

# Oregon Child Care Research Partnership

March 4, 2009

9:30 am to 12:00 noon

## Present at the meeting:

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**1. Subsidy uses by type of care** (trying to find if there is an association between subsidy policy changes and the type of care that parents select for their children, if they have more money available to spend, will they choose more expensive child care options)

There was a discussion on the 3 options that Bobbie thought might work for trying to see patterns:

*Regulated v. unregulated*

*Center and registered or certified family child care v. all other types*

*Standard v. enhanced*

After some discussion it was decided that it would be good to look at two options:

Regulated v. unregulated, plus look at option two using 2 groupings:

CNT, QEC, NQC plus RFC, QFM, CFM, FAM

## 2. New subsidy study

Bobbie reported that the study is going very well. They are getting almost no refusals when requesting to interview. She shared some very anecdotal information: parents said very consistently that they couldn't keep their jobs without the subsidy programs. These are low wage workers, highly stable in jobs for a long time, with stable childcare.

The next study (telephone study in the fall) will be developed based on what Ellen finds in the current study.

(Funding is needed for the 3<sup>rd</sup> study, with is going to be administrative data which includes everyone.)

Possible Question, to what extent does the subsidy program help providers stay in business?

Use a combination of current and past participants, some may be on TANF, some not on TANF. Think about what are the top policy questions to ask, in defining the sample.

What about the issue of flexibility?

One Voice talking points for the 2007 Legislature, does anyone have that?

Development of the survey instrument can begin by the time the first 25 of the initial study are done.

## 3. Discussion of Profiles

Historically the profiles have been generalized to the region, so that data is not useable on a county level, which has been a complaint. Commissions need county specific data. Bobbie brought in a draft of a new profile, which will break out county specific data on one page, then regional data on the 2<sup>nd</sup> page (within a statewide report). A map may be included with the county highlighted in color, with the region shown as cross hatched. A suggestion was made to put full size headings on both front and back to improve usefulness and readability for the reader.

Discussed the use of quotes, we will try to get quotes for each county if we can get them. Network will work with the CCR&Rs for that.

A discussion followed about the timing of the report in the future, so that it is available for the legislative session, rather than after. Data is currently collected (CCRR) as of 12/31 in even ended years. Will change this timing next time around, and may have to use older OPS data because of the timing change.

A tentative plan has been made:

	MRS	Est Supply	Est Supply Data pulled:
Current timing	Jan-March 2008	Jan-March 2009	12/31/08
Next time around	Jan-March 2010	April-June 2010	<b>3/31/10</b>

#### 4. Oregon Child Care Research URL

Discussion of some names and organizations on the chart.

Bobbie will send out an email to everyone to describe the purpose of the website, then ask if they want anything of theirs linked to it.

On the webpage, put a link to Research Connections or maybe use an RSS Feed

#### 5. Updates:

Child Care Tax Credit project evaluation – no report

FFN Project: 28 of 708 FFN providers actually became registered with CCD

Next meeting: start planning the next Researchers Roundtable