



Oregon Department of
**Early Learning
and Care**

TAC Meeting

June 11, 2025





Welcome!



Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Roll Call
3. NWNC CCIF: Tribal Needs Assessment & Round 3 Updates
4. Tribal Early Learning Plan and Fund Updates
 - Legislative Updates
5. Tribal Sharing/Tribal Comments, Questions, Feedback
6. Closing and Adjournment





Northwest Native Chamber: Child Care Infrastructure Fund

Tribal Needs Assessment & Round 3 Updates





DELC Legislative Update & House Bill 2815: Tribal Early Learning Plan and Fund

Timeline and Legislative Updates





SB 5514: DELC Budget Bill

Passed out of Joint Ways and Means on June 6th. \$2.6 million General Fund in our POP 101 for key operational positions:

- Accounts Receivables (Accountant 1)
- Provider Management Platform Invoicing (Accountant 2)
- Accounts Payable (Accounting Tech)
- Provider Management Platform Coordinator (ISS 5)
- Lead Data Steward (OPA 4)
- Preschool Promise Quality Assurance Specialist (PA 3)
- Healthy Families Oregon Quality Assurance Specialist (PA 3)

Additionally, the budget included a federal fund limitation of \$3.1 million with Child Care and Development Fund dollars to increase our licensing, investigations, and customer service capacity in the Child Care Licensing Division.



Reductions

Additional Inflation – DELC Current Service Level included an additional inflationary adjustment. The additional inflation was removed, but standard inflation (4.2%) remains intact.

Early Learning Account (GF and CAT*)- \$35 million in reductions, this is a 2.4% decrease from the 2023-2025 Legislative Adopted Budget. The following programs are funded with Early Learning Account funds and are impacted by the reduction:

- Early Childhood Equity Fund
- Healthy Families Oregon
- Parenting Education
- Preschool Promise
- Professional Learning
- Program Supports

*General Fund and Corporate Activity Tax



No New Investments

Additional investments in the Governor's Recommended Budget that were **not included** in the DELC budget. These include:

- Birth Through Five Literacy - \$10.3 million
- Dolly Parton's imagination Library* - \$2.2 million
- Infant Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation - \$4.35 million
- Tribal Early Learning Fund* - \$4.75 million

*Note: HB 2815, the legislation establishing the Tribal Early Learning Plan and Fund, passed, but without additional funding.

HB 2811 makes statutory changes for Dolly Parton Imagination Library. In Education Sub-committee of Ways and Means.



HB 2815: Tribal Early Learning Plan and Fund

Current Status:

- HB 2815 passed the Joint Educational-Sub on 6/3 and Joint Committee on Ways and Means on 6/6
- In DELC's budget bill, SB 5514, \$0.7M of CSL Tribal Hub funding was moved into the Tribal Early Learning Fund created in HB 2815. However, at this time, no additional funds have been allocated.
- There is a proposal that Tribes received at G2G that they may take forward should they choose to pursue, which would be restoring the 700k of 21-23 PDG funds.
- Press release following the floor votes. More to come!

Next:

- Full House and Senate Floors, then to Governor
 - Possible vote on the House floor 6/12

2025-2027 Funding

Shift from Needs-Based Funding Approach to Equal Distribution

- Due to lower funding amounts (\$5.1M vs \$0.7M)
- \$0.7M Tribal Hub Current Service Level Funding will become Tribal Early Learning Funds (pending passage of HB 2815)
- Exact amount: \$664,922, which is \$73,880/Tribe

End of Session Omnibus Bill/Proposal to Legislature

- Proposal to restore 21-23 Federal PDG funding of \$700,000
 - If received, this represents an additional \$77,778/Tribe; combined total of \$1.4M
 - Exact amount: \$1,364,922 or \$151,658/Tribe

Birth Through Five Early Literacy Funding

- Current service level funding \$9,644,63
 - Tribal funding approx. \$1.5M or ~\$200,00/Tribe
 - Different allowable uses (less broad) than Tribal Early Learning Fund, but complimentary

What to Expect Next: TELP/F & OTELA

June 2025

Final month of session & estimated passage of Tribal Early Learning Plan Bill and Fund appropriation

- Finalize funding distribution
- Send OTELA Appointment requests to Tribes

July 2025

New biennium begins July 1

- New IGAs sent (4-year agreements)

July-August 2025

Send & Receive OTELA appointments from Tribes

- Scheduling survey

September 2025

1st OTELA Meeting (held bi-monthly)

- Scheduling; TBD



Tribal Sharing

TAC Reflections



TAC Reflections

Purpose: Share reflections, discuss lessons learned, and key takeaways from the last several years of TAC, and share our hopes for the future of the Tribal Early Learning Plan and Fund and OTELA advisory body.

Backward Looking

- Reflecting on your time serving on TAC, what insights can you share?
- Looking at where we are now, how does this compare to where you expected we would be at this point one, two, three, or four years ago? How does this affect your approach to our future work?
- How did or didn't TAC achieve its goal? Why?

Inward Looking

- What lessons were learned about early learning system and Tribal collaboration?
- If you could go back in time, what might you do differently? What would you suggest others do different?
- What are some key takeaways from TAC? What accomplishments are you most proud of? What were the greatest barriers and challenges faced?

Forward & Outward Looking

- What have TAC's successes and failures taught you about the strengths and difficulties of this work? How might you apply what you learned from that experience to future situations?
- What are your hopes for the future Tribal Early Learning Plan and Fund and OTELA Advisory Committee? What do we hope stays the same as TAC? What do we hope is different?
- How can we learn from challenges faced on TAC to create a positive future for OTELA?
- What are your long-term recommendations to ensure that early learning and child care systems are sustainably funded, Tribally governed, and reflective of each Tribe's sovereignty, culture, and community-defined priorities?

Closing & Next Steps

Follow Up Items

- Updates re: legislative session & funding
- June/July:
 - OTELA appointment requests
 - 25-29 Grant Agreements
- Reach out with questions!

23-25 OTELA Grants

- Last day to spend funds
6/30/25
- Reports due:
 - Programmatic Reports
| 7/31/25
 - Fiscal Reports:
 - Claims | 8/14/25
 - Expenditure Report | 8/30/25