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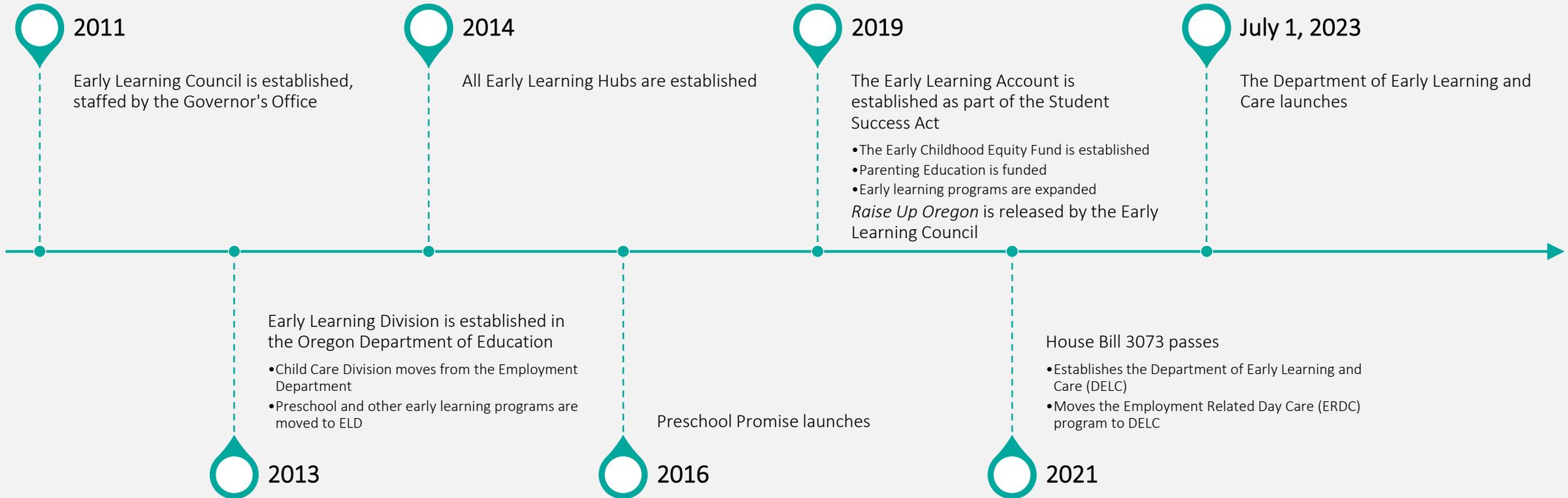
# House Early Childhood & Human Services Committee

