

PRESCHOOL PROMISE APPLICANT WAITLIST RFA FAQ– SPRING 2025

<p>Do sites on the 2024-2025 PSP Applicant Waitlist by Hub - Smartsheet.com list need to reapply if their location they are applying for is at a different address in the same zip code?</p>	<p>Yes, grantees who have a site on the 2024-2025 PSP Applicant Waitlist by Hub - Smartsheet.com will need to <u>submit a new application</u> if they want a new site to be added to the waitlist.</p>
<p>Can sites on the 2024-2025 PSP Applicant Waitlist by Hub - Smartsheet.com reapply to get a higher score?</p>	<p>Yes, sites on the 2024-2025 PSP Applicant Waitlist by Hub - Smartsheet.com can reapply to get a higher score, but doing so will void previous RFA scores.</p>
<p>Is this opportunity only for existing PSP providers? Or can I be new to PSP?</p>	<p>This Request Opportunity (RFA) is for both providers new to PSP and those already providing PSP services.</p>
<p>What are the qualifications for PSP?</p>	<p>You'll want to review the RFA documents to see what the qualifications and eligibility is for PSP. The RFA, the application link, the Sample Grant Agreement, Grant Manual and the webinars (recordings) about the RFA can all be found Department of Early Learning and Care : Preschool Promise Directory of RFAs : Programs : State of Oregon.</p>
<p>I'm currently working on my space. Am I eligible?</p>	<p>To apply during this RFA opportunity, you must have at least one temporary license or one active license. If not, you will have other opportunities to apply with Preschool Promise in the future. To clarify, this RFA is not for space reallocation now, but is an opportunity to be on the Eligible Provider List for PSP 2025-2027.</p>
<p>Is PSP mixed delivery? Do I have to have enough children enrolled in PSP to fill a classroom?</p>	<p>Programs who are awarded slots, when and if they become available, during the 2025-2027 biennium, may have a mixed delivery in their classrooms.</p> <p>The PSP program serves children ages 3-5 in a "mixed-delivery model," meaning it's operated in various settings and may have braided funding. To learn more about this topic, please refer to pages 10-13 of the PSP Operations Manual.</p>
<p>Does DELC provide assistance or financial aid for the curriculum that</p>	<p>At this time, we are seeking entities to join our 2025/2027 Preschool Promise Eligible Provider</p>

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needs to be used in the Preschool Promise Program?	List. Selected applicants may be eligible for slots awards in the future. If awarded slots, they will also receive start-up funds (\$2,000 per slot) that can be used for curriculum purchases and other start up materials.
Are Registered Family Providers eligible? Or do I need to be a Certified Family Provider?	Register Family are an eligible entity to apply for the PSP RFA.
What if my license is not currently active? Can I still apply?	Your license must be active by the time the application closes (May 5 th at 5:00) to be eligible.
I do not have the bachelors degree, associates degree or a CDA. I work by myself and I plan to continue to work by myself for now. I take it from this that I cannot apply for the preschool promise then? Without these degrees?	<p>The minimum requirement for a PSP lead teacher is a CDA or a Step in. Applicants who do not meet this requirement are still encouraged to apply and, if selected, may qualify for a waiver.</p> <p>This means that you should still apply and either we may be able to do a waiver, or you may be a step 8 by then.</p>
Do you know where I can find this year's RFA to read through?	Here's a link to the RFA(s) landing page: Department of Early Learning and Care : Preschool Promise Directory of RFAs : Programs : State of Oregon
Do you have the link to the recording of last Thursday's training?	All webinar recordings are on the RFA landing page. The recordings for the webinars are listed along with the links to the slide deck for the PowerPoint.
Do I need to be in step 8 to be eligible for preschool Promise? I have taken all the hours to be eligible for step 8 but I was told my step application, and hours can take up to 45 days for processing.	The minimum requirement for a PSP lead teacher is a CDA or a Step 8. Applicants who do not meet this requirement are still encouraged to apply and, if selected, may qualify for a waiver.
The program requires participation in SPARK. Do providers need to be participating in SPARK in order to apply?	Providers need to participate in Spark within their first year of being a PSP provider. We highly encourage providers to begin this process, but it is not needed to apply. See page 18.

