



THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EQUITY FUND

EQUITY IN OREGON

Oregon is an increasingly diverse state, and our young children are leading the way. Oregon’s nearly **275,000 young children** under the age of six are more linguistically, racially and ethnically diverse than the older child and adult population. A quarter of Oregon’s young children speak a language other than English at home.

Diversity is an asset and Oregon intends to build an early learning system that recognizes this to ensure more children and families have access to **culturally specific** early learning opportunities. These opportunities help to close the gap in opportunities for children and families that historically have been left behind.

The Early Childhood Equity Fund addresses this by allowing for stronger partnerships with culturally specific organizations and Tribal nations and by providing resources to scale culturally specific programs.

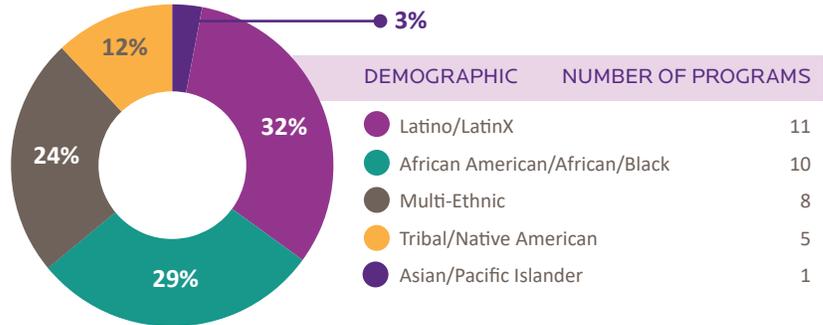
WHAT IS THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EQUITY FUND?

The Early Childhood Equity Fund was created as part of the Student Success Act (HB 3427) and will provide about \$10 million annually in grants to support a broad range of culturally specific kindergarten readiness and family support programming, including:

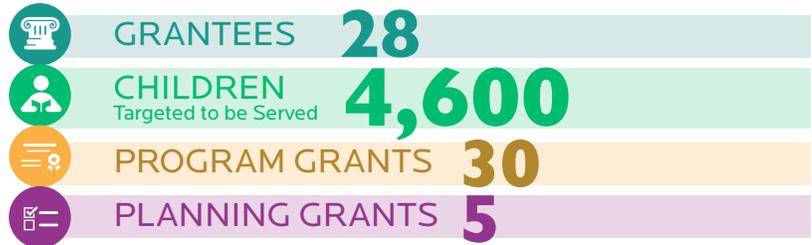
- Parent-child interactions
- Parenting education
- Early literacy and family literacy
- Native language preservation

The fund is targeted toward organizations focused on closing opportunity gaps for children and families that have been historically underserved due to factors such as race, income, zip code, or language, and who are committed to providing early learning services rooted in culture, home language, and lived experience.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EQUITY FUND DEMOGRAPHICS



EARLY CHILDHOOD EQUITY FUND POPULATION SERVED



WHAT DOES THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EQUITY FUND SUPPORT?

Program grants are designed to deliver culturally specific programs through parenting education, positive parent-child interaction, kindergarten transition support, and tribal language preservation and revitalization.

Planning grants are designed to help culturally specific organizations build capacity to deliver culturally specific early learning programs. Planning grants are one-time grants that provide resources for outreach and engagement with families and communities.

HOW WE KNOW THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EQUITY FUND IS ACHIEVING ITS GOALS?

- ✓ A number of metrics are being used to document progress such as:
- ✓ Monthly Check-in Meetings and Webinars
- ✓ Monthly Report Submissions
- ✓ Quarterly Performance Report Submissions (includes expenditure reports)
- ✓ Evaluation of program completed by Portland State University

For more information, go to <https://oregonearlylearning.com/student-success-act#equityfund> or contact ecf@state.or.us.

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