Early Childhood Education: Early Learning Division
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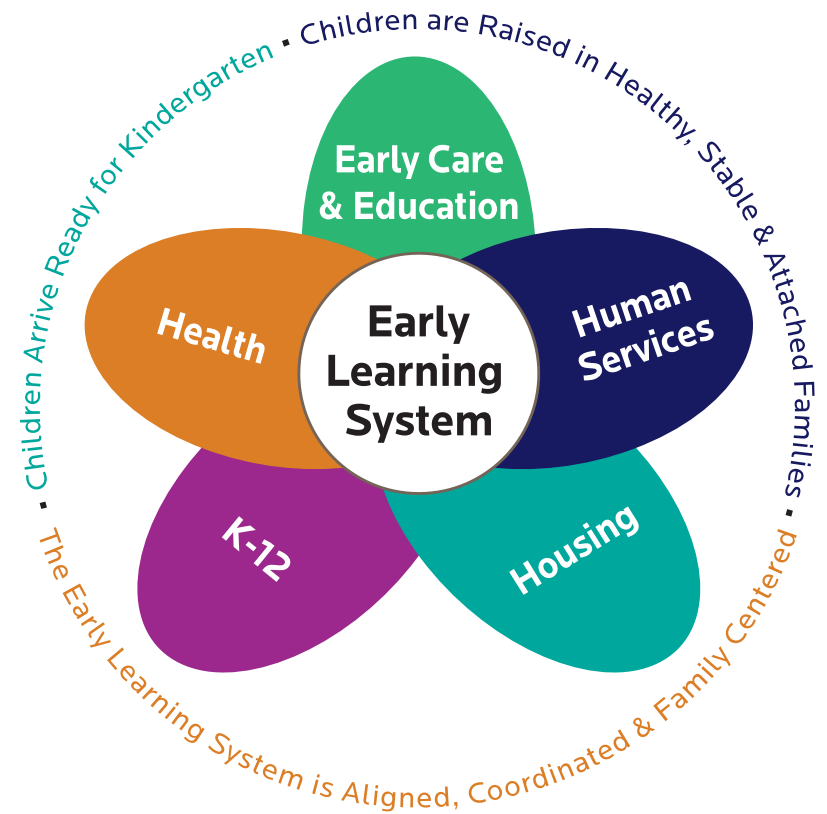
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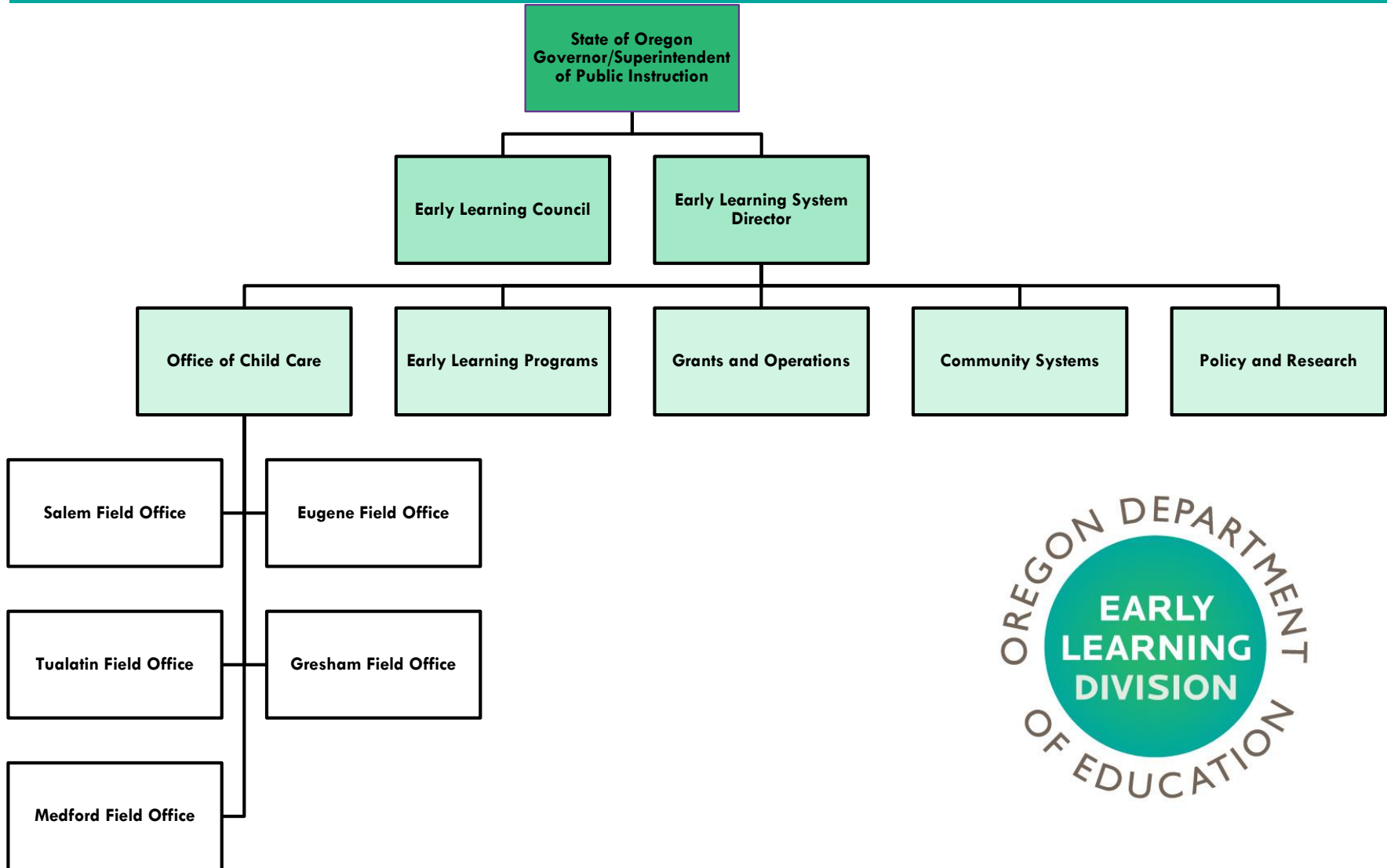# Early Learning Division Purpose

