

Summer Early Learning Program Grant FAQ

How do I know if my program is eligible?

Preschool Promise (PSP), Oregon Prenatal-Kindergarten (OPK) and Early Childhood Equity Fund (ECEP) grantees are eligible for the Summer Early Learning Program Grant. Other programs, including other publicly funded early learning programs such as Relief Nurseries and Healthy Families Oregon, can review the [Early Childhood Summer Supports Grants](#) offered through the Oregon Community Foundation.

I am already a year-round program. Should I still apply?

Yes. If you are already offering summer services, you can use additional funding to enhance your program by offering additional days or additional hours to your daily schedule.

Should I be enrolling new children or extending the year for children who are already enrolled?

A provider may offer an extension to children already enrolled and a “jump-start” for new children who qualify for program year 2021-2022 services.

Which children are eligible for the Preschool Promise summer program?

- Children already enrolled who will be entering kindergarten in the fall
- Children already enrolled who will receive their second year of PSP in program year (PY) 21/22
- New children who will continue to receive services in PY21/22 (and maybe even PY22/23)

What if a currently enrolled child doesn't want to attend during the summer, but plans on returning in the fall?

Current PSP families are not required to attend summer programming. As long as the child is not kindergarten age-eligible they may return with their current provider. Children may participate in PSP for up to two program years. If a grantee knows that a child will not be accessing summer programming, the grantee should not include that slot in their Summer Early Learning Program Grant application.

Some of my teaching staff do not want to work during the summer and it is challenging to find qualified staff. Is there flexibility on staff qualifications?

Yes. Waivers for program specific staff qualifications are available for the Summer Early Learning Program Grant, but all licensing regulations on staff qualifications still apply.

Do I have to offer services for the entire summer?

No. Providers have the option of selecting four, six, or eight weeks of summer programming. Please note, providers with the ability to offer services for a longer duration will receive priority in selection process.

Do summer services need to be in-person?

One of the goals of the Summer Early Learning Program Grant is to ‘catch-up’ on missed opportunities for social-emotional and academic learning that happen in early learning settings. Programs must offer at minimum a Hybrid service model that includes some in-person services. A provider who offers a fully in-person service model will receive priority in the selection process. Programs offering fully home-based, virtual or distance models will not be considered for this grant.

If we start July 1, does that count as the first week of summer programming?

Yes, we will count services that begin July 1 as the first week of summer programming.

How much funding will I receive for summer services?

If awarded, funding will be based on the number of children served, whether transportation is offered, and the duration of services. The grant application outlines the weekly amount per child and should help providers determine how much they can expect if awarded.

Where can I go with other questions?

Each provider can contact their respective program manager with questions about the Summer Early Learning Program Grant.

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