



Update on Child Care Supply Pre & Post COVID-19

Presentation to House Human Services

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How has COVID-19 pandemic impacted child care?

- Supply problem is worse – 60% of providers have closed and the majority are unlikely to re-open.
- Likely that much of the workforce has detached from child care.
- Underscored lack of real-time information to make informed policy decisions.





Timeline of Emergency Child Care (ECC)



- **March 8:** Governor Brown declares State of Emergency in response to COVID-19
- **March 23:** Executive Order 20-12 closed child care from March 25 through April 28th
 - Established Emergency Child Care
 - Prioritized child care for essential workers
- **April 23:** Executive Order 20-19 extending closure of child care
- **April 24:** Temporary Order
 - Standards Applicable to all ECC providers (Group Size, Priority, Social Distancing, Expedited Training, Emergency Background Check)
 - Closure of Pop-up and School-based Emergency Care by June 30th
- **May 15th:** New Guidance on Statewide Standards for Child Care Operations



ECC Framework: Health & Safety

➤ Governor's Child Care Guidance

- Prioritize Essential Workers but allowing programs to serve other families as well
- Maintain stable group size of no more than ten children with stable teacher and staff
- Guidance on cleaning & sanitation
- Daily health checks
- Daily logs to support contact tracing
- Maintaining social distancing during pick up and drop off

Guidance for Child Care Sector

The image shows the cover page of a guidance document. At the top left is the Oregon Department of Education logo. To its right is the "OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR" with the name "Kate Brown, Governor". Further right is the "Oregon Health Authority" logo. Below these are contact details: "500 Summer St NE E20, Salem OR 97301, Voice: 503-947-2340, Fax: 503-947-2341". The main title is "Statewide Standards for Child Care Operations". Below that is "Sector: Child Care" and "Effective Date: May 16, 2020". The section "Specific Guidance for Child Care Sector" is highlighted in blue. Underneath is "Emergency Child Care Approval Required:" followed by a paragraph about licensed child care programs. Then "Group Size and Ratios" is highlighted in blue, followed by "Child Care facilities are required to:" and a bulleted list of requirements for Registered Family (RF), Certified Family (CF), and Certified Center (CC) types, including group sizes, staff ratios, and square footage requirements.

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Statewide Standards for Child Care Operations

Sector: Child Care

Effective Date: May 16, 2020

Specific Guidance for Child Care Sector

Emergency Child Care Approval Required:

Licensed Child Care and recorded programs are still required to be approved by the Office of Child Care to operate as Emergency Child Care. Providers must follow the health and safety framework developed by the state and Early Learning Division, as adjusted by this guidance.

Group Size and Ratios

Child Care facilities are required to:

- Limit the number of children in rooms:
 - Registered Family (RF) – may have one group of up to 10 children.
Note: RF providers do not have square footage requirements related to the number of children in care
 - Of the 10 total children, there may be no more than six children ages preschool and younger and, of these six, no more than two children under 24 months.
 - Certified Family (CF) – may have two stable groups of up to 10 children in separate areas of the home and no more than 16 children total. Each group of children must be in a space that meets the minimum of 35 square feet per child.
 - Each group of children must meet staff/child ratios as defined in Oregon Administrative Rule 414-350-0120, found within the [Certified Child Care Rules](#) (page 28).
 - Certified Center (CC) – may have one stable group of up to 10 children per classroom. Large rooms may be divided into two rooms with the approval of a child care licensing specialist. See [ELD-OHA COVID-19 Safety Requirements and ELD's Temporary Changes to Child Care Rules in Response to COVID-19 State of Emergency](#) for further instructions. Each group of children must be in a space that meets the minimum of 35 square feet per child.
 - CCs must maintain the following staff to child ratios (ratios for mixed age groups of children are based on the youngest child in the group). See table below.