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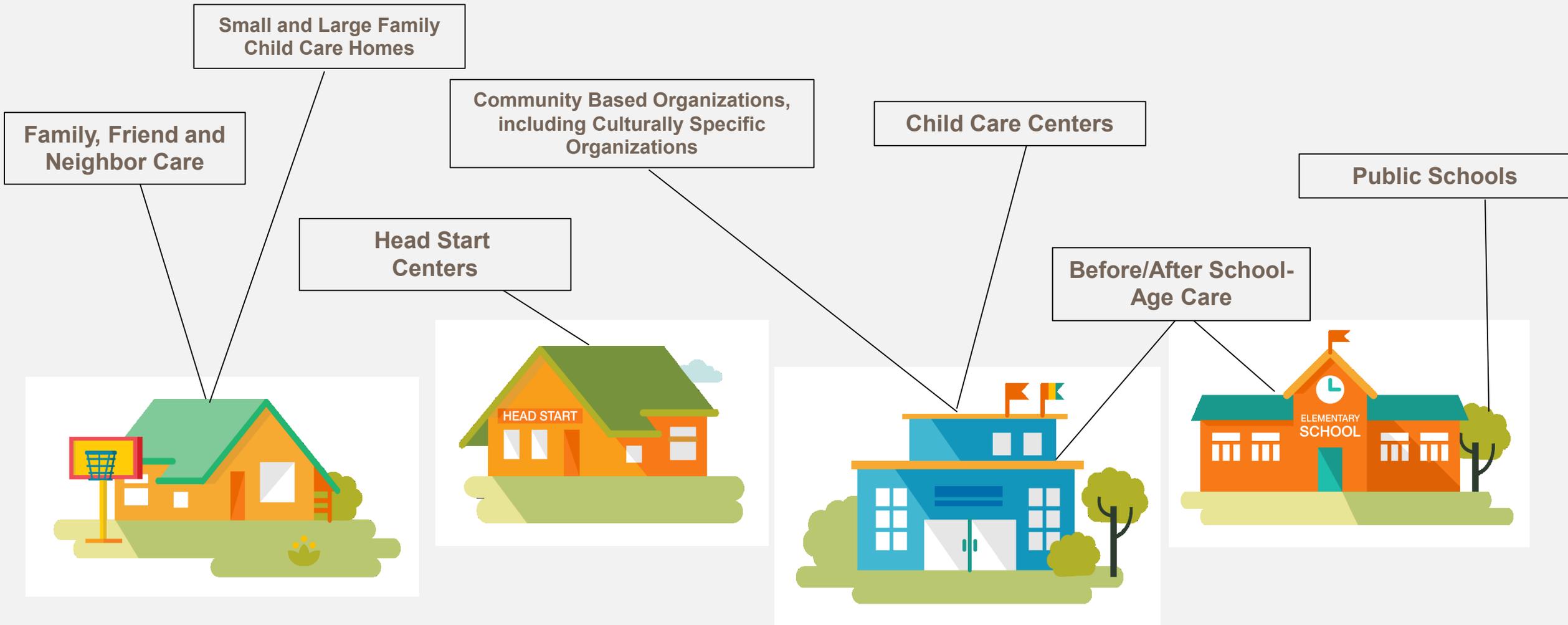


# Early Care & Education Timeline





Early Care & Education is delivered across a variety of settings. This is why it is known as a "mixed-delivery" system.





