2025 Oregon Early Childhood Coalition LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

In 2025, providers, families, and advocates from across Oregon call on the Legislature to <u>choose children</u> in early learning and care, health, and family support.

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The Oregon Legislature faces a critical moment in 2025 to prioritize Oregon's young children, prenatal through age 5, and address systemic barriers to their well-being.

Proactive investments in early childhood services can break cycles of poverty, decrease maternal and infant mortality, and ensure long-term stability for children and families across Oregon.

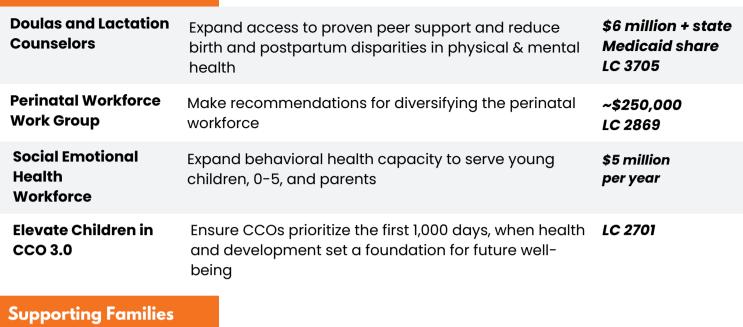
When we choose children, we improve people's lives and bend the cost curve on spending driven by crises. Prioritizing children builds a more just and promising future for all.

Early Education and Child Care

Employment Related Daycare (ERDC)	Serve the 8,500+ families on the ERDC waitlist and the 4,000 ERDC families without a provider	Up to \$500 million
Child Care Navigation	Improve the support for families in ERDC to find a child care provider	\$15 million
Child Care Workforce	Grow the workforce by investing in pay, apprenticeships, and higher education	TBD
Child and Adult Food Care Program	Ensure children receive nutritious meals, stabilize child care providers, and maintain funding for home based sponsors	\$4.5 million HB 3201 S <i>B 5515</i>
Inclusive Child Care Zoning	Create by-right zoning for child care and provide best practices & guidance for cities and counties	LC 4078 LC TBD
Birth-5 Early Literacy	Secure expanded funding for early literacy, including increasing funding for Reach Out and Read	\$25 million
EI/ECSE	Restore and improve services for children with disabilities and delays eligible for Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education	\$24 million LC 1415

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Maternal-Child Health



Relief Nurseries	Relief Nurseries request \$4.9 million above the Governor's Recommended Budget to sustain services for over 2,300 children and families, and reach up to 300 more children with vital therapeutic classroom and home visiting services.	\$4.9 million
Healthy Families Oregon	Expand and sustain home visiting services across the state	\$3 million
Nurse Family Partnership	Continue to provide the non-federal Medicaid match funding needed to provide proven NFP services	\$6.32 million LC TBD
Upstream Pilots	Allocate state funding to 7 local regions to support child success models as demonstration projects	\$10 million



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