ASSISTANCE FOR WORKING PARENTS

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A 211info representative can assist you with:
• Child care
• Behavioral strategies
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• Early childhood development
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• Local play groups
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NEED HELP FINDING A CHILD CARE PROVIDER OR OTHER RESOURCES?

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EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING
Developmental screening includes questions that give a general idea of how a child is learning, growing and meeting developmental milestones. Developmental screening tools help assess whether a child would benefit from testing or services to help with learning.

For more information ask your child’s doctor or contact the Early Learning Hub in your area. For a list of hub locations, go to https://oregonearlylearning.com/current-early-learning-hubs/.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS
You can use different kinds of child care providers including centers or licensed family child care homes. You can use a friend or relative once they are approved by ODHS or use more than one provider.

Once eligible, a family pays a portion of the child care cost to their provider, this is called the copayment. It is based on the family’s size and income. The family must also pay for child care costs above the ODHS maximum rate. To see family copay amounts, go to https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/assistance/child-care/pages/parents.aspx.

HOW TO APPLY
You can apply online, visit your local ODHS office or ODHS can mail you an application and call to set up an interview.

For more information about the ODHS child care program or to apply online, go to www.oregon.gov/DHS.

At times the ERDC program may not have any openings. When this happens, families are placed on the ERDC reservation list. Your ODHS worker will decide if you meet an exemption to the list.

HOW TO FIND QUALITY CHILD CARE
Choosing child care is one of the most important choices a parent makes. Quality child care helps your child’s healthy development and success in school.

A quality child care setting offers a variety of child development activities important to your child’s brain development and lifelong learning.

Some providers have a Spark rating. Being a Spark provider shows that the provider has taken the training needed to help children get ready for and be successful in school. To find a Spark provider contact 211info.