

## At-A-Glance: Early Care and Education Sector Plan Four Rivers Early Learning Hub

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Backbone Organization: Sherman County  
Serving Gilliam, Hood River, Sherman, Wasco, and Wheeler Counties



Priority Populations	Geographic Regions	Family Preferences
Families who identify as Hispanic/Latino More specifically: Families who identify as Hispanic/Latino with children enrolled in Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education (EI/ECSE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hispanic/Latino: Chenowith, Colonel Wright, Mid Valley, Dry Hollow, Parkdale, May Street, Westside and Mosier elementary school catchment areas.</li> <li>More specifically: Chenowith, Colonel Wright, Mid Valley, Dry Hollow, and Westside elementary school catchment areas.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Center based care.</li> <li>Full day care and school day care.</li> <li>Factors that are most important when seeking care:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trusted staff</li> <li>Developmentally and age appropriate activities</li> <li>Staff training and education</li> <li>A clean, comfortable and friendly space</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p><b>Additional considerations:</b> Program affordability; program able to accommodate parental work schedules.</p>
Families with infants/toddlers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Birth rate data from the last five years show that in all five counties over 30% of children from birth to age 5 are infants and toddlers. Wheeler County has the highest percent at 42%.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Center based care. (A notable subset of parents prefer to care for their infant at home.)</li> <li>Full day care. Over a fourth of families reported a need for school day and drop in care.</li> <li>Factors that are most important when seeking care:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trusted staff</li> <li>A clean, comfortable and friendly space</li> <li>Developmentally and age appropriate activities</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p><b>Additional considerations:</b> Families with infants also prioritize staff who actively engage with children and program affordability when selecting a program for their child.</p>
Families living below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chenowith, Colonel, Wright, Cascade Locks, Mid Valley, Dry Hollow, Parkdale, May Street, and Westside elementary school catchment areas.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Center based care.</li> <li>Full day care and school-day care.</li> <li>Factors that are most important when seeking care:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trusted staff</li> <li>Developmentally and age-appropriate activities</li> <li>Program affordability</li> <li>Staff training and education</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p><b>Additional considerations:</b> Regular communication with families by program staff.</p>
Families with children enrolled in EI/ECSE More specifically: EI/ECSE in the Tri-County region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sherman, Arlington, Condon, Mitchell, Fossil and Spray Elementary School catchment areas in Sherman, Gilliam and Wheeler counties</li> <li>More specifically: Fossil Elementary School catchment area in Wheeler County.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Center based care.</li> <li>Full day care and school day care.</li> <li>Factors that are most important when seeking care:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trusted staff</li> <li>Developmentally and age appropriate activities</li> <li>Program affordability</li> <li>Staff training and education</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p><b>Additional considerations:</b> Program affordability and staff training and education; EI/ECSE in Tri-County population also prioritizes staff who actively smile, listen, and talk to children when selecting a program for their child.</p>
Families who identify as Native American in Wasco County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Celilo Village, “in lieu” sites along the Columbia River, and Dufur school catchment area – and corresponding areas through a historical agreement with North Wasco County School District (NWSD) #21</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Providers and services are located in or near Celilo Village and/or “in lieu” sites so that children are close to home.</li> <li>Parents want their children to have experiences and activities that preserve cultural traditions and support native language.</li> <li>Parents want culturally appropriate providers and curriculum</li> </ol>