Oregon Department of Early Learning & Care Title IV-B2 Family Preservation and Family Support Services Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Report

Title IV-B2 Family Preservation and Family Support Services funds are received by the Oregon Department of Early Learning & Care (DELC) from the Oregon Department of Human Services.

Title IV-B2 funds support the provision of community-based family support services in four goal areas:

Early Childhood Development/Early Learning; Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention;

Adolescent Risk Factors; and Child Poverty.

Healthy Families Oregon:

In Fiscal Year 2023, funding to Healthy Families Oregon was used to support families through voluntary home visits, in developing skills and confidence to raise healthy children and increase family wellbeing by preventing adversity and building residence during a child's most critical years of development. The focus during a home visit may include but is not limited to the promotion of nurturing parent-child interaction and attachment (e.g., supporting parent child play activities, support parent in promoting and guiding child development, social-emotional relationship building, etc.), promotion of healthy growth and development (e.g., supporting monitoring of child developmental milestones, access to health care, nutrition and safety discussions, linkage to appropriate referrals, etc.), and enhancing family functioning (e.g., family goals, enhancing coping and problem solving skills, stress management and self-care, home management and life skills, etc.). The model, Healthy Families America, has consistent evidence that demonstrates HFA impacts on child maltreatment prevention among children ages 1 to 3 years old including:

- Fewer substantiated reports with families who engage in services
- Less emotional abuse and less neglect
- Less harsh discipline and less physical abuse
- Fewer hospitalizations for child abuse
- Prevents the recurrence of child maltreatment by 1/3 among families with prior CPS involvement

Sources: Research and Evidence of Effectiveness | HFA (healthyfamiliesamerica.org)

Table 1. Healthy Families Oregon

Counties that Received Title IV-B2	TOTAL # of children served with Title IV-B2 funds from January 2023-December 2023 +
Clackamas	123
Josephine/Jackson	139
Marion/Polk	210

⁺ Numbers reported are the total number of families that received at least 1 home visit from January-December 2023 according to their HFAST reports from 2024.

Early Learning Hubs:

All Hubs continuously assess the needs of families and children and support essential services, programming, and resources tailored to their respective regions. In 2023, the Early Learning Hubs utilized Title IV-B2 funds to support children and families through various programs that respond to the specific needs identified within their regions. Supports included:

- Providing culturally relevant and specific child development services, including preschool recruitment and early literacy programs, to enhance accessibility to early learning opportunities and foster a love of reading from a young age.
- Parent educators and family resource coordinators who provide comprehensive support, including personalized coaching, health care access, and social-emotional resources, to strengthen family bonds and parenting skills.
- Programming to meet basic needs of families such as food, transportation, housing, financial services, health, and other essentials.
- Supporting essential resources for migrant families.
- Ensuring home visiting services are lifted in community where professionals model and offer families developmentally appropriate activities to enhance parenting practices and child development.
- Organizing family events and community outreach programs, including parent cafes and online education, to foster community engagement, build relationships, and elevate family voices within the community.
- Distributing Welcome Baby bags to promote early health and safety, as well as family financial stability, ensuring new parents or caregivers have the essentials they need.
- Recruiting and training respite providers and resource parents to support families in need of temporary caregiving solutions.
- Offering nutritional support and health and wellness programs to promote the physical and mental well-being of families.
- Providing psychological support services and family counseling to address mental health needs and strengthen family relationships.
- Training caregivers and providing safety education to ensure a secure and supportive environment for children, enhancing overall family preservation efforts.

The Oregon Department of Early Learning & Care will continue to use these Title IV-B2 funds to support services designed to improve parent and caregiver skills, provide structured activities for parents, caregivers, and children to strengthen the caregiver-child relationship, and provide information and referral services. These efforts aim to promote family preservation, enhance child well-being, and ensure that families receive the support they need to thrive. The early learning hubs focus on developing a community-based continuum of family support and preservation services that are family-focused, culturally relevant, and integrated with existing state and community services, ensuring a coordinated and effective approach to serving children and families. Early learning hubs prioritize lifting regional priority populations by ensuring that resources are allocated to communities with the greatest needs.

Fiscal Year 2023 Data Tables

Table 1. Healthy Families Oregon

Counties that received Title IV-B2	TOTAL # of children served with Title IV-B2 funds from January 2022 – December 2022 ^[1]

Table 2. Early Learning Hubs [2]

		TOTAL # of children served with Title IV- B2 funds from January 2023 – December 2023	
Early Learning Hub	Counties that received Title IV-B2	Family Support	Family Preservation
Blue Mountain Early Learning Hub	Morrow, Umatilla and Union	45	111
Early Learning Hub of Central Oregon	Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson	20	18
South-Central Oregon Early Learning Hub	Douglas, Klamath, Lake	3,244	0
Clackamas Early Learning Hub	Clackamas	0	16

Eastern Oregon Early Learning Hub	Baker, Malheur, Wallowa	205	0
Four Rivers Early Learning Hub	Gilliam, Hood River, Sherman, Wasco, Wheeler	0	1224
Frontier Early Learning Hub	Grant, Harney	0*	0*
Early Learning Multnomah	Multnomah	1439	0
Southern Oregon Early Learning Services	Jackson, Josephine	127	848
South Coast Regional Early Learning Hub	Coos, Curry	46	2
Early Childhood Hub of Lane County	Lane	799	802
Early Learning Hub of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties	Benton, Lincoln, Linn	22,684**	172
Marion & Polk Early Learning Hub	Marion, Polk	11,375	481
Northwest Early Learning Hub	Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook	78	100
Early Learning Washington County	Washington	5974	1415
Yamhill Early Learning Hub	Yamhill	410	156

^{*} Table 2 displays the number of children served in 2023 with these funds. In some regions, services continued via other funding streams.

^{**} Table 2 displays the number of children served, including those through Pollywog, a universal program supporting prenatal and parenting education classes, access to free preschool, and home visiting referrals. It also includes newsletters and texts sent to families and blog posts.

^[1] Number of families receiving at least one home visit according to programs' quarterly outcome reports.

^[2] Data Source: Early Learning Hub Quarterly Reports submitted to DELC.