



## Oregon Child Care Cost of Quality Study

### WHAT IS THE CHILD CARE COST OF QUALITY STUDY?

The Child Care Cost of Quality Study gathered data on the true cost of providing high-quality early care and education in Oregon.

As opposed to the **Child Care Market Rate Survey**, which collects data on tuition rates, the Cost of Quality Study gathers information about actual expenses to better understand what it takes to provide high-quality care and education.

**From October 2020 to December 2020**, Early Childhood Education (ECE) providers from across the state and representing the diversity of the industry participated in surveys and informational interviews to inform the study. Participants were asked to share program details of prior year expenses and budgets so that the researchers can view the total expenses required to run the program. Researchers also gathered data on average salaries and benefits, staffing schedules, and revenue sources.

### WHO LEAD THIS STUDY?

The Oregon Early Learning Division (ELD) commissioned the [Center for American Progress](#) and a team of researchers to conduct the study. The study was led by Simon Workman and Jeanna Capito, national experts on early care and education financing.

In addition, a technical work group was formed to provide insight and support to the study. This technical work group invited state and local experts, including center and home-based child care providers, to collaborate and ensure the voice of early care and education programs was at the center of this work.

### COST OF QUALITY STUDY WEBINAR: JANUARY 6, 2021

#### Attend ELD's upcoming webinar to learn more about the Child Care Cost of Quality Study

Lead researchers Simon Workman and Jeanna Capito will review the results of the study, including an overview of data collected and the new cost model that was created using the results. This webinar will also cover how ELD will use these results to transition child care provider rates for the Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) program to an approved alternate rate-setting structure, one that sets ERDC payment rates based on the true costs of delivering high-quality early care and education.

**WHEN:** Thursday, January 6, 2022 | 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

**WHERE:** This is a virtual event. Registration is required.

Visit [https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_9CuCdSZERF-1W5itP3CqIA](https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_9CuCdSZERF-1W5itP3CqIA) to register.

### ALTERNATIVE RATE METHODOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**ELD is seeking members to join an Advisory Committee to help develop and shape the principles and framework for the alternate rate-setting structure, one that sets Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) payment rates based on the true costs of delivering high-quality early care and education.**

In June 2021 the Oregon Legislature passed [House Bill \(HB\) 3073](#). HB 3073 establishes a new early learning agency – called the Department of Early Learning and Care, or DELC – that consolidates all child care programs and early care and education programs in one place.

In July 2023, Employment Related Day Care program (ERDC), a child care subsidy program housed in the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS), will move into the new agency. The Legislature has requested that ELD prepare a report by December 2022. This report will explore how to transition child care provider rates for ERDC



to an approved alternate rate-setting structure that is determined by true operating costs and the costs of meeting quality standards, rather than market price.

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Visit [State Plans - Oregon Early Learning Division](#) to learn more and fill out an application.

**Application Deadline: January 21, 2022 at 11:59 p.m.**

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