

Early Learning Council Child Care and Education Committee Report: March 17th , 2016

Committee Charge: The Child Care and Education Committee (CCEC) is chartered to advise the Early Learning Council (ELC) on the issues, challenges, successes and priorities related to affordable, quality child care and early education programs in Oregon, to provide outreach and act as a liaison between citizens and the ELC through community forums and surveys to engage parents, early care and education providers and union representatives and to prioritize outcome based policies for child care and early education issues related to quality, affordability and system coordination.

Report:

The CCEC serves as the Early Learning Council's rule advisory committee for all rules related to early learning and development programs in Oregon under its authority. The CCEC has developed two workgroups to overview rules that govern programs funded by the Early Learning Division: Child Care workgroup with the current focus on rules for regulated subsidy providers; and the Preschool Promise workgroup and the full CCEC convened to provide the ELC recommendations rules for the Preschool Promise program.

Key Issues Discussed & Uncovered:

Preschool Promise Workgroup: The Rules Advisory Committee considered a number of policy areas related to the program and is advancing the following rule language and summary of the Committee's discussion for consideration by the Council. In addition, the workgroup reviewed draft principles to guide the waiver decisions and advances these for consideration by the Council.

This will be the Council's First Reading of the Preschool Promise proposed administrative rules. The Council is scheduled to adopt final administrative rules at its April meeting.

Upcoming Key Decisions:

The Child Care workgroup will meet in March to begin developing recommendations for the regulated subsidy provider. The Child Care workgroup will also design an input strategy process at their March meeting to ensure parents and providers are engaged to offer meaningful input.

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