ECE Program Responses to COVID

Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) Policy Changes

- Eliminated Copays for all families
- Increase income eligibility to 85% SMI/250% FPL
- Expanded absence & closure payment policy

Preschool Promise, OPK & Healthy Families Oregon

- “Virtual” Home Visits
- Food boxes for families
- Providing parents with supports for home-based educational activities



Child Care Supply and Capacity before and after COVID-19

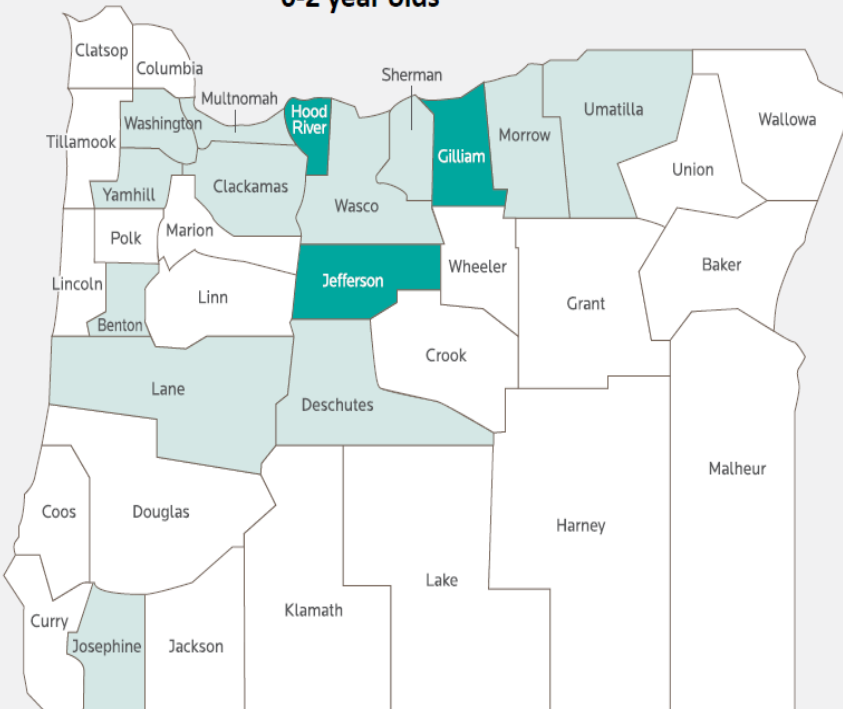
BEFORE: Total Licensed Providers: 3,835 Total Capacity: 128,819

AFTER: Total Licensed Providers: 2,278 Total Capacity: 23,748

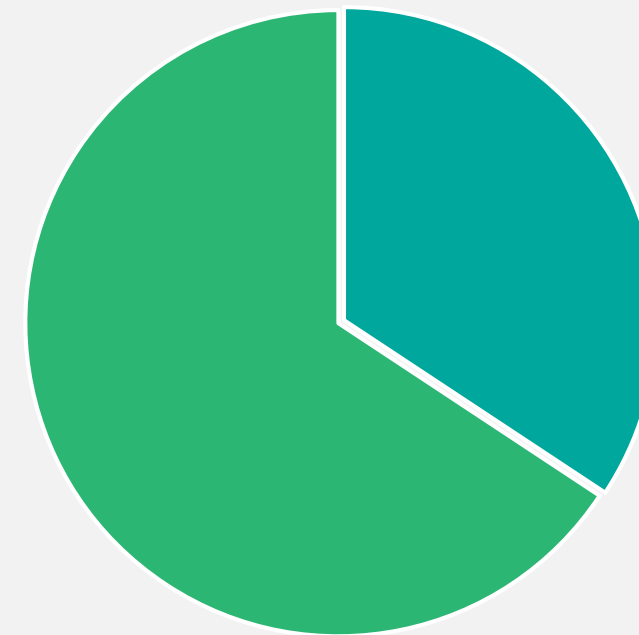
Current Child Care Slots

Capacity: 23,748

0-2 year olds



0-2 year olds includes children birth through age 2.



