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Greetings Rulemaking Advisory Committee Participants,

Thank you for sharing your time and expertise with us through the Birth Through Five Literacy Rules Advisory Committee (RAC). You will be providing input on the proposed changes to the administrative rules pertaining to Birth Through Five Literacy. There will be one meeting which will be held via Zoom.

Meeting Preparation:

To support a productive conversation, we kindly ask that you review the draft rule language prior to the meeting. Your perspective and insights are important, and taking time to read through the materials in advance will help ensure thoughtful discussion during our time together.

Compensation:

Committee members will receive **\$50 per meeting** in recognition of the time and thoughtful input you are providing. Additional information about compensation will be shared at the RAC meeting.

Dates and time for the RAC:

Thursday, October 9th, 6:00 – 7:30 pm

- Join ZoomGov Meeting
<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1606738308?pwd=nN1F7of61bP2fyaaVOHBypuY4k4DrZ.1>
- Meeting ID: 160 673 8308

AGENDA

Topic	Time
1. Welcome and Attendance	10 mins
2. Review Group Norms	5 mins
3. Review RAC Purpose and Scope	10 mins
4. Review Draft Rule Language: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 414-576-0000 Purpose• 414-576-0010 Definitions• 414-576-0020 Eligibility Criteria• 414-576-0030 Administration	45 mins

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">414-576-0040 Evaluation	
5. Closing Comments <ul style="list-style-type: none">Reimbursement Process ReminderPublic Comment and Hearing Reminder	20 mins

RAC Committee Roster

Name	Organization/Affiliation	Region
Chanel Bodden	<i>Program providing care for young children</i>	Portland
Krissa Harris	<i>Ealy Learning Hub</i>	Redmond
Chalene Harshman	<i>Child Care Resource and Referral</i>	Baker City
Alisha Hendrickson	<i>Child Care Providers Union</i>	Lebanon
Nancy Leon	<i>Ealy Learning Hub</i>	Hillsboro
Alejandra Marquez	<i>Parent of young children</i>	Dayton
Abigail Mendez	<i>Culturally Specific Community Based Organization</i>	Portland
Noemí Ochoa	<i>Child Care Resource and Referral</i>	The Dalles
Soobin Oh	<i>Early Learning Advocacy Organization</i>	Portland
Julie Scholz	<i>Oregon Pediatric Society</i>	Portland
Alexandra Shrout	<i>Program providing care for young children</i>	Albany
Julie Siestreem	<i>Confederated Tribes of Coos Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians</i>	Coos Bay
Dana Stiles	<i>Program providing care for young children</i>	Portland
Gillian Wesenberg	<i>Ealy Learning Hub</i>	Sutherlin
Angela Zbikowski	<i>Parent of young children</i>	Medford

If you have questions, please reach out to Liz Hauck, elizabeth.hauck@delc.oregon.gov

Encl:

- Birth Through Five Literacy RAC Presentation
- Birth Through Five Literacy Draft Rule Language

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Birth Through Five Literacy Rulemaking Advisory Committee

October 9, 2025



Agenda

- Welcome and Attendance
- Zoom Protocols & Group Norms
- Review of RAC Purpose & Scope
- History/Background
- Review Draft Rule Language
- Closing Comments and Thank You!



Welcome & Introductions



Tell us about yourself! Share your:

- Name
- Pronouns
- Organization & Title

Zoom Protocols & Group Norms



- **Center children, families and early learning professionals**
- We ask that anyone who wants to speak please raise their hand.
 - To raise your hand, click the reactions icon on the bottom of your screen and click "raise hand" or press *9 if you are joining by phone.
- Chat is available for questions and comments
- We encourage you to have your camera on, but it is not required
- Please keep your mic muted unless it is your turn to speak.
- We ask that all participants be respectful of each other and DELC staff.
- Remain focused on the topic/rule section.
- Need tech support? Let us know in the chat!

RAC Purpose



A Rulemaking Advisory Committee (RAC) is a group of people appointed by an agency to provide input and guidance during the rulemaking process.

Purpose: Provide input and advice to agencies on proposed rules.

Function: RACs review proposed rules, offer recommendations on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

History/Background



In July 2023, Oregon House Bill 3198 established the Early Literacy Success Initiative to improve reading outcomes for children from birth through third grade, with a focus on family engagement, educator support, and community partnerships. HB 3198 also directed DELC to establish and implement a **Birth Through Five Literacy Plan**.

HB 3198 includes specific language stating the Early Learning Council shall adopt necessary rules for the distribution of money.



History/Background



Through the **Birth Through Five Literacy Initiative** DELC will carry out the strategies in the BT5 Literacy Plan by administering grants and contracts to:

- equip culturally specific programs to support early literacy,
- engage families in early literacy through parent education, book distribution and home visiting
- expand language revitalization and preservation efforts by Tribal Nations in Oregon.

Strengthening Existing Programs

These efforts will prioritize supporting, enhancing, and expanding current DELC programs to minimize burdens on grantees and partners.

Purpose of the Rules

The goal of the Birth Through Five Literacy ruleset is to establish one comprehensive ruleset to clarify the purpose of the literacy plan and outline how funding will be administered across grants and contracts, streamlining guidance across programs.

Birth Through Five Literacy 414-576-0000



Title: **Birth Through Five Literacy**

414-576-0000 Purpose

414-576-0010 Definitions

414-576-0020 Eligibility Criteria

414-576-0030 Administration

414-576-0040 Evaluation



Next Steps & Timeline



RAC Meeting	6:00-7:30pm October 9, 2025
Public Hearing	5:00-6:00pm October 27, 2025
Public Comment Period End	5:00pm October 30, 2025
ELC Vote	December 10, 2025
Rules Effective	January 1, 2026



RAC Reimbursements



- RAC members are eligible to receive a \$50 stipend for each meeting attended
- Steve Cavazos will reach out with documentation for you to return and sign.
- Once documentation is returned, will be submitted for processing and a check will be mailed out.





Thank you!

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