



2025

Oregon Early Childhood Coalition LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

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

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 9,500+ families on the ERDC waitlist and the 4,000 ERDC families without a provider

**Up to \$500 million
SB 5514**

Child Care Workforce

Grow the workforce by investing in a child care retention and recognition payment program and apprenticeships

**\$TBD
HB 3008**

Early Educator Degree Programs

Invest in Oregon’s public university and community college early childhood degree programs and lab schools.

**\$20 million
HB 3011**

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**

Inclusive Child Care Zoning

Create by-right zoning for child care and provide best practices & guidance for cities and counties

**\$0, HB 3560
~\$250k, HB 3496**

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
SB 5515
HB 2682**



Maternal-Child Health

Doulas and Lactation Counselors	Expand access to proven peer support and reduce birth and postpartum disparities in physical & mental health	\$6 million + Medicaid match SB 692
Perinatal Workforce Taskforce	Make recommendations for diversifying the perinatal workforce	~\$250,000 SB 693
Social Emotional Health Workforce	Expand behavioral health capacity to serve young children, 0-5, and parents	OHA or DAS Budget Bill \$5 million per year
Elevate Children in CCO 3.0	Ensure CCOs prioritize the first 1,000 days, when health and development set a foundation for future well-being	\$TBD SB 695

Supporting Families

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 above current service level SB 5514
Healthy Families Oregon	Expand and sustain home visiting services across the state	\$6 million SB 420 SB 5514
Nurse Family Partnership	Continue to provide the non-federal Medicaid match funding needed to provide proven NFP services	\$6.32 million SB 1033
Upstream Pilots	Allocate state funding to 7 local regions to support child success models as demonstration projects	DELIC or DAS Budget Bill \$10 million

