

Early Learning Division



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Dear Provider,

The Early Learning Division (ELD) is inviting child care providers to take a survey as part of a study on the cost of quality in child care. By participating in this study, providers will help policymakers understand what it really costs to provide high-quality child care, and how far current resources go towards covering that cost. Your input will help make the case for increased public investment to support providers and increase compensation for the early childhood workforce.

The survey (available in English, Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese, and Chinese) is open now at the link below and will close on **Friday, Oct. 30, 2020**: <u>https://www.questionpro.com/t/ARCJ6Zi1Uo</u>

The study will gather data on the true cost of providing high-quality early childhood education in Oregon. It seeks information about actual expenses to better understand what it takes to provide high-quality child care.

Programs that participate will be asked to share details of prior year expenses and budgets so researchers can see all of the expenses needed to run a program. To maintain confidentiality, all information is being collected and analyzed by two outside organizations and only combined data summaries will be shared with the state.

Find more details about the study (available in English, Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese, and Chinese) on ELD's <u>"For Providers" webpage</u>.

Thank you,

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