



2021 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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CROSS-CUTTING

1. Ensure availability of direct contracting with local organizations and culturally specific organizations across all agencies as part of a strategy for deepening the partnerships between the state and local community based organizations
2. Reduce silos for accessing services across the various agencies, services and systems by supporting local partnerships, including Early Learning Hubs

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION

3. Advance an independent early learning state agency focusing on early care and education, bringing together the disparate early care and education programs scattered in ELD, ODHS and ODE
4. Consolidate governance and funding for childcare subsidy (ERDC) into ELD
5. Expand access to mental health consultation in early care and education in order to strengthen social-emotional supports and reduce suspension and expulsion
6. Develop a diverse, culturally responsive, high-quality ECE workforce
7. Increase the supply of quality, affordable, culturally responsive child care
8. Adopt new models for funding for early care and education, based on the cost of services, including a living wage for providers
9. Protect funding and COVID-related policy changes in ERDC
10. Expand Baby Promise, Early Childhood Equity Fund, Oregon Pre-Kindergarten and Preschool Promise
11. Create a Tribal Hub
12. Identify resources for early care and education facilities

HOUSING

13. Co-locate early childhood facilities and affordable housing
14. Expand the ability to use housing dollars to contract with community-based organizations

HEALTH

15. Establish a behavioral/mental health workforce for families with young children
16. Continue to grow Universally Offered Home Visiting for all new parents

HUMAN SERVICES

17. Include early childhood supports in Families First plan
18. Provide preventive parenting support services to reduce child welfare referrals
19. Support ONE Eligibility System

K-12

20. Establish shared professional practice between ECE and K-12
21. Expand Early Intervention / Early Childhood Special Education (EI/ECSE)