History and Mission
The Early Learning Division (ELD) was created in 2013 alongside the Early Learning Council (ELC) to coordinate and elevate an early learning system and consolidate early learning programs.

The ELD supports all of Oregon's young children and families to learn and thrive.
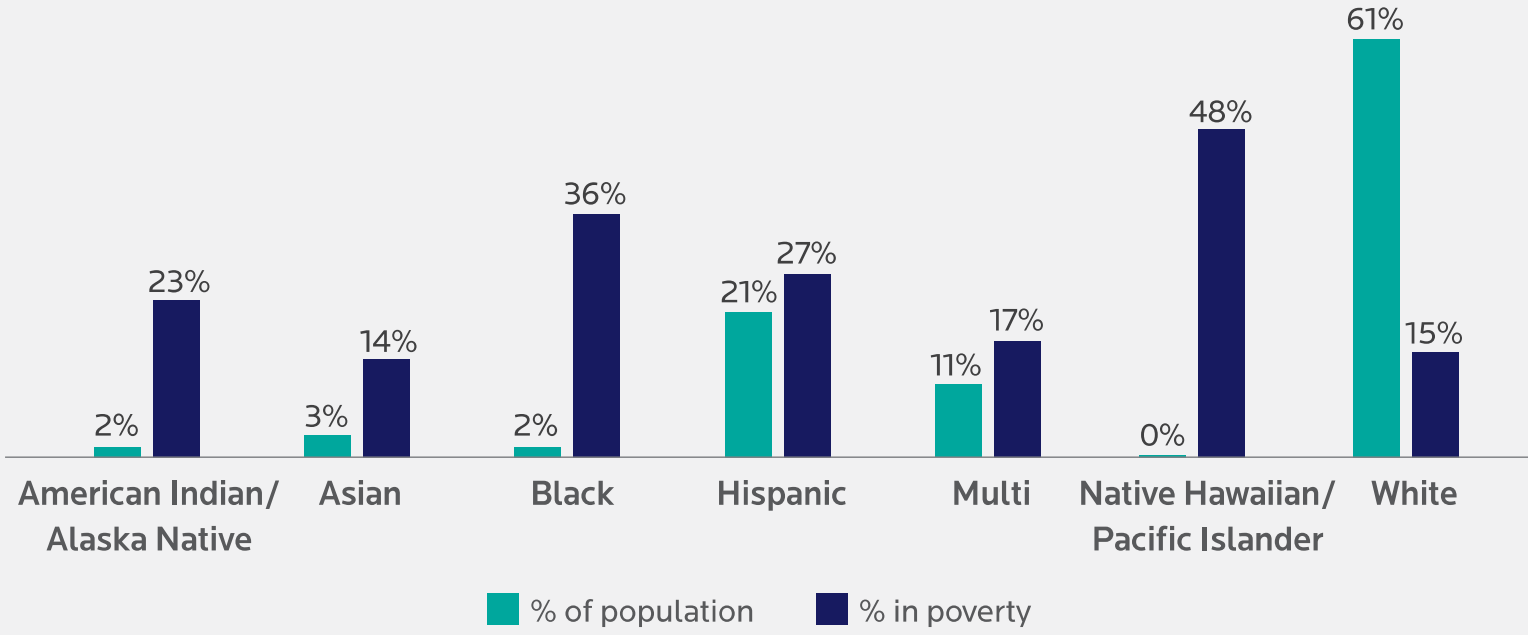
Organizational Structure

