



OREGON  
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Oregon Department of  
**Early Learning  
and Care**

# SUPPORTS FOR EARLY LEARNERS EXPERIENCING HOUSING INSTABILITY

This document provides resources for children ages 0-5 and their families who are experiencing housing instability.



## Did you know?

Children ages 0 to 5 are prioritized for most early learning services and these programs are free to families qualifying for McKinney-Vento services.

## Department of Early Learning and Care

The Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC) is a new Oregon state agency that supports the development and well-being of all Oregon children and ensures families in every corner of the state have access to high-quality early learning and care.

- Oregon Department of Early Learning (DELIC) Website [oregon.gov/delc](https://oregon.gov/delc)
- Free Programs and Services Provided by DELIC [oregon.gov/delc/programs](https://oregon.gov/delc/programs)
- Early Learning Hubs [oregon.gov/delc/programs/Pages/hubs.aspx](https://oregon.gov/delc/programs/Pages/hubs.aspx)
- Child Care Assistance and Family Support [oregon.gov/delc/families/Pages/child-care-assistance-family-support.aspx#HelpPayingForChildCare](https://oregon.gov/delc/families/Pages/child-care-assistance-family-support.aspx#HelpPayingForChildCare)
- Child Care Resources and Referral [oregonccrr.org](https://oregonccrr.org)

## Additional Resources

- 211 Find Child Care Oregon [findchildcareoregon.org](https://findchildcareoregon.org)
- Children and Families Experiencing Homelessness [eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/family-support-well-being/article/children-families-experiencing-homelessness](https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/family-support-well-being/article/children-families-experiencing-homelessness)
- Supporting Children and Families Experiencing Homelessness for Early Childhood Professionals [eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/family-support-well-being/article/children-families-experiencing-homelessness](https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/family-support-well-being/article/children-families-experiencing-homelessness)
- Community Action Partnership of Oregon (CAPO): Oregon's Poverty Fighting Network [caporegon.org](https://caporegon.org)



## Oregon Department of Education

The Oregon Department of Education oversees the education of over 560,000 students in Oregon's public K-12 education system. ODE encompasses early learning, public preschool programs, the state School for the Deaf, regional programs for children with disabilities, and education programs in Oregon youth corrections facilities.

- Who do I contact in my school or district about housing instability resources?
  - Reach out to your liaison [oregon.gov/ode/schools-and-districts/grants/ESEA/McKinney-Vento/Pages/McKinney-Vento-Students-&-Families.aspx](https://oregon.gov/ode/schools-and-districts/grants/ESEA/McKinney-Vento/Pages/McKinney-Vento-Students-&-Families.aspx)
  - McKinney-Vento Liaison Contact List
    - [By District](#)
    - [By County](#)
- Transition to kindergarten [oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/transitioning-to-kindergarten](https://oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/transitioning-to-kindergarten)

## Department of Human Services

The Oregon Department of Human Services is the state's principal agency for helping Oregonians people achieve well-being and independence. We provide direct services to more than 1 million Oregonians people in Oregon each year. These services are a key safety net for people in diverse communities across Oregon.

- Education Guidance [oregon.gov/odhs/data/cwdata/cw-apsr-2022-att-14-education-guidance.pdf](https://oregon.gov/odhs/data/cwdata/cw-apsr-2022-att-14-education-guidance.pdf)
- Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program Working to End Youth Homelessness : Youth Experiencing Homelessness : State of Oregon [oregon.gov/odhs/providers-partners/homeless-youth](https://oregon.gov/odhs/providers-partners/homeless-youth)

### » Some families need free child care while parents look for stable housing and work. Is there a resource available?

Yes, the first step is to contact your local Child Care Resource and Referral to help families find a program that fits their unique needs.

### » I just learned that a 2nd grader who is receiving McKinney-Vento resources has a 3-year old and 4 year old sibling. Should I refer the family to early learning programs like Head Start?

Yes, families eligible for McKinney-Vento services are prioritized for most early learning programs. Helping families navigate the early learning system is an important role for liaisons.

### » When should families register their five year olds for kindergarten?

Families should register for kindergarten in the spring and no later than mid-May. Early registration ensures that families will be invited to school-based events during the summer. If you are not sure of the family's school, reach out to the liaison.

### » What about Resources during the summer?

Many Oregon districts offer transitioning into kindergarten programs during the summer. When you are helping families connect with their school, check to see if the school hosts a summer transition program for incoming kindergartners and their families.

### » How do I know if families qualifying for McKinney-Vento will be eligible for Early Learning Programs?

Families qualifying for McKinney-Vento are prioritized in most publicly funded early learning programs.

## NEXT STEPS

- ☐ Did you contact your McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaison?  
[oregon.gov/ode/schools-and-districts/grants/esea/mckinney-vento/pages/default.aspx](https://oregon.gov/ode/schools-and-districts/grants/esea/mckinney-vento/pages/default.aspx)
- ☐ Did you reach out to your Early Learning Hubs?  
[oregon.gov/delc/programs/Pages/hubs.aspx](https://oregon.gov/delc/programs/Pages/hubs.aspx)



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