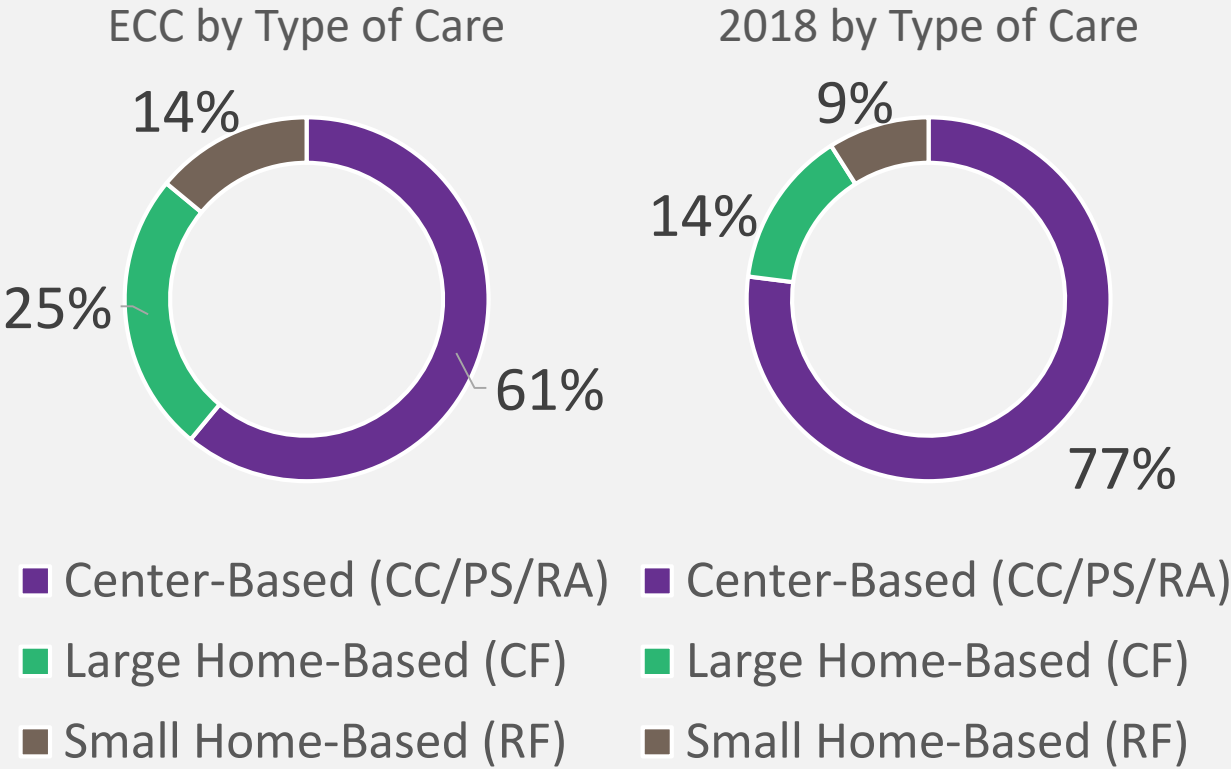
■ Vacant: 8,143 ■ Filled: 15,605

Source: The State of Early Care & Education and Child Care Assistance in Oregon (2019)



