



Oregon Department of
**Early Learning
and Care**

Certified Outdoor Nature-Based
(ONB) Child Care

Rulemaking Advisory Committee (RAC)

January 16, 2025





Welcome to the Certified Outdoor Nature-Based (ONB) Child Care RAC!

We are glad you are here. While we are waiting to begin, please add your name and role in the chat.

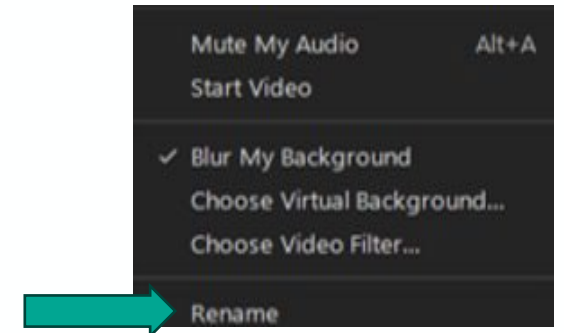
Rename your participant icon with your first and last name. You can do that one of two ways:

1. Click on the participants icon on the bottom of your screen.

- At the top right, your participant name will appear.
- Hover over your name and click on the 3 dots to the right and click rename.



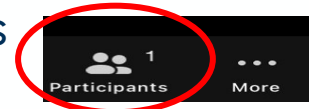
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Accessing Zoom from a phone App:

Rename your participant icon with your first and last name.

1. On the Zoom in-meeting controls, tap Participants
2. Tap your name, then tap rename
3. Other controls:



- *6 Mute/Unmute
- *9 Raise/Lower hands



Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome / Introductions: (10 minutes)
2. Review Group Norms: (5 minutes)
3. ONB Rule Development Timeline and Engagement Milestones (5 minutes)
4. Resources Used in ONB Rule Development (10 minutes)
5. Guiding Principles (10 minutes)
6. What a RAC is and the Scope of ONB RAC (5 minutes)
7. Feedback Opportunities (5 minutes)
8. Break (5 minutes)
9. Rule Review (60 minutes)
10. Closing and next steps (5 minutes)



Introductions

We want you all to know who is involved with this Rules Advisory Committee.



Please raise your hand using the "raise hand function" and when your name is called, unmute your microphone and provide the following:

- Name
- Location
- What is your connection to outdoor learning environments?

Note: You do not have to be on camera.



Group Norms



- Allow opportunities for all voices to be heard
 - *Take space, make space*
- Remain focused on the scope of the RAC
- Be open for respectful discussion
 - *Have an open mind and ask clarifying questions to confirm understanding*
- Encourage and honor individual perspectives and truths
 - *All experiences are valuable and contribute to our shared understanding*
- Use the "raise hand" function or chat for comments
- Practice active listening
 - *Listen to understand and give time to reflect before responding*
- Seek commonality
 - *We may disagree-which is okay-but will be guided by our shared commitment*

ONB Rule Development Timeline and Engagement Milestones

During the 2023 legislative session, House Bill 2717 passed and required DELC to create a pathway for licensing child care programs that primarily serve children in outdoor settings.



Effective date of rules July 1, 2025



Resources used in Rule Development

ONB practitioners

Advocacy groups & subject matter experts:
Outdoor Early Learning Alliance of Oregon
(OELAO), Natural Start

Existing rules for certified child care
centers

Consultation with partner agencies:
OSFM, OHA, Environmental Health
Specialists, State Parks,

Washington Administrative Code for ONB programs

CCLD's Rulemaking Guiding Principles



Examine and remove barriers to align with feedback from the field

Plain language approach

Align with best practice, when possible

Clarify existing practice

Organize in a logical manner

Create consistency across license types

ONB Licensing Guiding Principles

Goal: To develop and implement licensing requirements that ensure the health and safety of children in outdoor nature-based settings

- Draw from and align with existing licensing regulations and national ONB experts when possible:
 - Washington State's Licensing Regulations for ONB
 - Natural Start Alliance
 - Current CCLD Licensing rules for certified child care centers (guidance and discipline, prohibited punishment, CBR rules, etc.)
- Incorporate knowledge and expertise of current Oregon ONB practitioners
- Ensure compliance with CCDF (federal requirements), licensing regulations (ratios, background checks, monitoring, training requirements, complaints, 11 health and safety topics)
- Consider the unique physical environments, materials, and activities inherent to ONB programs.
- Provide for flexible ways to meet health and safety requirements in ONB programs



What is a Rulemaking Advisory Committee (RAC)

- A group of internal and external partners who come together to help implement rules in response to new or updated legislation.
- RAC members provide input and suggestions for rulemaking while considering equity and fiscal impacts.
- DELC/CCLD seeks diverse groups of individuals who interact with the agency and the programs run by the agency, such as child care providers, CCR&R and Early Learning Hub representatives, Tribal Nations representatives, union or advocate representatives, and parents and families of children.

Outdoor Nature-Based RAC Scope

The Outdoor Nature-Based RAC will help identify:

- Fiscal impacts (resources needed to implement the change)
- Equity impacts (unintended consequences that may impact specific groups or communities)
- Unclear rule language
- Any unintended consequences as a result of the rule change
- Any additional resources that may be needed to support the implementation of these rules



Opportunities for Feedback

Format and Timeline	Description
Smartsheet Form	Available for use until the last RAC meeting. This form is intended for RAC participants only so please do not share with others outside of the RAC.
Public Comment Period 1/1/2025 to 2/24/2025	Written comments may be submitted to: crys.ogradey@delc.oregon.gov or via postal mail: DELC, ATTN: Rulemaking, 700 Summer Street NE, # 350, Salem, OR, 97301
Public Hearing 2/24/2025 From 5:00-6:00 PM	A virtual public hearing will be held to take oral comments from people. Please refer to the ELC calendar on the DELC website with information on how to participate.

We encourage you to read through the draft rules and provide feedback