

2023 POLICY OPTION PACKAGE PRIORITIES



Developed by state agencies, the following policy option packages address Early Childhood Coalition priorities for children and families, the workforce, and the economy. **The Oregon Early Childhood Coalition seeks progress on these important investments.**

CONTINUE TO EXPAND SERVICES TO REACH MORE CHILDREN

- **DELCO POP 101:** Expand programs to serve more children, improve the quality and effectiveness of services, and increase per-child allocation to allow needed progress on wages **(\$210 million, General Fund)**
- **DELCO POP 102:** Reach newly eligible families with child care subsidy, raise reimbursement rates to support needed progress on wages, and support navigation for families and providers **(\$250 million, General Fund)**
- **DELCO POP 104:** Expand Baby Promise (infant & toddler contracted child care slots) **(\$12 million, General Fund)**
- **ODE POP 105:** Enhance support for children with special needs through investment in Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education and regional inclusive services **(\$45.4 million, General Fund)**
- **HECC POP 104:** Increase funding for the student child care grant **(\$4.2 million)**

BUILD A DIVERSE, SKILLED, FAIRLY COMPENSATED WORKFORCE

- **DELCO POP 101:** Continue to make needed increases to compensation, starting with a 10% increase above current service level estimates across early learning and care programs for wages and benefits **(\$66.8 million of the \$210 million POP)**
- **DELCO POP 102:** Continue to make needed increases in child care subsidy rates **(embedded in \$250 million POP)**
- **DELCO POP 103:** Grow investment in the Suspension Expulsion Prevention program **(\$12 million)**
- **HECC POP 302:** Fund the early learning educator scholarship and grant program **(\$5.2 million)**

EXPAND NEEDED FACILITIES INFRASTRUCTURE

- **OHCS POP 114:** Expand co-location of early childhood services and affordable housing in the CARE program **(\$20 million, General Fund)**

SUPPORT EARLY CHILDHOOD HEALTH & WELLBEING

- **OHA POP 414:** Implement Early Periodic Screening Detection and Treatment (EPSDT) **(\$1 million, General Fund)**
- **OHA POP 425:** Fully fund universally offered home visits **(\$6 million, General Fund)**
- **OHA POP 442:** Create an Office of Child Health in the Health Policy Division of Oregon Health Authority **(\$1.5 million General Fund)**