



Employment Related Day Care

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What we do

Self-Sufficiency Programs (SSP) serve Oregonians of all ages through a variety of programs and partnerships. Benefits and services offered provide a safety net of services, family stability and a connection to careers aimed at reducing poverty in Oregon and stopping the cycle of poverty for the next generation.

110,300 kids
live in poverty

1 in 6 kids
go hungry because
there is a struggle to put
food on the table

1,590
homeless youth
in Oregon

Authority

ERDC is a federal and state funded program

65%

**Federal
Funding**

- Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) provides States, Indian tribes, and territories with funding to provide childcare services for low-income working families. CCDF is also known as the Child Care and Development Block Grant.
- Regulations are outlined in 45 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 98

35%

**State
Funding**

- State funding comes from SSP's General Fund. General Funds are used to pay for any state policies not allowed under CCDF.
- State authority lies in ORS 329A.500.

What is the Child Care Development Fund?

The Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) supports low-income working families by improving access to:

- Affordable childcare
- High-quality early care; and
- Afterschool programs.

The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) is the lead agency for the CCDF and holds an Interagency Agreement with the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) where CCDF is transferred for the purpose of running the Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) program.

Who is eligible?

Working families

Most families served are single parents with one or two children

Current ERDC families

Childcare support can continue while a parent is on medical leave or for three months of job search due to loss of employment

Initial income	Exit income
185% FPL or \$3,349 for a family of 3	85% SMI/250% FPL or \$4,956 for a family of 3

Federal Poverty Level (FPL) / State Median Income (SMI)

How does ERDC work?

ERDC provides a childcare subsidy

Families pay a copay – *determined by family size and income*

Families choose a provider – *providers must be or become ODHS approved*

7,488

Current ERDC families

\$636

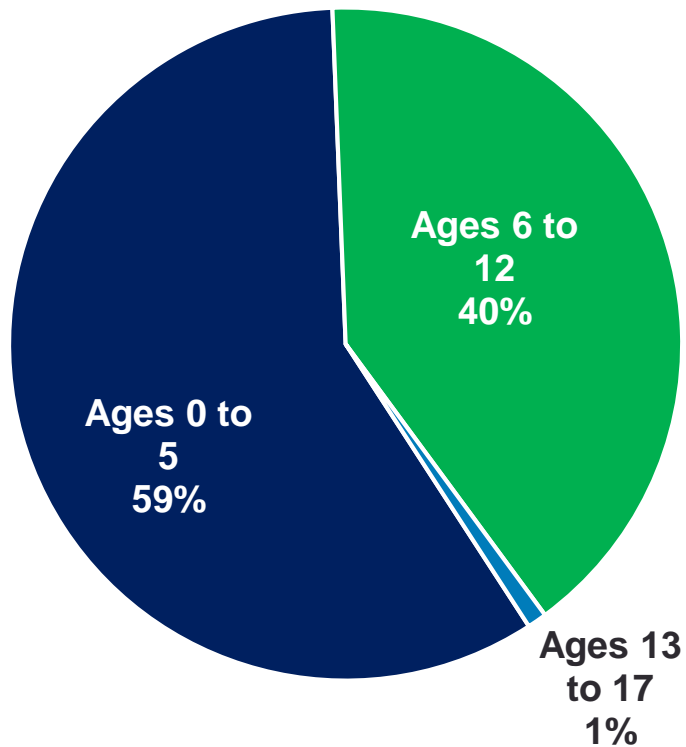
Average subsidy
paid per child

12,800

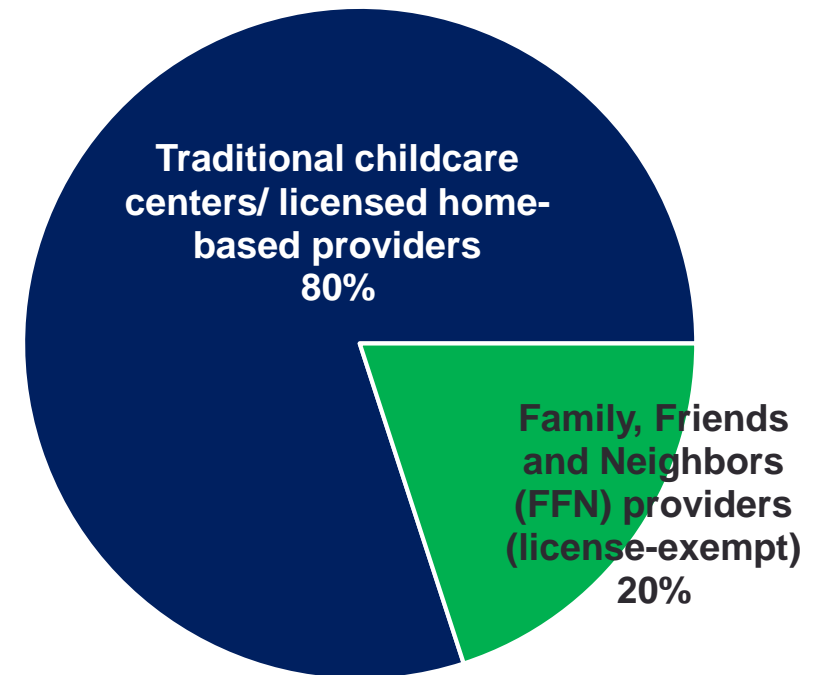
Current number of children

Children and Providers

Ages of children served



Provider types used



Innovation and Flexibility: COVID-19 Response

To help support families and childcare providers during the state of emergency, ODHS implemented the following changes. *Changes began in March 2020 and will continue through at least March 2021.*

Changes for Families

- Copays reduced to \$0 for families applying for or recertifying benefits. The copay will remain \$0 until the family recertifies again in 12 months.
- Initial income limit increased to match exit income limit
- Families can apply for or recertify benefits over the phone

Changes for Providers

- Allow childcare providers to bill for children who are absent due to COVID-19
- Allow facilities to bill in the event of a temporary shutdown due to COVID-19
- Changes to in-person activities required during the provider listing process

ODHS is collaborating with the Early Learning Division to communicate information about vaccines to providers

Thank You
