Oregon Department of Early Learning & Care

Title IV-B2 Family Preservation and Family Support Services

Fiscal Year 2024 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 2024, 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 resilience 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 (HFA), has consistent evidence that demonstrates 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, and
- Prevents the recurrence of child maltreatment by 1/3 among families with prior CPS involvement.

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

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 2024, 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 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 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.
- 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 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 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 program focuses 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. Additionally, these services will prioritize regional priority populations, ensuring that resources are allocated to communities with the greatest need.

Fiscal Year 2024 Data Tables

Table 1. Healthy Families Oregon

Counties that received Title IV-B2	TOTAL # of children served with Title IV-B2 funds from January 2024 – December 2024+
Clackamas County	103
Jackson & Josephine Counties	149
Marion & Polk Counties	254

+Numbers reported are the total number of families that received at least 1 home visit from January-December 2024 according to each site's HFAST reports for 2024.

Table 2. Early Learning Hubs

		TOTAL # of children served with Title IV-B2 funds from January 2024 – December 2024++	
Hub	**Counties that received Title IV-B2**	**Family Support**	**Family Preservation**
Blue Mountain Early Learning Hub	Morrow, Umatilla and Union	0	225
Early Learning Hub of Central Oregon	Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson	48	0
South-Central Oregon Early Learning Hub	Douglas, Klamath, Lake	1877	1877
Clackamas Early Learning Hub	Clackamas	0	0
Eastern Oregon Early Learning Hub	Baker, Malheur, Wallowa	196	196
Four Rivers Early Learning Hub	Gilliam, Hood River, Sherman, Wasco, Wheeler	32	65
Frontier Early Learning Hub	Grant, Harney	20	20
Early Learning Multnomah	Multnomah	22	19

Southern Oregon Early Learning Services	Jackson, Josephine	0	270
South Coast Regional Early Learning Hub	Coos, Curry	335	150
Early Childhood Hub of Lane County	Lane	544	956
Early Learning Hub of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties	Benton, Lincoln, Linn	0	0
Marion & Polk Early Learning Hub	Marion, Polk	6117	0
Northwest Early Learning Hub	Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook	0	0
Early Learning Washington County	Washington	7871	6459
Yamhill Early Learning Hub	Yamhill	353	84

++ Data Source: Early Learning Hub Quarterly Reports submitted to DELC.