ECC Workforce

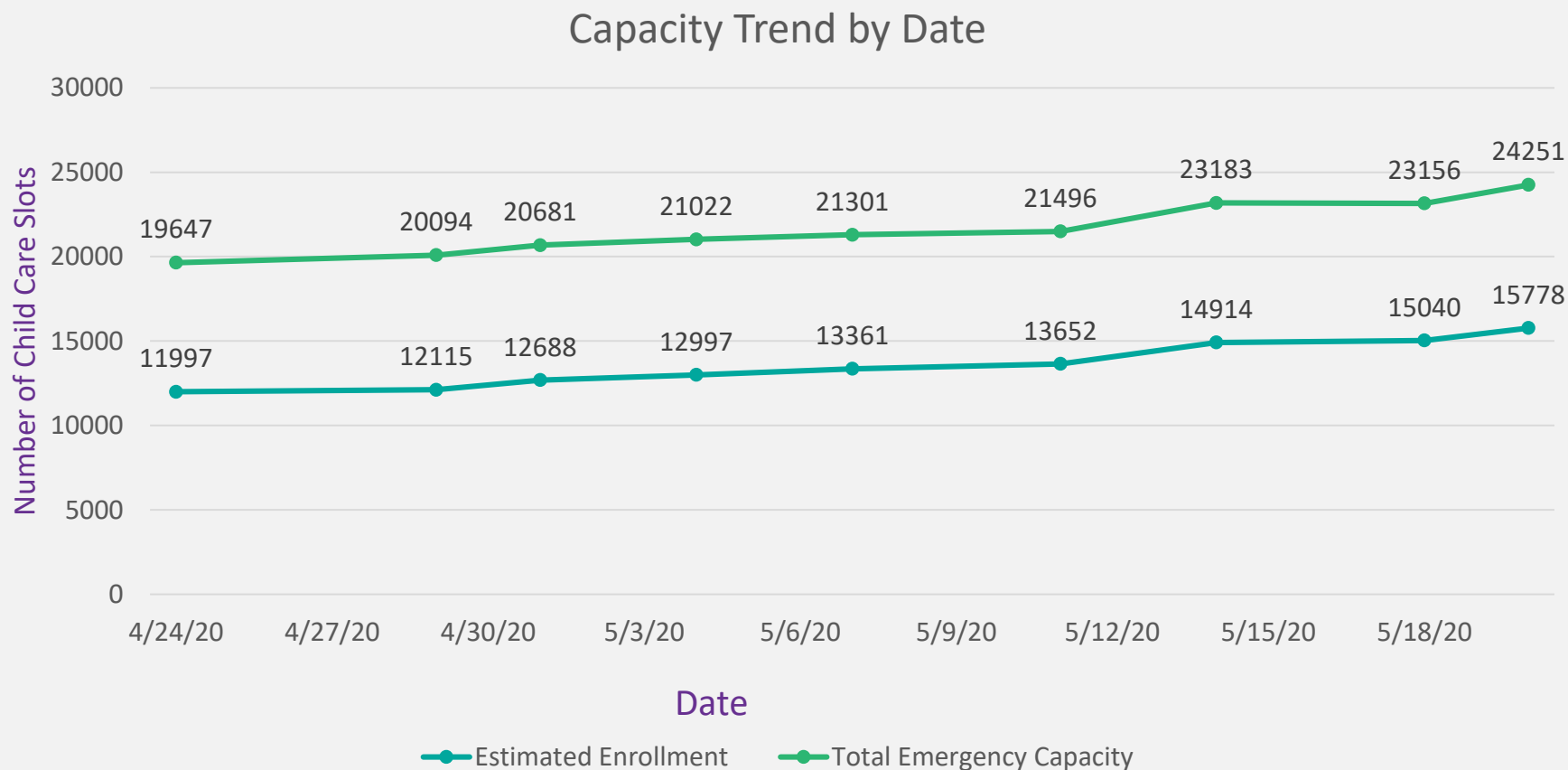
The ECC workforce analysis consists of 7,625 individuals who work directly with children were included in the analysis: directors, site directors, head teachers, teachers, aides, assistants, and large and small home-based providers.



Workforce by Race/Ethnicity	ECC Workforce N = 6,050		2018 Workforce N = 17,604	
Overall				
White	4,193	69%	12,253	70%
Person of Color	1,857	31%	5,351	30%
Race/Ethnicity by Category				
American Indian	90	1%	259	1%
Asian	216	4%	774	4%
Black	246	4%	615	3%
Hispanic/Latino/Spanish	1,168	19%	3,346	19%
Native Hawaiian	48	1%	144	1%
White	4,193	69%	12,253	70%
Multiracial	69	1%	137	1%
Other	20	0%	76	0%