Focus on historically underserved children, families, and communities

Of 230,000 children under 5 in Oregon:

Racial and economic disparities emerge early.

Figure 3. Oregon children under 5: percent of population and percent in poverty by racial/ethnic groups[x]

Racial/ethnic group	% of population	% in poverty
American Indian/Alaska Native	2%	23%
Asian	3%	14%
Black	2%	36%
Hispanic	21%	27%
Multi	11%	17%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%	48%
White	61%	15%

Legend: ▇ % of population ▇ % in poverty

And the providers who care and educate them....

Approx. 25,000 early childhood educators across Oregon work in B-5 settings: child care centers, homes, schools, Head Start

29% people of color

$8-$35/ hour

13 – 31% bilingual or non-English speaking

35% BA+

25% turnover

Early Learning Division Programs

Child Care and Preschool

- Oregon Prekindergarten
- Preschool Promise
- Child Care Licensing
- Spark
- Child Care Lead Agency

Early Childhood Workforce

- Professional Development
- Oregon Registry Online
- Education Awards
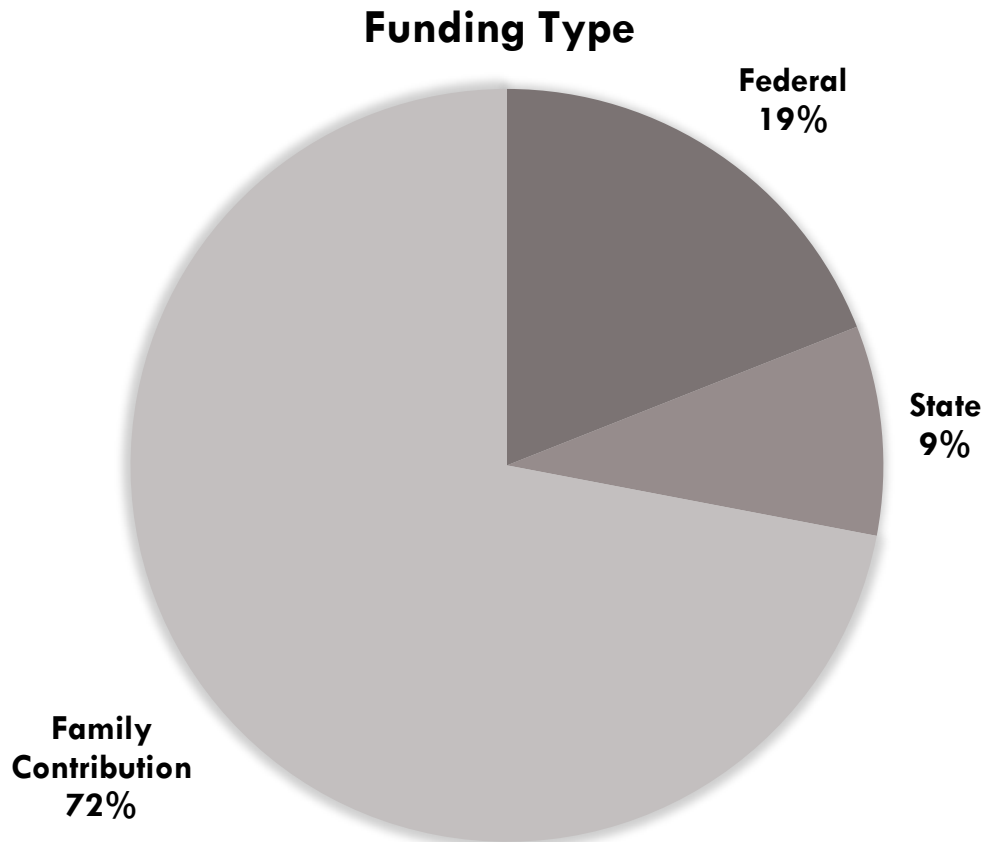
Family Supports