# Who funds the ECE Sector?\*



72%



19%



9%

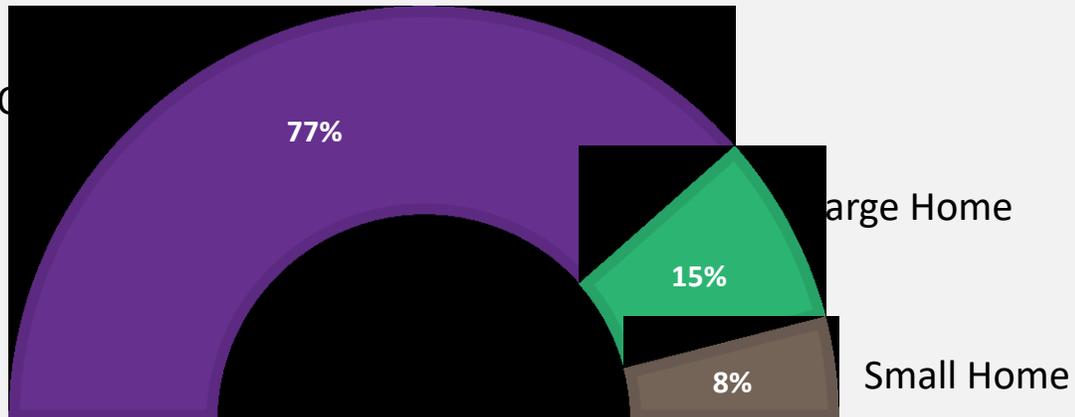
\*prior to Student Success Act



# Who makes up the ECE Workforce?

**24,269**

people worked in Oregon regulated early learning facilities



**Median Wage**

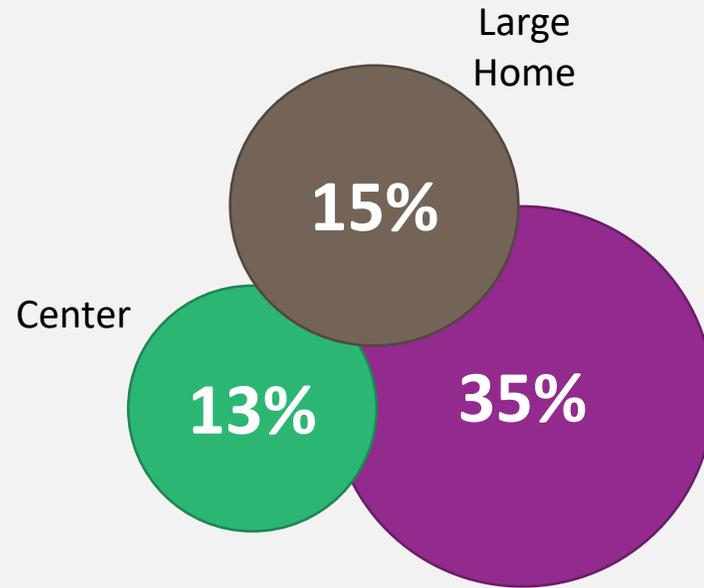
for teachers/head teachers in center-based care



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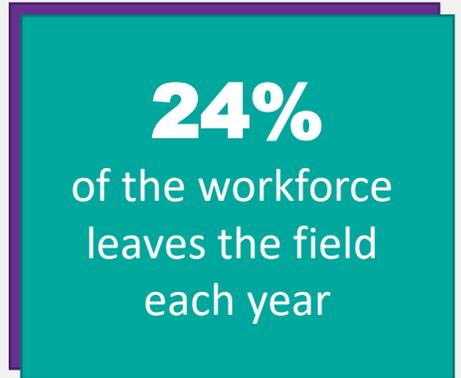


of the workforce identify as a person of color



## Language Diversity

of the workforce report a primary language other than English



As of early 2020\*, there is inadequate regulated child care supply across Oregon - especially for infants & toddlers

Public funding plays a major role in creating Oregon's child care supply - especially for preschoolers

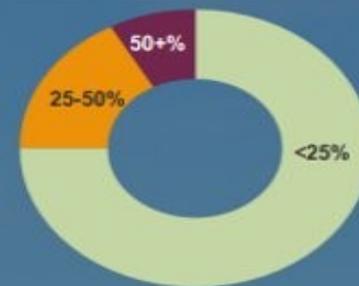


There are 7 infants & toddlers for a single child care slot in Oregon

A child care desert is a community with 3 or more children for a single child care slot.



All 36 Oregon counties are child care deserts for infants & toddlers



3/4 of Oregon counties have fewer than 25% publicly funded regulated infant/toddler slots

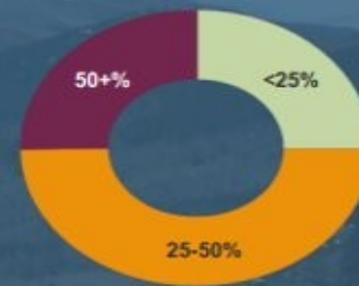


There are 3 preschool age children for a single child care slot in Oregon



All but 11 Oregon counties are child care deserts for preschool age children

Without publicly funded slots, 8 additional counties would be child care deserts.



Only 1/4 of Oregon counties have fewer than 25% publicly funded regulated preschool age slots

Definitions: **Infants & toddlers** are 0-2 year olds. **Preschool age children** are 3-5 year olds. **Regulated child care** includes certified centers, registered family homes, certified family homes, and exempt providers who have publicly funded slots. **Publicly funded slots** include Oregon Head Start Prekindergarten, Early Head Start, Preschool Promise, Federal and Tribal Head Start, and Federal Migrant and Seasonal Head Start managed by OCDC.