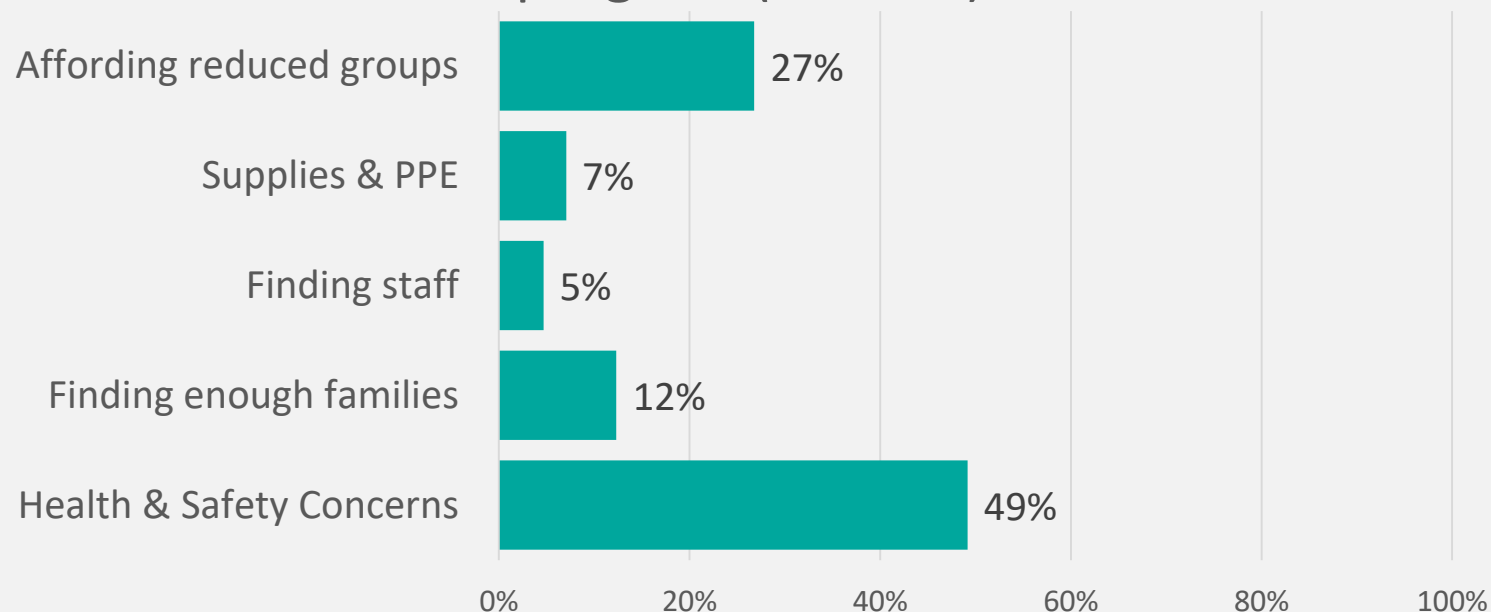
Child Care Enrollment & Capacity: Keeping Pace during Reopening





COVID 19 Child Care Provider Survey

What is the biggest barrier to reopening your program (n=893*)?



*Excludes respondents who selected still providing care



Themes from open ended questions

- Concerned about the health and safety of the children and families they serve, their staff and themselves
 - *My house is small, and we utilize 100% of the space for child care. The children who attend are mostly toddlers and clearly have no understanding of social distancing or germs. They eat at my table, sit on my couch, touch every toy my children use, sleep in our bedrooms, and use our bathroom. There is no safe space that my family can return to at the end of the day that would be free from exposure.*
- Need access to testing, PPE, thermometers and cleaning supplies, as well as clear instructions on what to do if they suspect a COVID case
 - *Testing, testing, testing!*
- Financially at-risk with additional requirements, lowered group sizes and reduced demand
 - *We are currently open but normally operate with 70 children per day, currently only have 15 to 20 children. I find the biggest problem is parents are out of work themselves and need to feel safe to return to childcare.*



Child Care Provisions of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG)

- \$38 million in additional federal funding through CCDF to:
 - Provide assistance to child care providers (decreased enrollment, closures, additional operating costs)
 - Support child care needs of essential workers
 - Support Emergency Child Care

Phase #1 Grants Eligibility (\$8 million)

- Currently operating an open Emergency Child Care Facility, and Operated a Licensed or Recorded child care program on February 29, 2020;
 - Submitted the application to be an Emergency Child Care Provider by April 8, 2020 and committed to staying open through July 2020;
- OR**
- Regulated subsidy or relative care provider receiving ERDC, currently open serving children of essential workers and committed to staying open through July 2020.

CARES Act Grants - Round #1

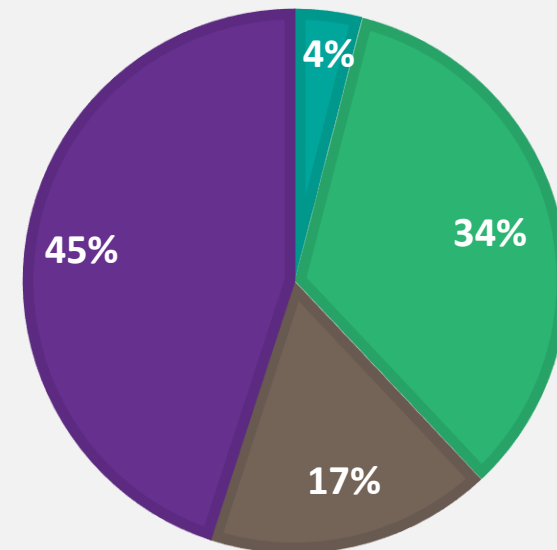
Participation

Provider Type	Eligible	ECC Grant Participation
Regulated Subsidy and ERDC Relative Care	1167	25%
Registered Family	1074	78%
Certified Family	614	91%
Certified Center and Recorded Program	389	85%
Total number of eligible providers	3244	62%