- Healthy Families Oregon
- Relief Nurseries
- 211 (Child Care Referral)
- Vroom Parenting Education Initiative

Kindergarten Transitions

- Kindergarten Partnership and Innovation Fund

16 regional Early Learning Hubs work across traditional sector boundaries to align and coordinate early learning programs and services in their communities.

ECE is predominately a market system, and revenue sources shape the market

Funding Type

Federal
19%

State
9%

Family
Contribution
72%
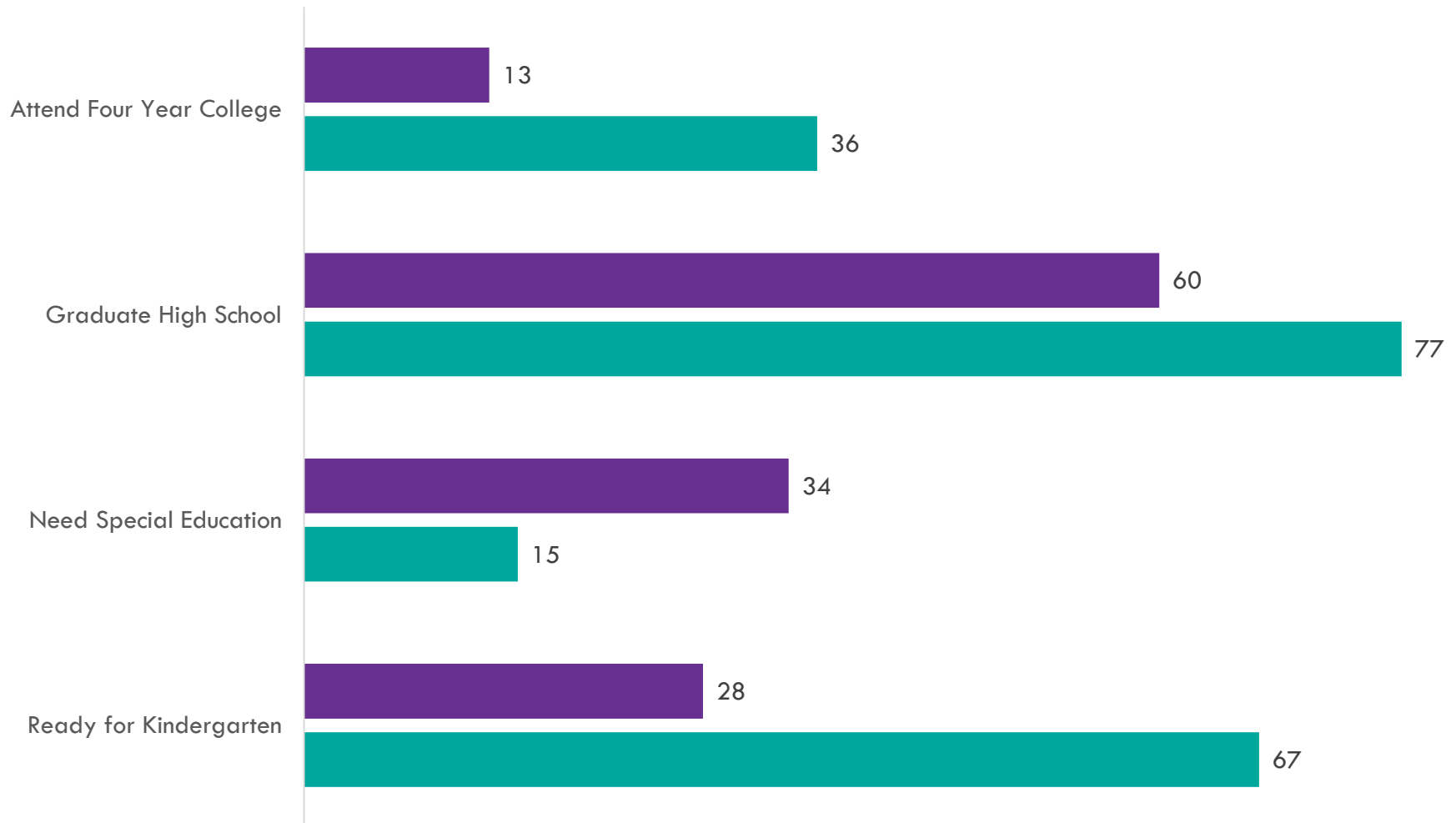
SOURCE: WEBER & PRATT, OHSU, 2018

