



COVID-19: Child Care Update

Presentation to the Child Care Task Force

July 14th, 2020

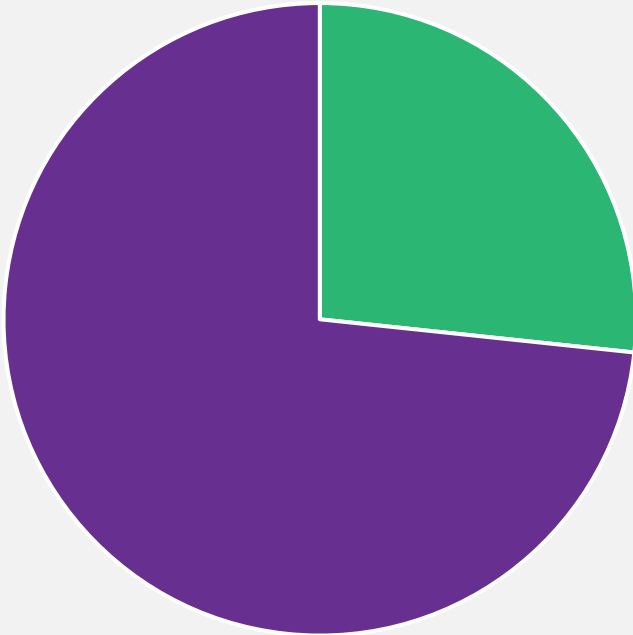


ECC providers: Capacity & Vacancies

Current Child Care Slots

Capacity: 34,798

Approved ECC providers: 2,813



■ Vacant: 9,282 ■ Filled: 25,516

Phase 2 Emergency Child Care Grant Program



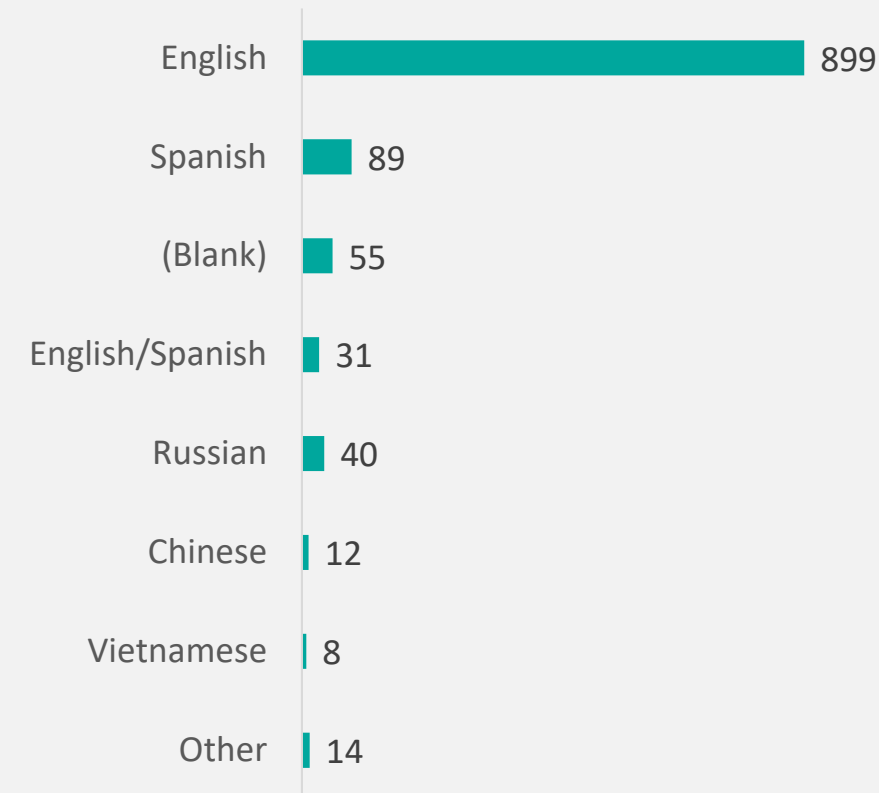
\$10.5 million from Coronavirus Relief Fund

Total Applicants: 1,148

Total eligible providers:

- 1,134 ERDC providers
- 666 Licensed providers
- 63% of eligible providers applied

