

Student Success Act Engagement Around the State

August 2019

<u>City Club of Portland Friday Forum – The Student Success Act: An Historic Investment in</u> Oregon's Children

October 2019

State funding aims to improve early childhood education, Oct. 17, 2019
Oregon's \$1 billion-per-year Student Success Act, passed this spring, has received lots of attention for increasing K-12 education funding statewide. (Bend Bulletin)

November 2019

State funding could have Head Start seeking more qualified staff, Nov. 8, 2019 Four years ago, Umatilla Morrow County Head Start had 150 staff members. This year, the organization has 285 positions and some of those are still waiting to be filled. (East Oregonian)

<u>Thousands more Oregon kids can attend free preschool next fall</u>, Nov. 11, 2019 Almost 500 kids in the Salem area qualify for a free preschool program but are sitting on waitlists because there aren't enough spots. (Salem Reporter)

Straight Talk: Child care deserts and preschool for all, Nov. 14, 2019

Oregon is the fourth least affordable state in the country for child care and preschool. Many families struggle to pay the high cost; sometimes having to choose between paying the rent or buying food-- and quality child care. (KGW-TV)

A two-generation approach to raising a healthy child, Nov. 22, 2019

After a free screening at Healthy Beginnings in Bend revealed that a Central Oregon couple's child was ready for preschool by all measured health and developmental milestones, the parents were relieved. (Bend Bulletin)

Student Success Act Discussion Dec. 4, Nov. 27, 2019

Six Oregon educators, including Central School District superintendent Jennifer Kubista, will host a panel discussion about the possible impact of Oregon's 2019 Student Success Act. (Polk County Itemizer-Observer)

December 2019

Oregon receives \$26 million federal early learning, preschool grant, Dec. 23, 2019

The Oregon Department of Education's Early Learning Division said Monday it has been awarded a \$26.6 million grant by the federal Administration for Children and Families to improve and expand programs to serve Oregon children and families from birth to age 5. (KTVZ-TV Central Oregon)

For Oregon's Children: Fed grant to help in early education, Dec. 28, 2019

The Oregon Department of Education's Early Learning Division has been awarded a \$26.6 million grant by the federal Administration for Children and Families. (St. Helens Chronicle)

Historically Underfunded, Dec. 31, 2019

In a state strapped for school funds, the Student Success Act is expected to lower class sizes and add supports for struggling kids in Bend-La Pine School (Bend Source Weekly)

January 2020

Oregon receives \$26.6 million grant for expanding early childhood education, Jan. 3, 2020 Oregon's early childhood education officials received a massive present just before Christmas: a three-year grant worth \$26.6 million. (Bend Bulletin)

Local leaders look ahead to 2020, Jan. 3, 2020

The new year is a chance for a fresh start. But in Umatilla and Morrow counties, local leaders aren't as focused on wiping the slate clean as they are building off the momentum of previous successes. (East Oregonian)