

State Interagency Coordinating Council Goals for SICC 2026-2028

Early Intervention and Early Childhood Special Workforce Subcommittee:

By February 2026, the State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) subcommittee will review all relevant information and workforce data that exists on preparation, recruitment, retention, and diversification to update the Early Intervention and Early Childhood Special (EI/ECSE) Needs Assessment/Workforce survey. Recognizing the backgrounds and pathways of how staff enter the EI/ECSE workforce, we want to ensure quality and influence pre-service training and current workforce and program onboarding needs. Continue to learn the strategies that are being implemented and/or being explored and advise and assist regarding strategies as appropriate.

By May 2026, determine how the SICC can best contribute to sharing the Needs Assessment/Workforce survey results with community and agency partners.

By June 2026, determine recommendations the SICC wants to make to improve recruitment, retention and quality of service providers.

ORS 343.499 (5) (a) (d), OAR 581-015-2900 (EI/ECSE Personnel Standards), OAR 581-015-2905 (Authorization Specialist), OAR 581-015-2910 (Authorization Supervisor) OAR 584-229-0185 (Special Education: Early Intervention and Early Childhood; IDEA Part C)(34 CFR 303.31 and 303.119, IDEA Part B Section 619 (34 300.156 and 300.18

Oregon Department of Education (ODE) staff-Holly Reed-Schindler
Work group-Workforce

Improve the number and quality of inclusive early learning settings:

By June 2026, the SICC will assist ODE to strengthen interagency collaboration to promote inclusion and prevent preschool expulsion and suspension.

The Council will identify opportunities to join at least three workgroups, identify a process for submitting formal recommendations, submit three recommendations, and report progress annually with a mid-year review. Actions will emphasize the necessity to engage families and communities to ensure cultural responsiveness and equitable access for all children.

343.499 (5) (a) (d)(6)

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Work group- Funding and State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP)

Adequate and Stable Funding for EI/ECSE services:

During 2025–26, the State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) will build its knowledge of EI/ECSE funding structures, including links to Regional Inclusive Services (SB 868) and the modernization of adequate service level calculations (HB 2682). The SICC will provide input on the final ASL Advisory Group report and identify strategies for carrying these messages forward to ensure that the needs of children and families remain central in future legislative discussions.

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Connection with Local Interagency Coordinating Councils (LICC):

1. By June 30, 2026, the State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) will enhance statewide awareness and family/community engagement with Local Interagency Coordinating Councils (LICC) by implementing targeted outreach and resource-sharing strategies.

- Share updated 2025 service area plan data with the SICC committee in the Fall.
- Publish the LICC county contact list on both the ODE Family's page and the SICC page.
- Participate in at least one family-focused event to promote LICCs.

2. By June 30, 2026, the SICC will establish a process for consistent collaboration and communication with LICCs.

- Ensure LICCs present content at a minimum of three SICC meetings during the year.
- Update LICC questions for the 2026 service area plan that will be administered in Spring 2026.

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Annual Report on Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education (EI/ECSE):

The SICC will prepare and distribute an annual report on the status of early intervention and early childhood special education to the Governor, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction, Director of the Division of Early Childhood and Care and other policy makers. On an annual basis before January.

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Work group-Governor's Report