

DELC: Building an early learning system ready to grow, develop, and thrive – just like Oregon’s children.



The changes we make today will improve how we serve Oregon’s early learning and child care providers, families, and the greater community.

Report directly to the Governor as a single, cabinet-level agency

Leverage early learning funding and expansion opportunities

Grow the supply of culturally responsive child care and early learning settings

Improve access to high-quality child care and early learning for all Oregonians

Increase equitable service delivery for families, children, and providers

Expand professional learning opportunities for early educators

We are transforming early childhood education in Oregon to:

- ☑ Expand culturally responsive, **developmentally appropriate**, and high-quality early learning settings
- ☑ Ensure access to early care and education programs that support the **unique needs** of all children and their families
- ☑ Support and **lift up** families, providers, and staff
- ☑ Promote **data-driven** program design



“A child’s brain makes one million new neural connections every second before the age of five years, with early experiences shaping brain architecture. **Access to continuous, high-quality child care is critical to a child’s success in school and life**, predicting higher academic achievement at 15 years of age.” **HB 3073**

That’s the story of the Department of Early Learning and Care: DELC.