

Early Learning & Care Facilities

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Our Mission

We leverage research, practice, policy, and advocacy to shift systems toward justice for families so that all of Oregon's children, prenatal to grade 5, have access to opportunity.

Our Work

We work on policy and advocacy, securing public investments, expanding access to early childhood programs, and centering children in policy decisions.

We work with school communities to strengthen early learning for children and teaching practices for educators.

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Plan to expand access to quality child care

- 1** Increase public investment in child care subsidy (ERDC)
- 2** Build a fairly compensated, skilled workforce
- 3** Invest in quality facilities & infrastructure
- 4** Ensure Oregon's DELC is set up for success and stability

**Child care
is what
makes all
other work
happen.**

Oregon's Facilities Landscape

Estimated Number of Facilities

Type	Infant-Toddler	Preschool
Center	692	827
FCC	3,060	3,658
Total	3,752	4,485

Total potential facilities to be constructed, expanded, or modernized: [8,235](#)

Estimated Facilities Costs

	Indoor	Outdoor
Infant-Toddler	\$1.7 billion	\$1.4 billion
Preschool	\$2.0 billion	\$2.2 billion
Total		\$7.364 billion

Total potential financing needed to meet the gap in licensed child care slots: [\\$7.4 billion](#)

Child Care Facilities 2025 Priorities

- **Recommendation 1:** Develop a best practice guide for local jurisdictions
 - **HB 3496**
- **Recommendation 3:** Expand grant funding programs for facilities
 - **Child Care Infrastructure Fund**, \$50 m
 - **Child Care Capacity Building**, \$25 m
 - **Co-location Fund**, \$10 m



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- **Recommendation 6:** Permit child care centers by right in residential zones
 - **HB 3560**
- **Other Recommendations:** Split or waive prevailing wage requirements on co-located projects
 - **SB 436 & SB 439**



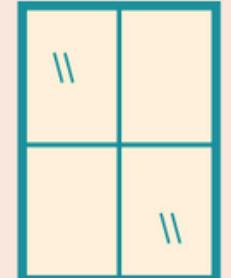
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Problem

Quality early childhood facilities are critical for safety, healthy child development, good working conditions, and thriving communities, but public, private and philanthropic investments in the physical conditions of child care facilities are rare. Even when programs secure funding they can struggle with complex zoning issues.

Quality early learning and child care buildings, classrooms, and outdoor areas:

- Support child brain development
- Promote educator well-being
- Support families to be able to work



Solution

Oregon's proactive funding of child care facilities makes the state a leader in child care facilities investments and a model for other states. The Oregon Legislature has taken positive steps by funding three coordinated efforts to address the need for quality, affordable child care facilities:

- **Co-Location of Affordable Rental Housing** and Early Care and Education Fund, a part of BuildUp Oregon (OHCS & Craft3, 2021)
- **Child Care Capacity Building Fund**, which fund community organizations to work with child care providers to start & grow their businesses (DAS & Seeding Justice, Neighbor Impact, & Euvalcree, 2022)
- **Child Care Infrastructure Fund**, which funds brick & mortar infrastructure (Business Oregon, HB 3005, 2023)

These funds will be entirely spent in 2025, and need to be refunded to continue.

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