- ✓ **30,000 preschoolers in low-income families cannot access preschool**
- ✓ **1 available child care slot for every 8 infants in almost every community in Oregon**
- ✓ **Gap between what parents can afford and the cost of delivering quality care**

Access to ECE improves educational outcomes and attainment

Legend: ■ No High-Quality Early Learning ■ High-Quality Early Learning

Attend Four Year College
- No High-Quality Early Learning: 13
- High-Quality Early Learning: 36

Graduate High School
- No High-Quality Early Learning: 60
- High-Quality Early Learning: 77

Need Special Education
- No High-Quality Early Learning: 34
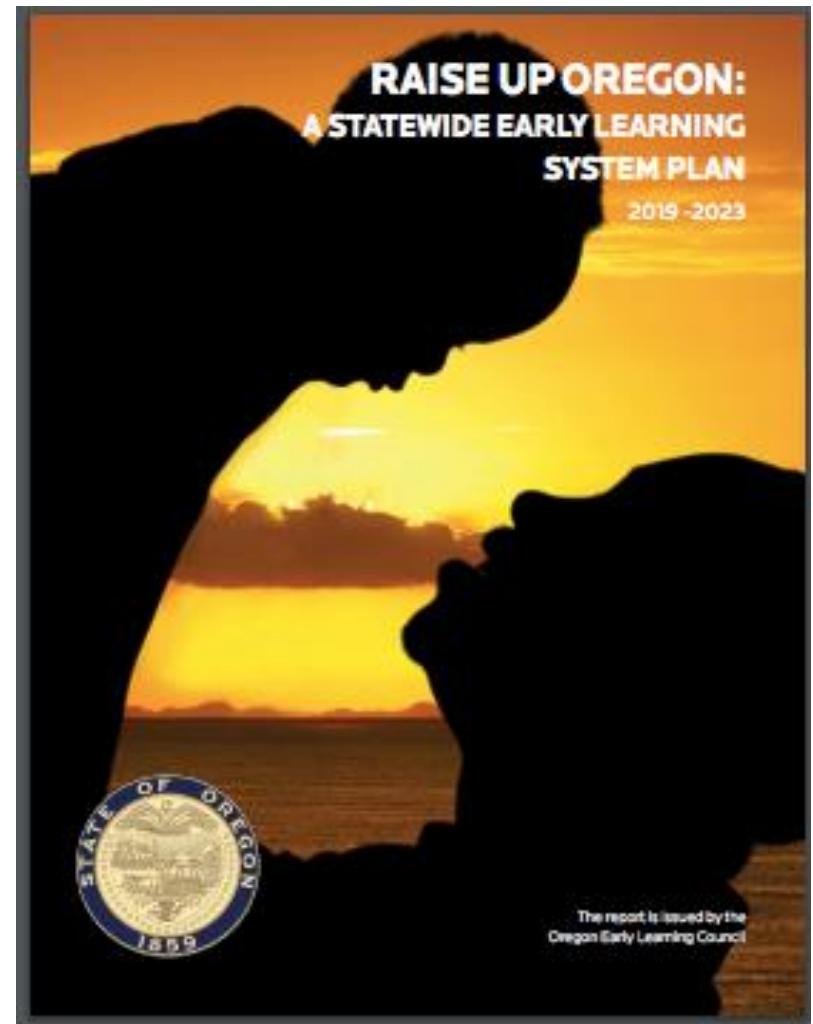- High-Quality Early Learning: 15

Ready for Kindergarten
- No High-Quality Early Learning: 28
- High-Quality Early Learning: 67

ELD 2019 Selected Initiatives

- Raise Up Oregon
- Preschool Development Grants Birth to Five
- Baby Promise (pilot)

Questions?