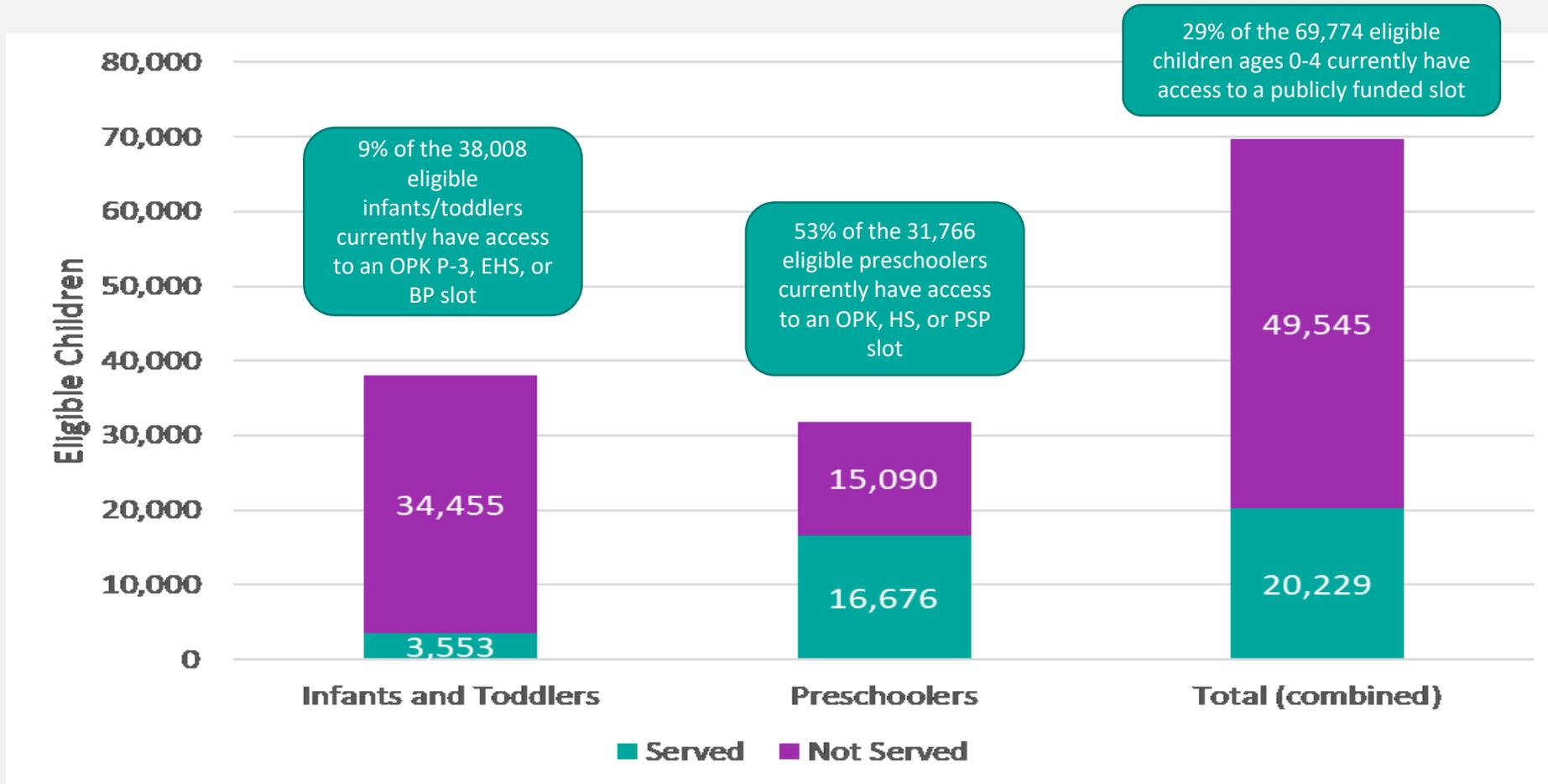
\*As a baseline prior to the pandemic, this report describes the supply of child care as of March 1, 2020 (pre-COVID).

Reference: Oregon's Child Care Deserts 2020 Mapping Supply by Age Group and Percentage of Publicly Funded Slot, Oregon Child Care Research Partnership, Oregon State University.

Full report can be found at [https://health.oregonstate.edu/early\\_learners/supply](https://health.oregonstate.edu/early_learners/supply)

For more information contact Oregon Child Care Research Partnership at [oregonccrp@oregonstate.edu](mailto:oregonccrp@oregonstate.edu)

# Current service levels of public early learning programs



OPK P-3 = Oregon Prenatal to Three; EHS = Early Head Start; BP = Baby Promise; OPK = Oregon Pre-Kindergarten; HS = Head Start; and PSP = Preschool Promise.

