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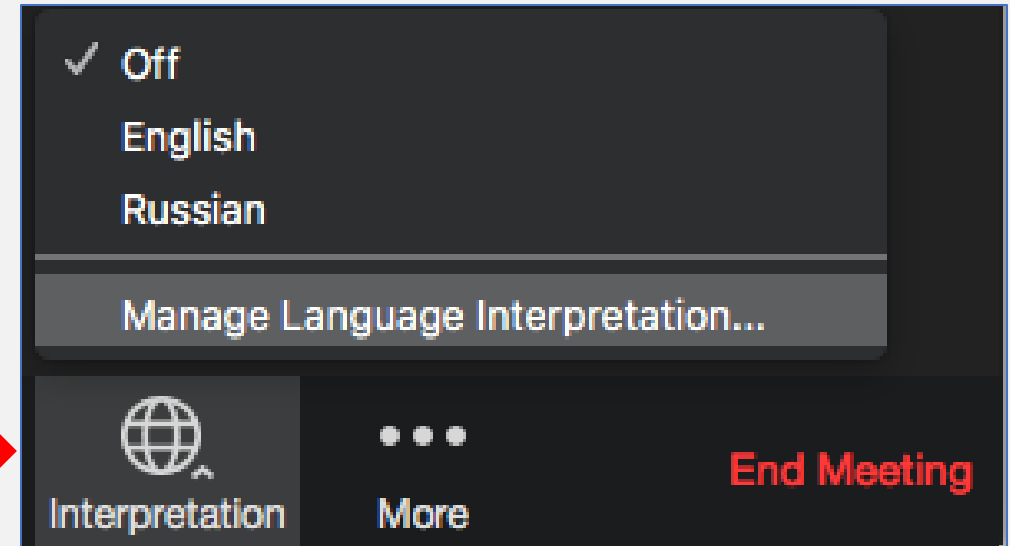
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May 2023



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Agenda

- Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC) Launch: What to Expect
- ERDC Migration and July 1 Eligibility Changes
- Central Background Registry (CBR) Updates



There will be time for questions after each topic



Oregon Department of
**Early Learning
and Care**

DELIC Launch: What to Expect



DELIC Overview

The Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC) was created to **unify and strengthen** Oregon's early learning and child care system so that families with young children have access to early learning services, supports and information they need to thrive.





Early Learning and Child Care Programs and Services Under DELC

- Baby Promise
- Child Care Licensing & Compliance
- Child Care Resource & Referral entities
- Early Childhood Equity Fund
- Early Learning Hubs
- Employment Related Day Care
 - Inclusive Partners
 - Teen Parent Program
- Healthy Families Oregon
- Kindergarten Partnership & Innovation Fund
- Oregon Prenatal to Kindergarten
- Parenting Education
- Preschool Promise
- Professional Learning for the ECE Workforce
- Relief Nurseries
- Early Childhood Suspension & Expulsion Prevention

Mission

The Department of Early Learning and Care fosters coordinated, culturally appropriate, and family-centered services that recognize and respect the strengths and needs of all children, families, and early learning and care professionals.

Vision

All children, families, early care and education professionals, and communities are supported and empowered to thrive.

Values

Equity

We are committed to dismantling the systems of oppression that harm and create disparities for communities who are historically and institutionally excluded. We are adopting anti-racist principles, expanding access to services, and ensuring community representation and shared power in agency efforts. We are fostering a culturally responsive environment in which all individuals can experience a sense of belonging as they access programs, services, and resources.

Respect

We believe that family is a child's first teacher. We are committed to nurturing family partnerships built on mutual respect. We recognize and value the knowledge and experiences of families, early care and education professionals, and community partners.

Trust

We value the public's trust through honesty, transparency, and keeping our commitments.

Relationships

We acknowledge the importance of nurturing relationships in the field and with community. We listen to, support, collaborate with, and celebrate the professionals, families, and children in our communities.

Safety

We put safety and well-being first for our children, families, and early learning and care professionals.

Continuous Improvement

We set goals, seek input from community, and use data to improve quality of service and programs, increase quality and efficiency, and drive innovation.

Integrity

We are accountable for our actions, decisions, and our work to reliably achieve high-quality outcomes.



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What to Expect: Changes Coming

- Emails will change to end with @delc.Oregon.gov – don't worry, all emails sent to old addresses will forward for 6 months!
- New website will replace www.oregonearlylearning.com
- New Grants Management System will replace EGMS
- Office of Child Care will become the Child Care Licensing Division
 - Service delivery will not change:
 - Licensing and inspections
 - Background checks
 - Customer service



What to Expect: Staying the Same

- All programs under ELD, including Child Care Licensing, will move to DELC
- Employment Related Day Care will move to DELC
 - Families will still visit their local ODHS office or go to www.one.Oregon.gov to apply for child care benefits
 - The process for providers to submit billing forms to DPU and receive payment from ODHS will stay the same, for now.
- Hours, fax numbers, automated system numbers, and phone numbers will stay the same



July 1 ERDC Eligibility Changes

12-Month Protected Eligibility for ERDC and Categorical ERDC for TANF Families



Enhancing protected 12-month eligibility period by removing reasons cases close

Starting July 1, more families will be able to stay on ERDC for 12 months.

