Network
- Black Parent Initiative
- Kairos PDX
- Native American Youth & Family Center
- And more...



# Equity Fund: Promise

