

Child Care Resource and Referral

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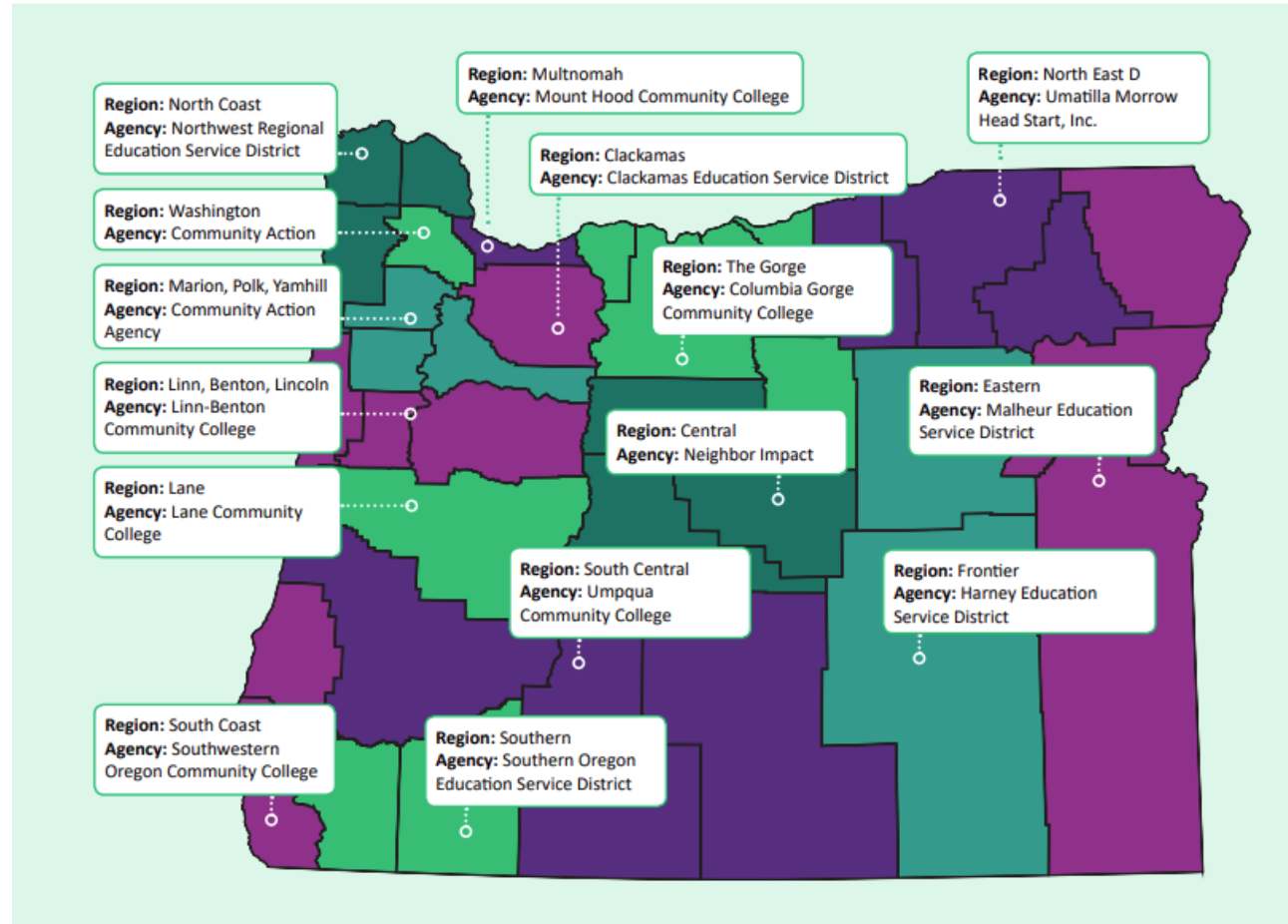
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HOW WE FIT INTO OREGON'S EARLY LEARNING SYSTEM



15 CCRR's in Oregon



The Role of CCRR in Oregon's Early Learning System

- Serve as community experts for child care systems and the Early Learning Workforce
- Promote the health, safety and development of young children in all types of child care settings so that children arrive at school ready to learn
- Recruit, train and coach in order to promote retention of a high quality, diverse Early Learning and Child Care Workforce
- Provide a variety of professional development and continuing education opportunities for the diverse workforce
- Prioritize support for underserved Early Educators specifically those serving families who are on ODHS subsidies
- Work hand in hand with Early Learning Hubs to assess community needs and collaborate on early learning system goals

Child Care Supply Building

- Assisting new child care providers with the start-up process.
- Helping providers meet licensing requirements.
- Offering low-cost or free trainings in topics like health and safety, child development, and sound business practices.
- Working with local and state governments and the private sector to leverage resources for building and maintaining the supply of quality child care.
- Building community awareness and collaborative actions to support operating a child care business

Technical Assistance

- Helping early educators navigate the early learning system
 - Emergency Grant Assistance
 - Support to become listed with ODHS for subsidies
 - Directing or providing access to financial supports for early educators
- Maintaining current data on child care to support child care referral system
- Supported vaccination access to meet the needs of providers - especially for BIPOC communities

Professional Development

- Stand Alone Training to meet specific needs and continuing education requirements
- State Webinars
- Cohort Training
- Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential
- Pathways to College Degrees

Quality Improvement

- Spark - Oregon's Quality Rating and Improvement System
- Environmental Rating Scales (ERS)
- Coaching
- Focused Child Care Networks - Peer Learning

Child Care is the profession that makes all other professions possible

Questions??

Thank you