Cases will no longer close if a family cannot find a provider within three months.

ERDC benefits will continue if a caretaker loses their job or stops attending school.

Federal regulations require twelve-month eligibility for all families accessing CCDF subsidy. Currently, ERDC is approved for 12 months, but there are many reasons why a case might close during those 12 months.

Starting July 1, 2023, ERDC will only close a case within the 12-month period if:

- the family moved out of state,
- there are no eligible children in the home,
- the family requested benefits to be closed,
- benefits were determined in error, or
- the family's income exceeds exit income limits.*

**CCDF federal funding requirement*



Categorical ERDC for families receiving TANF

Starting July 1, 2023, families receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) can get ERDC to help pay for child care. Additionally, for the first time, families will be able to receive ERDC and TANF at the same time.

What this means for families currently receiving TANF: Families can ask their family coach for ERDC to help pay for child care. This will not change the family's TANF benefit. The TANF child care program will end because ERDC will provide more flexible child care assistance.

What this means for families who currently participate in ERDC: Families may be able to get TANF if they have a job loss, are on unpaid leave from work, or their income reduces. Child care assistance can continue while families receive TANF.

What this means for families new to benefits: Families can apply for cash and child care assistance at the same time.

TANF families must request child care benefits to get ERDC. This could be at TANF application or during their TANF certification period. TANF families will be eligible* for part-time child care hours. TANF families who need more child care hours can request them.

**Certain federal requirements still apply, such as immunizations. Additionally, families will not be able to receive ERDC benefits if the child who needs care does not meet certain federal CCDF citizenship requirements. In the spring of 2024, all children who need care will be eligible for ERDC, regardless of citizenship.*



ERDC Categorical Eligibility Examples for TANF Families

Expected July 1, families receiving TANF who apply for child care benefits will be eligible for ERDC with a \$0 copay for 12-months, regardless of whether their TANF status changes. Any families who receive ERDC that experience a change in work or school which renders them eligible for TANF will receive an ERDC extension for an additional 12-months with no copayments.

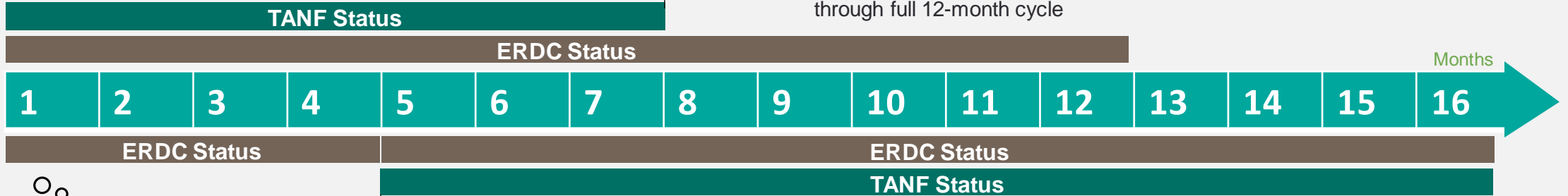
Example One



TANF recipient, applying for TANF and ERDC together or applying for ERDC midway through the TANF certification

Received job, TANF eligibility ends

ERDC eligibility continues through full 12-month cycle



Example Two



ERDC recipient, not eligible for TANF

Lost job, becomes eligible for TANF

ERDC certification is extended for an additional 12 months, copay reduced to \$0





Central Background Registry (CBR) Updates



Federal Background Check Requirements

- Federal laws require that for a state to be eligible for Child Care Development Funds (CCDF), they must have a comprehensive background check system.
- States must establish background check requirements for all child care staff members of licensed, regulated, or registered child care providers and child care providers eligible to deliver CCDF-funded services, including prospective staff members of child care providers.
- Background check requirements apply to any staff member who is employed by a child care provider for compensation, including contract employees and self-employed individuals; whose activities involve the care or supervision of children; or who has unsupervised access to children.
- A background check must include eight specific components, which encompass three in-state checks, two national checks, and three interstate checks. Oregon's Central Background Registry (CBR) meets these requirements.