Federal EHS slot estimate is 1,913 and Federal Head Start slot estimate is 3,954. EHS/HS estimates do not include Migrant/Seasonal or American Indian Alaskan Native Head Starts.

OPK P-3, BP, OPK, and PSP data represents ELD funded slots for 2022-2023. Source: Early Learning Division

Eligible populations defined as children ages 0-2 and 3-4 living in families at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level; Source: ACS 1-Year Estimates – Public Use Microdata Sample 2021



# Why the Department of Early Learning and Care?

**A consolidated child care sector and unified publicly-funded early care and education.**

- A strong early learning system for Oregon's children and families that supports small businesses, preschool programs, schools and non-profits.
- Coordination and alignment of early learning programs.
- A child care and early learning system that is more responsive to the needs of and can grow the equitable access of care to children, families and providers.



# DELC Services to Families and Early Learning Workforce Development

- Baby Promise
- Child Care Licensing & Compliance
- Child Care Resource & Referral entities
- Early Childhood Equity Fund
- Early Learning Hubs
- Employment Related Day Care
- Healthy Families Oregon
- Inclusive Partners
- Kindergarten Partnership & Innovation Fund
- Oregon Prenatal to Kindergarten
- Parenting Education
- Preschool Promise
- Professional Learning for the ECE Workforce
- Relief Nurseries
- Suspension & Expulsion Prevention
- Teen Parent Program



# Child Care Licensing & Compliance

The Office of Child Care's (OCC) primary function is to ensure health and safety of children in child care by:

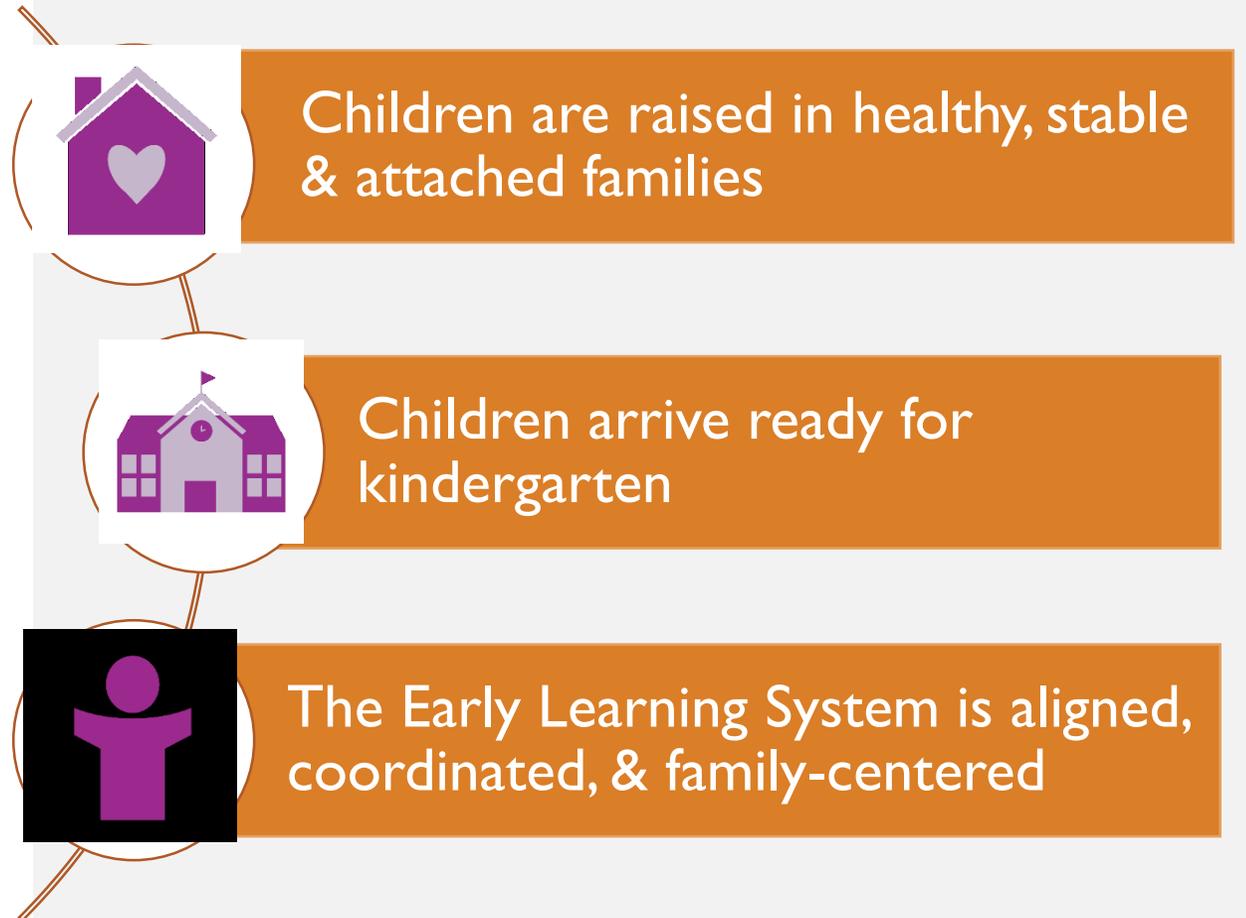
- Balancing the challenges the child care industry faces while also prioritizing child care safety through rulemaking and technical assistance.
- Approaching compliance with health and safety standards through education and providing resources, while maintaining a strong customer service lens to ensure license holders have all the information they need to be successful.