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Is it required that a child care provider accept child care subsidies in order to apply, or in order to offer Preschool Promise?	No, Preschool Promise does not require providers to accept subsidies, such as ERDC, in order to participate in PSP. Although this could be a big factor for families when selecting their site. See page 101.
Are there any required planning hours for teachers?	Yes, allowing teachers planning time is a requirement.
Are 3- and 4-year-olds allowed to be mixed in the same classroom?	Yes, per PSP, this is allowed so long as licensing requirements are met.
Are Preschool Promise children allowed to be mixed in the same classroom as private-pay children?	Yes, this is permitted.
How many eligible providers are currently on the Clackamas waitlist? Do you have any idea how likely a waitlisted provider is to be called upon to offer the program during the 2-year cycle?	We currently have 3 programs on the Eligible Providers List. It is difficult for us to forecast the time a provider is on the list, as this is not an expansion opportunity. When, and if, slots become available, through reallocation in your region, then DELC will consider the programs who meet the community needs score of their hub region. Refer to the Attachment c of the RFA documents listed on the RFA site.
We're wondering if there is any preliminary information available regarding the potential number of PSP slots that might be allocated to our specific area. Or is the primary purpose of this RFA to establish a preferred provider list?	We do not currently know how many slots will be available. We're currently going through the continuation process for our existing grantee's – we can expect not all grantee's to continue for 2025-2027. The primary purpose is to build the provider list so that when grantee's drop (weather that's during this continuation period or even anytime throughout 25-27), we can quickly reallocate slots, and not leave a gap of service in that community.
If we were interested in applying for around 12 slots, would our application still be considered even if the actual number of available slots in our region ends up being in the range of 6-8?	What you receive will depend on combo of what's available and what is currently a need in the community (the community needs score/priorities doc submitted by your hub when slots come up for reallocation). Your application should say how many as of right now you would like – but you're not held to the number in the future. If there's less than what you applied for available, your application will

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	<p>still be considered. The number is more of a guide to tell us where you're at – what you think you want at this time, so we have a general idea.</p>
<p>If there's currently not an RFA in my area – how can I find out about or be alerted to when an RFA launches?</p>	<p>DELC recently added an alert via email for "funding opportunities". You can sign up for it here: https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/ORDELC/subscriber/new?category_id=ORDELC_C5</p> <p>This will alert you when/if DELC releases anything in the future (it really alerts you of any RFA's – not just PSP). Also keep in contact with your hubs and CCR&R's for updates.</p>
<p>Is a Montessori school able to participate?</p>	<p>Yes, Montessori schools are able to participate and/or apply for the Preschool Promise (PSP) RFA.</p>
<p>Do I need to submit one for each site?</p>	<p>Yes, you will need to submit one application for each site.</p>
<p>One of my sites is moving from a high school to an elementary school. Would that be considered a "new site"? I will go through licensing for ERDC, but remain an exempt program.</p>	<p>Licensed exempt entities are not required to have a license in order to apply for this RFA opportunity.</p>
<p>The Provider has 60 calendar days to start, but the bottom states 15 calendar days.</p> <p>What is the difference?</p>	<p>When you're awarded slots mid program year. You must tell us within 15 days that you accept the award, and then you must start the services within 60 days.</p> <p>Additionally, if the award is given at the start of a program year (continuation). You must provide services within 15 days.</p>
<p>Can I view the recorded webinars?</p>	<p>Yes, the webinar links are posted on the RFA landing site along with the PowerPoints.</p>
<p>We are interested in adding up to 5 slots to our contract in the next Biennium.</p> <p>What is the process for requesting consideration of this request?</p>	<p><u>If you'd like to get additional slots, now or in the future, then you would want to apply for this opportunity.</u> The waitlist for PSP was designed to be able to quickly reallocate slots to providers that are on the waitlist when the slots become available.</p>

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I'm already on the waitlist - Who do I need to notify about staying on the waitlist?	PSP will be sending out a "continuation" request for folks on the waitlist to opt into staying on for the 25-27 year. I don't have exact info on when that's coming but I know it should be soon. Right now, PSP is working on the continuation process for current grantee's – so the waitlist stuff will come after that.
If you applied already and are on the waitlist do you re apply?	There is no need to reapply since you are already on the waitlist.
We are currently on the waitlist and wanted to ask about changing the location of the program from what we had in our application.	The RFA's are done at the "site level" currently so if you want to change the location, then you will need to reapply for the new "site".
What if I'm not ready when slots are offered to me. Can I turn them down?	Yes, you can turn them down. You will remain on the waitlist for any additional slot opportunities.