Oregon ELMS
Provider Registration Types

When registering in Oregon ELMS, it is important you choose the correct provider type. Below you will see definitions for the different provider types in Oregon ELMS. Choose the type that most closely describes your child care facility.

Licensed Program Providers and Recorded Program Providers

A licensed child care program in Oregon ensures a set of standards are met that are foundational to the wellbeing of children in care. The Child Care Licensing Division (CCLD) issues five types of licenses. Registered Family (RF) and Certified Family Child Care (CF) licenses are in residential homes. Certified Center (CC) and School-Age Center (SC) licenses are in non-residential or commercial buildings. Outdoor Nature-Based (ONB) programs operate in primarily outdoor, natural spaces.

Recorded programs are either in-person preschool programs operating four or fewer hours per day or school-age programs for students eligible for kindergarten through 13 years old. Although these programs are Recorded with the state, they are not beholden to the same stringent rules regarding ratios, activities and equipment as licensed providers. All staff must be enrolled in the Central Background Registry (CBR).

Type	Definition
Certified Child Care Centers	Certified to provide care and education of children, generally in a commercial or nonresidential setting that is not a certified family child care home.
Certified School Age Centers	Provides care only for school-age children eligible to be enrolled in kindergarten or above in the next school year, and which does not include night care, in a nonresidential setting.
Certified Family Child Care Homes	A child care facility located in a building constructed as a single-family dwelling or other dwelling that has a certificate to care for a maximum of 16 children at one time.
Registered Family Child Care Homes	A child care facility that is licensed to care for no more than 10 children and is the residence of the provider
Outdoor Nature Based Care	Cares for preschool through school-age children in a primarily outdoor natural space utilizing a philosophy where nature is central to the child's learning and development
Preschool Recorded Program	Preschool programs that operate for four hours a day or less, are educational, and serve children from 3 years old until they are eligible for first grade in public school.
School Age Recorded Program	Programs that provide youth development activities to school-age children (eligible for kindergarten up to 13 years of age) during hours that school is not in session

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License-Exempt Providers

License-Exempt Family Child Care Providers provide child care in their homes on an informal basis. These caregivers are not required to be licensed if they care for three or fewer children and may be friends or relatives of the family. Programs run by government entities like recreation departments and schools may also be license-exempt if they provide less than 4 hours of care per day, or fewer than 70 days of care per year. Regulated subsidy programs (those who are license-exempt and participate in subsidy/ERDC) must: meet health and safety standards, comply with comprehensive background checks, participate in ongoing training, and are subject to on-site inspections.

Any of these can be designated as enhanced once registered in Oregon ELMS and required trainings are completed.

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Regulated Subsidy Centers	Provider is exempt from licensing and child care is provided in a facility that is not located in a residential dwelling. The provider is not related to the children in care.
Regulated Subsidy Homes	Provider is exempt from licensing and is not related to the children in care. Care can be provided in the home of the child, home of the provider or a 3rd party home.
Relative Care	Provider is exempt from licensing and is related to all children in care. A relative is a grandparent, great-grandparent, aunt or uncle. It could also mean a sibling not living in the home of the child.

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