# Policy body: Early Learning Council

- Cross-sector focus beyond early care & education through [Raise Up Oregon](#).
  - In the process of revising Raise Up Oregon 2.0
- Nine community leaders from across the state appointed by the Governor
- Includes agency leadership from:
  - Oregon Department of Education;
  - Oregon Department of Human Services;
  - Oregon Health Authority;
  - Oregon Housing & Community Services;
  - Higher Education Coordination Commission, joined December 2022.
- Administrative Rulemaking Authority

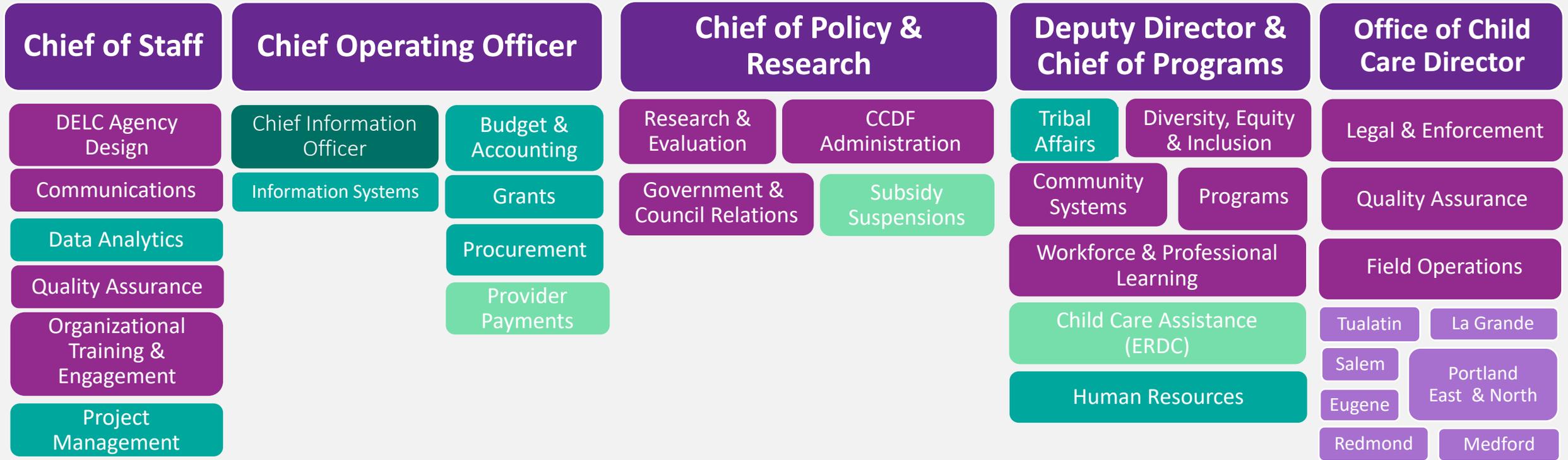
# THE RAISE UP OREGON VISION



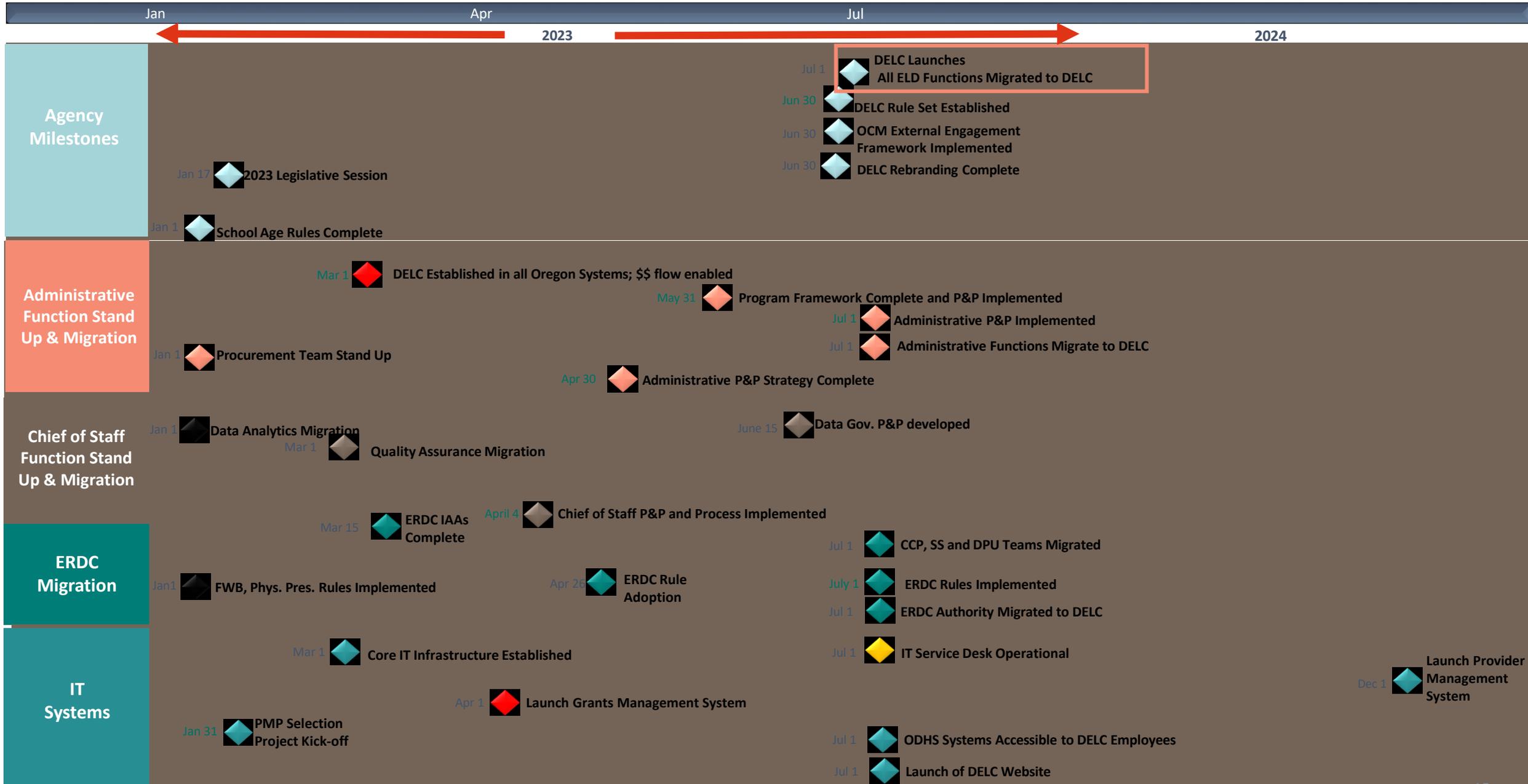


# DELC Organizational Structure

## Early Learning System Director



# Remaining DELC Key Implementation Milestones





# Thank You

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