



Oregon Department of  
**Early Learning  
and Care**

# ERDC has a waitlist for most families applying for the program

## Families with specific needs can skip the waitlist

*The Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) program helps families who are working, getting TANF, or in school pay for child care.*

### In November 2023, ERDC opened a waitlist because of increased demand and limited funding.

If you are getting ERDC now, the waitlist will not affect you. You will continue to receive benefits as usual. Please remember to recertify on time to keep your benefits.

Learn more about the waitlist and the ERDC program by visiting [Oregon.gov/delc/erdc](https://Oregon.gov/delc/erdc).

### The Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC) will give families with specific needs access to ERDC while the waitlist is in effect.

#### Some families will be able to skip the waitlist, including:

- ♥ Families recently or currently receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) - or - Temporary Assistance for Domestic Violence Survivors (TA-DVS)
- ♥ Families referred by the Child Welfare division of Oregon Department of Human Services
- ♥ Families reapplying for ERDC within two months of benefits ending

#### To be screened to skip or join the waitlist:

- ♥ Visit [Benefits.Oregon.gov](https://Benefits.Oregon.gov)
- ♥ Call or visit your [local office](#)
- ♥ Dial 1-800-699-9075



Text the keyword "children" to 898211 or call 211 if you need help finding your local office or figuring out how to apply to ERDC. Families are encouraged to go through the full ERDC eligibility process to help determine if they can skip the waitlist. This will also make it easier when families on the waitlist are invited to apply for ERDC.

#### What can I expect if I am added to the ERDC waitlist?

- ♥ If you are added to the waitlist, you will receive a notice with your waitlist number, your right to appeal the decision, and some resources that may help you find a different program to meet your child care needs.
- ♥ You will receive regular communications while you're on the waitlist.
- ♥ The waitlist is likely to be in place for at least 18 months, depending on the level of investment and the rate families leave the ERDC program.

#### Families interested in ERDC may qualify for an affordable child care program.

There are other programs that can make child care affordable!

- ♥ To learn about other early learning and child care programs, visit [Oregon.gov/delc/erdc](https://Oregon.gov/delc/erdc).
- ♥ Dial 211 to learn more about child care resources available in your area or text the keyword "children" to 898211

*Most child care and early learning programs, including ERDC, are now run by DELIC. This does not change the way families get ERDC or TANF benefits. Families will continue to apply for and receive benefits through the Oregon Department of Human Services.*