

Biennial Report to the Legislative Assembly on Preschool Promise Program Years 2021-2023

Executive Summary

The Preschool Promise Program was established by House Bill 3380 in 2015 (ORS 329.172) and is an Oregon initiative to expand access to high-quality, publicly funded preschool for children from historically underserved communities. Preschool Promise was administered by the Oregon Department of Education's Early Learning Division (ELD) from 2016-2023 and is now overseen by the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC). This report outlines Preschool Promise activities, data and outcomes and continuous improvement efforts during the 2021-2023 biennium.

Key Program Outcomes

Number of Children Served: Preschool Promise grantees served 3,567 children in 2021-2022 and 5,242 children in 2022-2023.

The Cost to Serve Each Child was \$13,650 over the biennium and an additional \$900 per child when transportation services were included. Preschool Promise providers received one-time funds of \$1,000-\$2,000 per student for necessary classroom expenses.

The Level of State Support during the 2021-2023 biennium was \$146.84 million. \$38.26 million from the General Fund and \$108.58 million from the Student Success Act Early Learning Account.

Program Effectiveness includes:

47% increase in children served from 2021-2022 to 2022-2023.

19% of children served in 2022-2023 had an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP).

Promotion of social and economic diversity by supporting classrooms that included both Preschool Promise-funded and tuition-paying students.

Early identification of developmental delays, and access to Early Childhood Special Education services.

Administrative Improvements made during the 2021-2023 biennium include:

Streamlined income verification for eligibility determination, including acceptance of public benefit participation that reduced documentation burdens.

Provider supports, including investments in coaching, coordinated enrollment, and quality improvement infrastructure, such as classroom observations, to enhance program delivery.

Increased access for families in rural areas and communities of color through targeted outreach and multilingual grant processes.

Workforce Salaries, Education, and Turnover include:

Average Lead Teacher Salary was \$48,477 in 2021-2022 and \$50,347 in 2022-2023 and the majority had a Bachelor's degree or higher.

Average Assistant Teacher Salary was \$30,449 in 2021-2022 and \$32,956 in 2022-2023 and the majority had a high school diploma or Associate's degree.

The turnover rate for all teachers was 30% in 2021-2022 and 17% in 2022-2023.

Details of the data shared are in the full [Biennial Report to the Legislative Assembly on Preschool Promise Program Years 2021-2023](#).