

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



## Eastern Oregon Community Based Services Hub

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Backbone Organization: Malheur Education Service District

Serving Baker, Malheur and Wallowa Counties

Priority Populations	Geographic Regions	Family Preferences
Children whose families who are refugees Living in Ontario	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ontario in Malheur County where families who are refugees live and attend school.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Providers that the families can trust and whom their children like.</li> <li>Providers who know and understand their language so their children are better understood.</li> <li>Availability - This is both the costs and hours of operation. Most families need weekend and swing shift hours.</li> </ol> <p>Additional Considerations: Child care providers who are willing to sleep in the home of children, while parents work evenings and nights.</p>
Children who are Latinx in Malheur and Baker Counties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Malheur County: Ontario in Pioneer and Cairo Elementary School catchment area and the Nyssa School District catchment area.</li> <li>Baker County: Baker City in the Brooklyn Elementary School catchment area.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safe environment, including the teachers hired, preparation of food and the equipment used by the children, along with trustworthy staff.</li> <li>Bilingual teachers who can communicate with parents and children teaching them the academics they need in order to be successful in kindergarten.</li> <li>Availability - Centralized locations in the different geographic areas and rates that parents can afford.</li> </ol> <p>Additional Considerations: Families child care needs change with the different seasons that they are working in.</p>
Children Experiencing Foster Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baker County is top priority for having the highest rate of children in foster care and only 2 children being served in Head Start.</li> <li>Malheur County is second priority due to its significant trend upward over the past ten years and it comparative ranking position near the bottom.</li> <li>Wallowa County is third priority due to its increase from less than 5 children before 2016 and now nearly double with 9 and only 2 being served in Early Head Start.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lower costs and more affordable options. This is most important when they have more than one child to be enrolled in a program.</li> <li>Facilities that have experienced providers in trauma and understanding the behaviors that come with caring for children in foster care. This would also include supporting foster parents by sharing ideas and helping to keep structure throughout the child's day.</li> <li>Multiple Qualified and Certified Care options with availability.</li> </ol>
Children with no Parents in the Workforce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wallowa County, having the highest number of children with no parent in the workforce and the third highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the state.</li> <li>Baker County with the second highest number of children with no parent in the workforce and an average of 5.1 unemployment rate.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safe, clean encouraging environment.</li> <li>Affordability – Out of pocket costs.</li> <li>Flexible hours and days of operation.</li> </ol> <p>Additional Considerations: Programs that allow parents to drop off their child while they seek employment.</p>
Children 0-2 whose families are below 100% Federal Poverty Level and live in geographically isolated and/or frontier areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Northeast Baker City in the Brooklyn Elementary School catchment where there are NO 0-2 public slots.</li> <li>Ontario, near the Pioneer and Cairo Elementary School catchment, Vale, Nyssa and Adrian School catchment. These are also high poverty concentrated areas.</li> <li>Wallowa County where there are currently only 8 public slots.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Having quality care for child that includes a safe and nurturing environment where staff are CPR and First Aid certified.</li> <li>More availability in multiple locations making the commute for parents more realistic and cost effective. (Facilities that only offer half day care make the commute more challenging.)</li> <li>Affordability - Lower costs especially for families with more than one child in the same age group.</li> </ol>