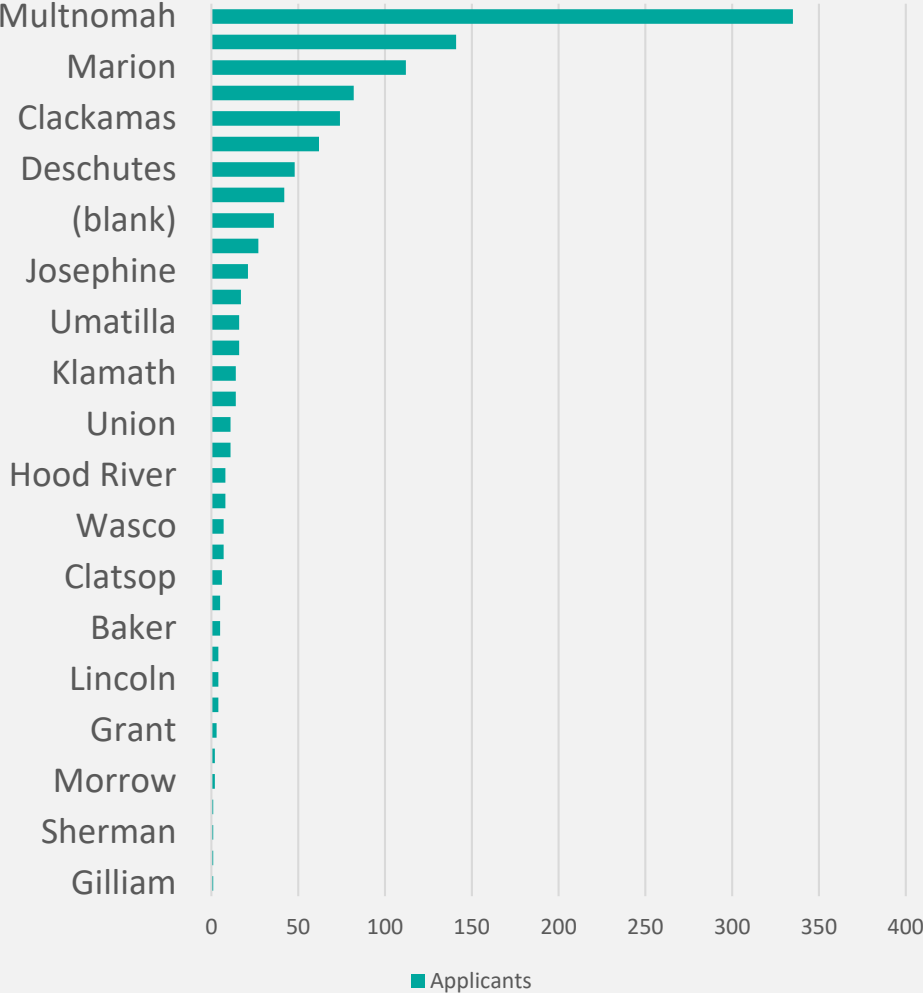
Applicants by Preferred Language





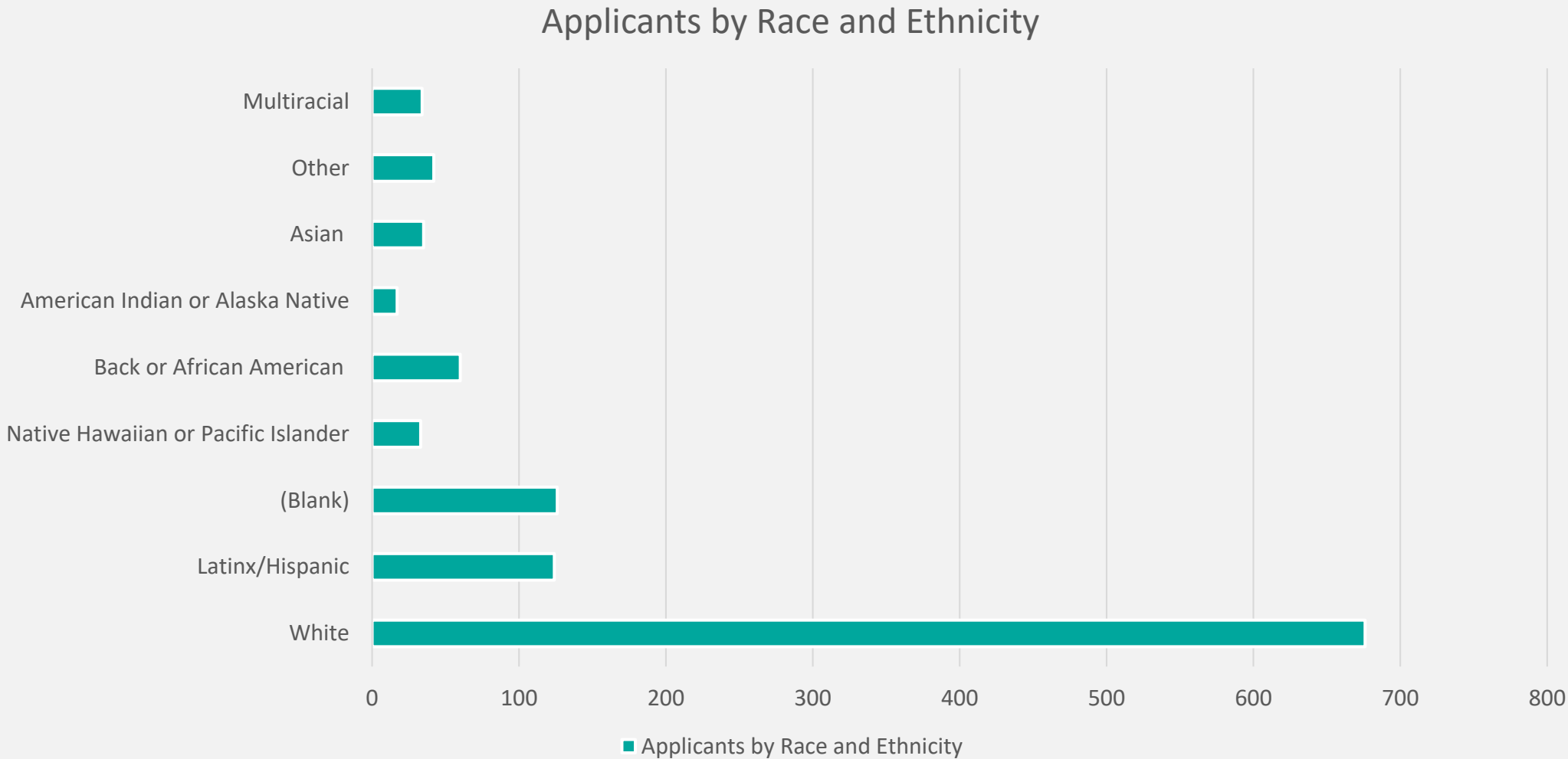
Overview of Phase 2 ECC Grant Applicants

