

At-A-Glance: Early Care and Education Sector Plan



Blue Mountain Early Learning Hub

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Backbone Organization: Intermountain Education Service District
Serving Morrow, Umatilla and Union Counties

Priority Populations	Geographic Regions	Family Preferences
Children and families living at or below 200% of FPL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Milton-Freewater Echo Pilot Rock Hermiston (within Sunset Elementary School boundaries) North Union County 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Quality of childcare provider and facility: Parents prefer that early learning providers are experienced and well trained and that the facility is safe and clean. Affordability: Many families, even those who qualify for Head Start, can't afford adequate childcare. Those who do not qualify for free preschool have the added challenge of finding affordable preschool. Location and transportation: Families indicated that it is a high priority to have childcare near their home. When children are in free preschool, transportation to childcare can be a barrier.
Children who are learning English as their second language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Milton-Freewater Hermiston Boardman Umatilla and Morrow Counties 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Limited English families expressed that safety and cleanliness of family childcare homes and licensed centers is their number one priority. Affordability: Many families, even those who qualify for Head Start, can't afford adequate childcare. Those who do not qualify for free preschool, have the added challenge of finding affordable preschool. Location and transportation: Families indicated that it is a high priority to have childcare near their home. When children are in free preschool, transportation to childcare can be a barrier. <p>Many of the families in this priority population work in agriculture and need not only affordable care but also extended hours to align with their jobs.</p>
Children with developmental delays and disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children with disabilities also in other priority populations are first priority. Milton-Freewater Hermiston Boardman 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Quality of childcare provider and facility: Parents prefer that early learning providers are experienced and well trained (specifically in understanding the needs of children with developmental delays and disabilities) and that the facility is safe and clean. Affordability: Many families, even those who qualify for Head Start, can't afford adequate childcare. Those who do not qualify for free preschool, have the added challenge of finding affordable preschool. Location and transportation: Families indicated that it is a high priority to have childcare near their home. When children are in free preschool, transportation to childcare can be a barrier.
Children who identify as Native American	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation Mission Pendleton 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Quality of childcare provider and facility: Parents prefer that early learning providers are experienced and well trained and that the facility is safe and clean. Location and transportation: Families indicated that it is a high priority to have childcare near their home. When children are in free preschool, transportation to childcare can be a barrier. Affordability: Many families, even those who qualify for Head Start, can't afford adequate childcare. Those who do not qualify for free preschool, have the added challenge of finding affordable preschool.