Central Background Registry

Prior to fingerprint letter sent:

Oregon LEDs check (OSP)

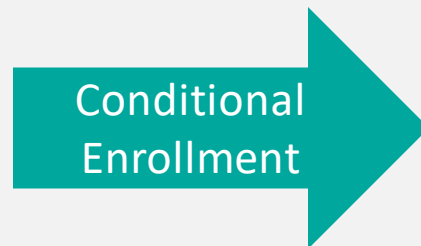
Oregon Sex Offender Registry check

Oregon Court Records Check (OJIN and ECourt)

Oregon Child Protective Services (CPS) check (ODHS)

Oregon Adult Protective Services (APS) check

Oregon Foster Care check



Individual may begin working in child care

Full Enrollment

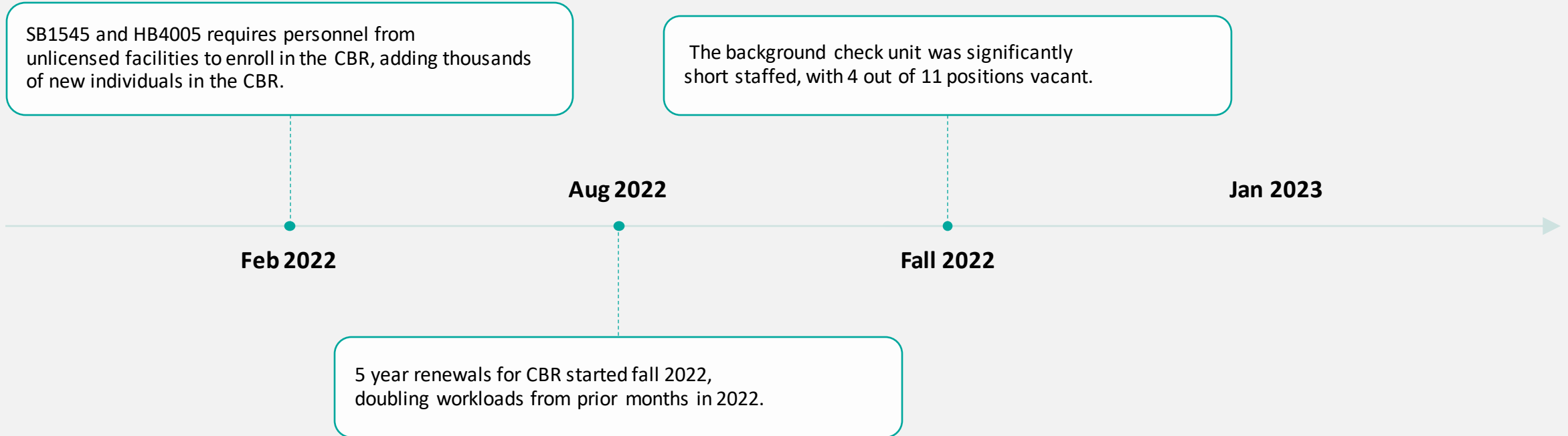
National and State FBI check based on fingerprints

Criminal check in states where individuals has resided in last 5 years.

CPS check in states where individual has resided in last 5 years.

Sex Offender check in states where individual has resided in last 5 years.

Central Background Registry (CBR)



CBR Trends:

January 2022 Applications Received	January 2023 Applications Received	April 2022 Applications Received	April 2023 Applications received
1716	2721	1308	2340

<i>Data as of May 2023</i>	Jan-Mar 2022	Apr-June 2022	Jul-Sep 2022	Oct-Dec 2022	Jan-Mar 2023	April-June 2023
Approved	3559	3716	3737	4060	5308	2340



Central Background Registry (CBR)

Backlog Update

Staffing Levels and CBR Numbers

21 positions in Background

19 positions Customer Service and Intake

Approval times	Jan 2023 <i>Completed Hiring</i>	February 2023 <i>Staff Onboarded</i>	May 2023
Approved w/in 4 Weeks (0-28 days)	26.92%	49.27%	81.90% (57% Approved with 2 weeks)
Approved w/in 4-6 Weeks (29-42 days)	21.64%	16.53%	5.64%
Approved w/in 6-8 Weeks (43-56 days)	10.88%	10.85%	2.45%
Approved in more than 8 Weeks (57 or more days)	40.56%	23.35%	10.01%



Central Background Registry (CBR): Tips for moving quickly

Correct address, email address, and a complete signature

Did you check your junk mail folder?

Did the applicant list an out-of-state address as their primary or mailing address?

Did the applicant receive their fingerprinting letter and schedule an appointment?

Did the applicant schedule their fingerprinting with the correct fingerprinting code?

If applicable, did the applicant receive and submit out-of-state paperwork?

Make sure to check email/mail regularly in case OCC needs more information!



Other important information:

- If a renewal application is received by OCC **more than 14 days** ahead of the expiration date, CBR enrollment will not expire.
- Due to considerations of confidentiality, OCC is unable to give detailed information regarding an applicant's CBR processing directly to their employers and program directors.
- It can be possible that during OCC's review, something was found that prevents the applicant from being given a conditional status. **If this happens, the applicant will not be able to work until fully enrolled.**
- If experiencing a delay in CBR processing, applicants should contact Office of Child Care Customer Service at 1 (800) 556-6616 or email occ.customerservice@ode.oregon.gov
- Customer Service Manager: Rochelle Erickson rochelle.erickson@ode.oregon.gov



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