

NEED HELP FINDING A CHILD CARE PROVIDER OR OTHER RESOURCES?



- Contact 211info: **DIAL 211** toll free
- Text **CHILDREN** to **898211**
- Email: **children@211info.org**
- Visit **211info.org**

A 211info representative can assist you with:

- Child care
- Behavioral strategies
- School readiness and tips
- Early childhood development
- Family stress and anxiety
- Parenting classes and support
- Local play groups
- Foster care support
- Basic family resources... **and much more!**



You can get this document in other languages, large print, braille or a format you prefer. Contact Employment-Related Day Care at 503-945-5944. We accept all relay calls or you can dial 711.

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CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE FOR WORKING PARENTS



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YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE

Working families can get help with monthly child care costs and registration fees through the Employment Related Day Care program (ERDC). A family of three with a gross income under \$3,386 per month could qualify. Income limits change each year. To see current income limits, go to www.oregon.gov/DHS/assistance/CHILD-CARE/Pages/parents.aspx.

The ERDC subsidy helps pay for child care services by an ODHS-approved provider. The benefits of using a provider listed with ODHS include:

- The provider has passed the criminal and child protective service background check.
- The provider has taken informative trainings, such as Introduction to Child Care Health and Safety.
- The provider is ready to receive payment from ODHS.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

You can use different kinds of child care providers including centers or licensed family child care homes. You can use a friend or relative once they are approved by ODHS or use more than one provider.

Once eligible, a family pays a portion of the child care cost to their provider, this is called the copayment. It is based on the family's size and income. The family must also pay for child care costs above the ODHS maximum rate. To see family copay amounts, go to <https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/assistance/child-care/pages/parents.aspx>.

HOW TO APPLY

You can apply online, visit your local ODHS office or ODHS can mail you an application and call to set up an interview.

For more information about the ODHS child care program or to apply online, go to www.oregon.gov/DHS.

At times the ERDC program may not have any openings. When this happens, families are placed on the ERDC reservation list. Your ODHS worker will decide if you meet an exemption to the list.

PROVIDER INFORMATION

ODHS will ask for the name of your child care provider when you apply for ERDC. ODHS needs to approve providers to be able to receive payment.

If your provider has not been approved, your provider will need a Provider Listing Form. Providers must take training before being approved. The Provider Listing Form explains what training is needed.

Providers who are not licensed and are not related to all children in care must have a visit completed where they provide care before they can be approved. This includes when care is done in a child's home.



EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING

Developmental screening includes questions that give a general idea of how a child is learning, growing and meeting developmental milestones. Developmental screening tools help assess whether a child would benefit from testing or services to help with learning.

For more information ask your child's doctor or contact the Early Learning Hub in your area. For a list of hub locations, go to <https://oregonearlylearning.com/current-early-learning-hubs/>.

HOW TO FIND QUALITY CHILD CARE

Choosing child care is one of the most important choices a parent makes. Quality child care helps your child's healthy development and success in school.

A quality child care setting offers a variety of child development activities important to your child's brain development and lifelong learning.

Some providers have a Spark rating. Being a Spark provider shows that the provider has taken the training needed to help children get ready for and be successful in school. To find a Spark provider contact 211info.

