



Oregon Preschool Programs

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State-Administered Preschool and Child Care Programs



Statewide

Preschool Promise (PSP) – Free, high-quality (culturally responsive, inclusive, developmentally appropriate) preschool to children ages three and four living at or below 200% the Federal Poverty Level

Oregon Prenatal to Kindergarten (OPK) – Free, high-quality (culturally responsive, inclusive, developmentally appropriate) early care and education to families who are living at or below 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Level.

Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) – Child care assistance for working families under 250% of the Federal Poverty Level, full-time students, or families receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

High-Quality Preschool Programming



Elements

- Highly qualified staff
- Intentional learning environments & ambitious instruction
- Adult to child ratios and group size limitations
- Inclusionary practices
- Professional Development & Coaching
- Staff compensation
- Parent Engagement

Additional Head Start/OPK standards

- Home visiting for child & family outcomes
- Parenting Education & Leadership
- Health and dental screenings
- Connections to other self sufficiency or relevant services

Preschool Service Model Alignment



Requirement	Preschool Promise	OPK	Preschool for All
Family Eligibility	200% FPL & children in foster care	100% FPL & children in foster care, public assistance, Unhoused/Homeless	Universal
Provider Eligibility	✓	Existing Head Starts & OPKs	✓
Annual Hours	900 hours	560 & 1,020 hours	900 & 2,210 hours
Hours per Day	min. 6 hrs/day	min. 3.5 hrs/day	min. 6, max 10 hrs/day
Classroom Size	18	20	20
Ratios	1:9	1:10	1:10
Salary	\$25 - \$36/hour	\$25 - \$36/hour	\$29.42 - \$39.23/hour
Education	✓	✓	✓
Insurance	✓	✓	✓
Cost per Child	\$15,650	\$16,311 Part Day \$24,218 Extended Day	\$16,536 For 6hr Day \$23,592 For 10 hr Day
Suspension & Expulsion Policy	✓	✓	✓
ERDC for Additional Hours	✓	✓	✓

Infrastructure Coordination: State and Local



Lead	Workforce	Facilities
Department of Early Learning and Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher Education Consortium Model • Child Care Resource & Referral Training & Technical Assistance • Early Learning System Initiative (Coach Training, Pyramid Model Training) • Infant/Toddler, Preschool Coaches • Every Child Belongs • Child Care Substitute Pool 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Care Infrastructure Fund (Business Oregon lead) • Co-location of affordable housing and child care through BuildUp Oregon (OHCS lead) • HB 2727 Workgroup (Dept. of Land Conservation & Development lead)
Multnomah County Preschool & Early Learning Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preschool Coaches (building on DELC investments) • Inclusion & Retention Coordinators, Early Childhood Mental Health Team • Early Learning Works at Worksystems to recruit and train new educators • Career coaches at IRCO • Community college cohorts in English and Spanish at CCC • Community College navigators at PCC and MHCC • Scholarships through OCCD (building on DELC investments) • Certificate programs through PSU and the Balmer Institute 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preschool for All Facilities Fund (administered by BuildUp Oregon) provides technical assistance and funding for pre-development, renovation and repair, and new center development projects

State and Local Program Services in Multnomah County



Program	Slots/Children Served 3-5 years	Number of Providers and Sites	Utilization (Enrollment % Jan 2025)
OPK/Head Start	OPK 80 Part Day/Part Year 1,161 Extended Day & Year	47 Sites have both OPK/HS Combined	88% (OPK/HS) Enrolled Extended Day
	HS 10 Part Day/Part Year 606 Extended Day & Year		80% (OPK/HS) Enrolled Part Day
Preschool Promise	587	24 providers/34 sites	85% (February 2025)
Preschool for All	2,225	80 providers/133 sites	97%
Total Slots Available in Multnomah County (24/25) 4,669		Total Eligible Children (based on PFA eligibility) 13,878	
Supplemental Child Care Services			
ERDC	Approx 1,340 (based on 1,005 children billed services in Jan 2025 and 75% families enrolled in ERDC connected to services)	485	1,005 children billed for services in January 2025 = represents 75% connected to services

*Note: PFA data provided by Multnomah County in May 2025



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