

Birth Through Five Regional Supports



As part of HB 3198, the Oregon Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC) is excited to advance the Birth Through Five (BT5) Literacy Initiative this fall. The initiative is designed to ensure that every child and family in Oregon has equitable access to high-quality early literacy experiences and culturally responsive supports.

These investments reflect Oregon's commitment to helping children and families build strong literacy foundations that will last a lifetime. This resource is intended to help support regional partners in awareness of which programs/entities are receiving support through the Birth Through Five Literacy Fund.

Advancing language revitalization and preservation efforts for Tribal Nations

Recognizing the importance of language as a cornerstone of culture and identity, Oregon is investing in efforts to preserve and revitalize Tribal languages. Funding is directed to the nine federally recognized Tribes in Oregon to support the following project activities:

- Develop and/or deliver early literacy resources and materials for children ages birth through five and their families.
- Develop and/or deliver culturally relevant early literacy training and professional development activities for early childhood educators (ages birth through eight), providers, and/or other staff that would benefit from literacy training opportunities;
- Enhance and/or expand on existing literacy-related activities;
- Expand and develop tribal language preservation and revitalization efforts; and
- Plan for any activities described or listed above.

These efforts are designed not only to promote early literacy but also to strengthen cultural identity and intergenerational language transmission within Tribal communities.

Expanding early literacy resources in culturally specific programs, increasing access to culturally specific family education- Target Populations/Eligibility- Project Activities

Early Learning Hubs

Early Learning Hubs play a critical role in aligning services and resources across sectors to support young children and they bring together cross-sector partners to align services and resources for Oregon's young children and families. Their allowable project activities include:

- Establishment or expansion of research-aligned, early literacy-focused professional development opportunities for early learning partners, early childhood educators and / or caregivers.
- Establishment or expansion of parent/caregiver engagement activities related to literacy. May include evidence-based family education classes, workshops, parent support activities and family activities related to literacy.
- Establishment or expansion of book and / or other literacy material distribution in multiple languages

focused on early literacy development.

- Establishment or expansion of parent/caregiver engagement activities related to literacy. May include evidence-based family education classes, workshops, parent support activities and family activities related to literacy.
- Engage with Tribal Officials and/or Tribal leaders and cultural experts to understand the specific and cultural needs and preferences of sovereign Tribal Nations and indigenous populations regarding language and literacy.

Early Childhood Equity Fund (ECEF)

The ECEF supports culturally specific early learning programs that center language and culture preservation. Their allowable project activities include:

1. Develop and/or deliver early literacy resources, materials and activities focused on ages birth through five through ECEF-funded models, including:

- Parenting Education,
- Parent-Child Interaction activities and / or
- Kindergarten Transition.
- Tribal Language Preservation and Revitalization activities (Tribal grantees only)

2. Develop and/or deliver culturally relevant, research-aligned, developmentally appropriate early literacy professional development and training activities for early childhood educators, providers, and/or other staff that would benefit from literacy training opportunities

Enhancing literacy-specific services in home visiting program- Target Populations/Eligibility- Project Activities

Healthy Families Oregon

Healthy Families Oregon provides voluntary home visiting services to families expecting or parenting newborns, with a focus on those at higher risk.

Oregon Prenatal Through Kindergarten (OPK)

The Oregon Prenatal Through Kindergarten (OPK) program serves expecting parents and families with children from prenatal through age five, prioritizing those with incomes at or below the Federal Poverty Level, as well as children in foster care, experiencing houselessness, or receiving public assistance.

Relief Nursery (RN)

Relief Nurseries serve children and families ages 0–5 who are experiencing multiple family stressors, including poverty, trauma, mental health challenges, and housing instability. These programs provide intensive, therapeutic early childhood services and wraparound family support.

These programs, each serve distinct yet overlapping populations of young children and families facing a range of challenges, from economic hardship to trauma and housing instability. They support early literacy development through home visiting designed to promote language development, strengthen family engagement, and support culturally responsive practices. The allowable project activities for these home visiting programs include:

- Culturally relevant screening tools focused on early literacy and associated training.

- Acquire, distribute literacy materials and promote research based early literacy activities, including but not limited to, shared book reading, storytelling, and singing.
- Acquire, expand or develop home visiting curriculum with a focus on early literacy and / or family literacy, acquire associated training to support implementation.
- Host family events focused on early literacy.
- Offer specialized training and research-aligned professional development for home visiting staff focused on how to support early literacy and developing parental/caregiver understanding of early literacy.
- Provide materials, resources and activities related to:
 - Developmentally appropriate literacy milestones.
 - Incorporating literacy into daily routines.
 - Promoting culturally relevant early literacy.
- Provide referrals for additional early literacy resources and support.
- Support parent advisory groups focused on early literacy.