Applicants by Counties
(Child Care Site location)





Overview of Phase 2 ECC Grant Applicants





Guiding Principles Of Child Care Guidance

- ☐ *Decisions need to be made in light of science of COVID-19, the science of child development, and cost and burden to families and providers*
- ☐ *Decisions need to be informed by the experiences of families and child care providers*
- ☐ *Decisions need to be driven by equity and informed by the experiences and voices of populations our systems have historically under-resourced and underserved.*
- ☐ *One set of guidance for all programs*
- ☐ *The guidance should be as simple, transparent and as easy to administer as possible*



Revised Child Care Guidance Timeline

Activity	Completion Date
Gather input from child care providers and other stakeholders	July 11
Revise guidance based on input received	July 17
OHA reviews draft guidance	July 24
Finalize revisions	July 31
Translate revised guidance	August 7
Release new guidance	August 14



Stakeholder Engagement: Child Care Providers

- ELD began hosting calls in May with child care providers every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evening as well as Saturday morning
 - Weekday calls broken up by provider type: Registered Family, Certified Family & Certified Center
 - Saturday calls are for providers who speak Spanish
 - In a typical week, about 400 providers participating in calls
- The original purpose of the calls was to answer providers' questions about guidance, learned a lot about challenges
- Two rounds specifically focused on soliciting input
 - First round: Identify priority areas for broader input (about 450 providers participated)
 - Second round: ELD staff facilitated small groups to key topics



Stakeholder Engagement: Surveys

- A survey posted to ELD's website sought open-ended feedback from **early care and education providers and other stakeholders** on every section of the current guidance.
 - Over 400 people submitted detailed comments on various sections of the guidance.
- A second survey posted to ELD's website assessed the level of support among **parents** in regarding to a number of measures designed to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19.
 - Over 3,000 parents whose children normally attend child care submitted responses.
- Both surveys were in the field for one week in late June/early July
- Both surveys were translated into Chinese, Spanish, Russian, and Vietnamese.



Other Stakeholder Engagement

- Small group discussions providers who speak Spanish, Russian, and Chinese
- Small group discussion with Black providers from Portland
- Input sessions with Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies, Early Learning Hubs and Oregon Head Start Prekindergarten directors
- Small group discussions with parents including Latinx parents from Ontario, Chinese speaking parents from Portland and parents
- Input session with stakeholders from K12 including superintendents and elementary school principals



General Feedback from Parents

Wide diversity of views and concerns:

- ❖ *"This closure is ridiculous. Need to open Oregon and get back on track economically."*
- ❖ *"Keep kids home, stay closed until March 2021."*
- ❖ *"If I don't work...my kids don't eat."*
- ❖ *"Childcare is essential for kids and working parents. Please find ways to make this work for the majority of people who need it."*

Parents ranked all of the guidance areas in the "would like to have" and "Absolute necessary" range

Parents who completed the Spanish language survey tended to rank of the guidance areas closer to the "Absolutely necessary" range



General Feedback from Providers

- Like parents, a wide range of views on the current risks & the effectiveness of various practices in reducing those risks
- A lot of concern about the financial impacts and how long they can afford to stay open
- Want the guidance to be clear about what is required and what is recommended
- Lots of reminders on the diversity of early care and education programs, program models & settings:
 - Family care provider: "This is a business, but its also my home."
- PPE can be hard to find and expensive