Amount Awarded to Date

TOTAL AWARDED: \$5.7 M

- License Exempt, \$218,462
- Certified Family, \$1,938,643
- Registered Family, \$979,992
- Certified Center & Recorded, \$2,578,680





CARES Act Grants– Round #2

(\$10.5 million)

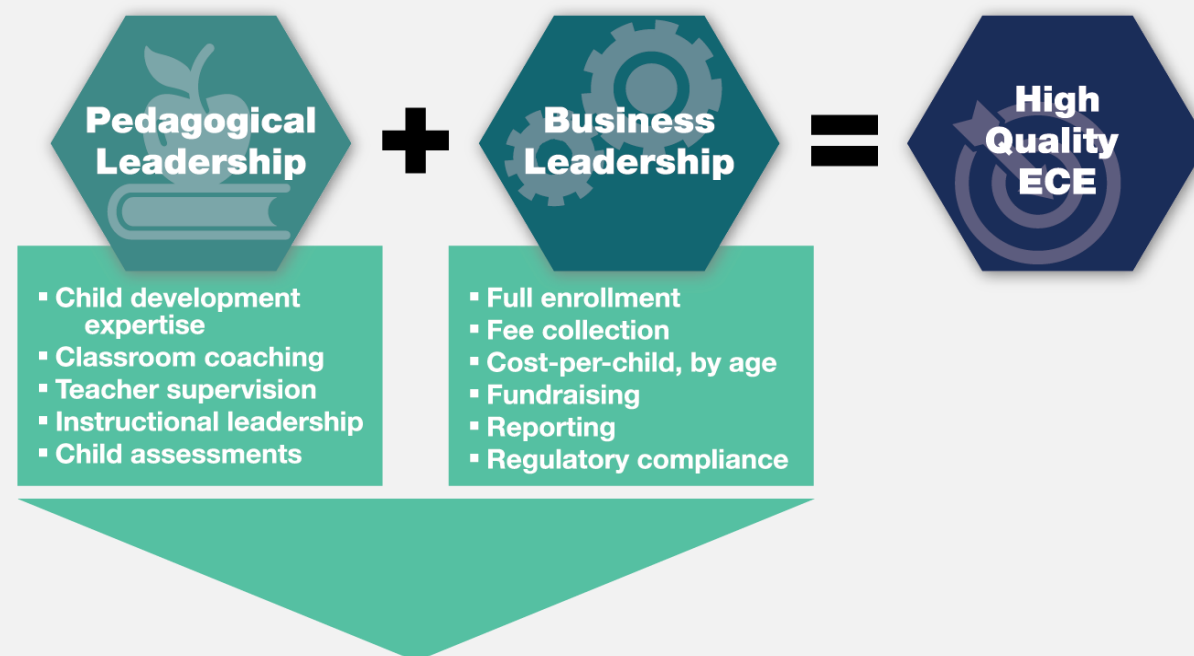
Providers who meet one of the following criteria are eligible to apply:

- Certified centers, certified families and registered families operating as an approved ECC provider;
- Certified centers, certified families and registered families that submitted an ECC application as of June 15 ;
- Operate as a Regulated Subsidy provider, who are open and caring for a child of an essential worker;
- Closed licensed providers must have plans to reopen and operate child care through September 2020 as an emergency child care provider. ECC applications must be approved prior to receiving a grant award.



A New Vision for Child Care in Oregon

Requires a fundamental values shift toward **child care as a public good**. A greater state role is necessary to guarantee that services will be **accessible, affordable, and high quality**, especially for our most vulnerable families.





Considerations for First Steps

- Simplify regulatory language
- Create economies of scale for child care businesses
- Build networks to support high-quality child care providers
- Centralize child care enrollment for families
- Enhance business technical assistance
- Develop long-term approach to unifying financing for child care/early care and education for low-income families
- Leverage contracting directly with providers to build and sustain supply