The table on pages 4-7 illustrates how resources are distributed geographically and helps identify areas of alignment, collaboration, and potential gaps in service delivery for children and families from birth through age five. **Please note: Resource allocations and service availability may shift as grant agreements are finalized and implemented. This table reflects current data and may be subject to change.**

Early Learning Hub	Tribal Funding	Early Childhood Equity Fund (ECEP)	Healthy Families Oregon (HFO)	Oregon Prenatal Through Kindergarten (OPK)	Relief Nursery (RN)
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Central Oregon (Crook; Deschutes; Jefferson)

Early Learning Hub of Central Oregon	Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs	Better Together	High Desert Education Service District	NeighborImpact Head Start	MountainStar Family Relief Nursery
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Clackamas

Early Learning Hub of Clackamas County		Todos Juntos	Clackamas County Children's Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clackamas County Children's Commission Clackamas ESD Prekindergarten 	
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Eastern Oregon (Baker; Malheur; Wallowa)

Eastern Oregon Community Based Services Hub			Malheur education Service District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eastern Oregon University Head Start Malheur County Child Development Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baker Relief Nursery Treasure Valley Children's Relief Nursery
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Four Rivers (Gilliam; Hood River; Sherman; Wasco; Wheeler)

Four Rivers Early Learning Hub	Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon	Oregon Child Development Coalition (OCDL)	The Next Door, Inc.	North Central ESD Early Education Head Start	
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Frontier (Grant; Harney)

Frontier Early Learning Hub	Burns Paiute Tribe		Families First Parent Resource Center		
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Lane

Lane Early Learning Alliance		South Lane School District		Head Start of Lane County	Relief Nursery, Inc.
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Linn, Benton & Lincoln

Early Learning Hub of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties	Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old Mill Center for Children and Families • Community Services Consortium 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Services Consortium • Oregon State University Child Development Center • Kids and Company of Linn County (Kidco) Head Start • Oregon Child Development Coalition (OCDC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Tree Relief Nursery • Old Mill Center for Children and Families
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Marion & Polk

Marion and Polk Early Learning Hub, Inc.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mano a Mano Family Center • Micronesian Islander Community • Salem/Keizer Coalition for Equality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Building Blocks, Inc. • Harney ESD Region XVII 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Action Head Start of Marion and Polk Counties • Family Building Blocks, Inc. • Salem-Keizer Head Start PreKindergarten • Confederated Tribes of Grande Ronde Early Head Start 	Family Building Blocks
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Morrow; Umatilla; Union

Blue Mountain Early Learning Hub	Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Umatilla Morrow County Head Start, Inc. • Eastern Oregon Head Start 	Umatilla Morrow County Head Start, Inc.	Pioneer Relief Nursery
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Multnomah

Early Learning Multnomah (ELM)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Portland Public School Title VI Indian Education Program Oregon Community Health Workers Association (ORCHWA) Self Enhancement (SEI) Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization (IRCO) Hacienda Community Development Corporation KairosPDX Native American Youth & Family Center (NAYA) Center for African Immigrants and Refugees Organization (CAIRO) Metropolitan Family Service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multnomah County Neighborhood House, Inc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Albina Head Start Mt Hood Community College Head Start Neighborhood House Portland Public Schools Head Start 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Relief Nursery LifeWorks NW Children's Relief Nursery Volunteers of America
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Northwest (Clatsop; Columbia; Tillamook)

Northwest Early Learning Hub			Community Action Team, Inc. (CAT)	Community Action Team, Inc. (CAT)	
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South-Central (Douglas; Klamath; Lake)

South-Central Early Learning Hub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Klamath Tribes Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians 		United Community Action Network (UCAN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kids and Company (Kidco) Head Start The Children's Learning Center Klamath Family Head Start United Community Action Network Head Start (UCAN) 	Family Development Center
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South Coast (Coos; Curry; Douglas)

South Coast Regional Early Learning Hub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians Coquille Indian Tribe 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> South Coast Education Service District (SCESD) South Coast Head Start United Community Action Network 		Coastal Families Relief Nursery
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Southern Oregon (Jackson; Josephine)

Southern Oregon Early Learning Services			Siskiyou Community Health Center, Inc.	Southern Oregon Child and Family Council	The Family Nurturing Center
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Washington

Early Learning Washington County		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adelante Mujeres Education Explorers Latino Network 	Washington County	Community Action Head Start of Washington County	
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Yamhill

Yamhill Early Learning Hub			Lutheran Community Services Northwest (LCSNW)	Head Start of Yamhill County	Lutheran Community Services Northwest (LCSNW)
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Additional Information on other funding related to the Early Literacy Success Initiative and Birth Through Five Literacy:

- Dolly Parton Imagination Library: imaginationlibrary.com/oregon/
- Ready to Read: slo.oregon.gov/readytoreadgrant
- Reach out and Read: reachoutandread.org/

Oregon Department of Education:

- Early Literacy Community Grant: oregon.gov/ode/EarlyLiteracySuccessInitiative/Pages/CommunityGrantResources.aspx
- Comprehensive Literacy State Development Grant: oregon.gov/ode/educator-resources/standards/ela/pages/clsd.aspx

You are entitled to language assistance services and other accommodations at no cost. If you need help in your language or other accommodations, please contact the Department of Early Learning and Care at 1 (800) 556-6616.