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## **Child Care in Oregon**

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# The Need and Impact of Child Care



**Supporting  
working families**

**Promoting positive  
child development**

# Access to Early Care & Education

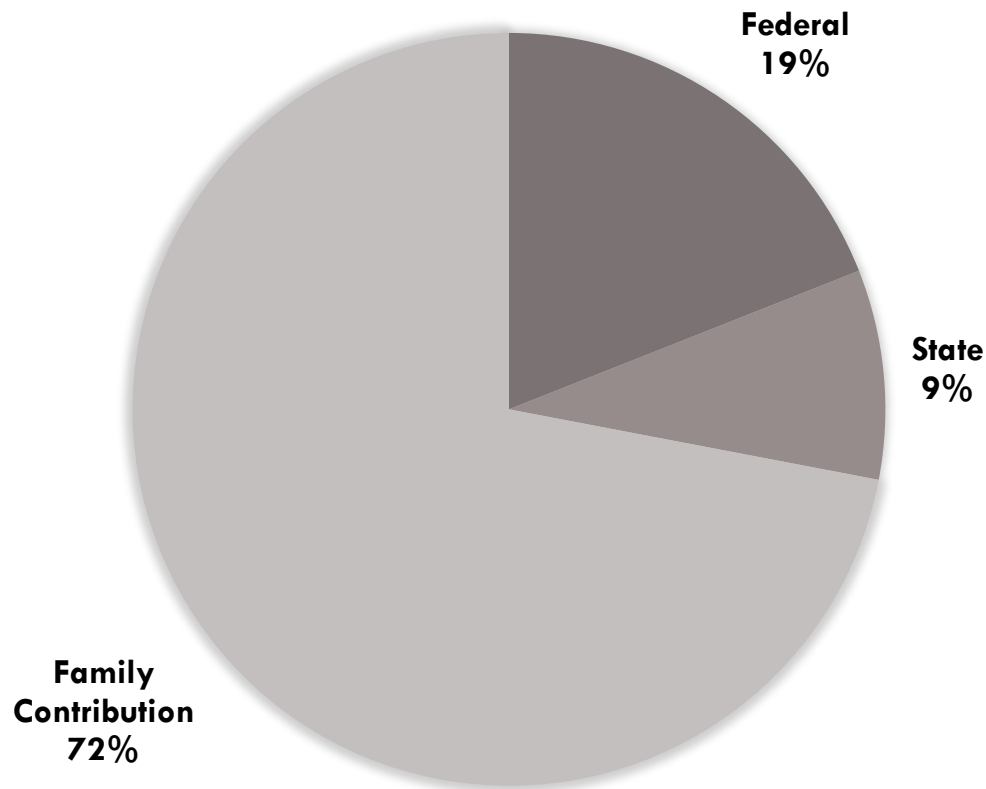
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AFFORDABILITY

SUPPLY

QUALITY

# Who pays for early care & education?



SOURCE: WEBER & PRATT, OSU, 2018

# ECE Affordability for Families

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**For a family making 200% of FPL and with just 1 preschool-age child, child care, housing, and food costs are nearly 88% of the monthly household budget.**

<b>200% Federal Poverty Level – 2 Parent Household</b>	<b>\$3,463</b>
Child Care (75 <sup>th</sup> percentile market price)	\$1,000
Housing (Fair Market 2-bedroom apt)	\$1,325
Food (USDA “low-cost” food plan)	\$700
Remaining	\$438

# Partnering to support the child care system

## Department of Human Services

- Employment Related Day Care
  - Subsidies for qualified working families to offset the cost of child care
  - Subsidies for qualified parents enrolled in coursework
  - Subsidies for qualified parents who are self-employed

## Early Learning Division

- Licensing
  - Ensuring health & safety of staff and children
- Professional development for providers
- Investments in quality
  - Spark (Quality Rating & Improvement)

# What is the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF)?

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Health and  
Human  
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Administration  
for Children  
and Families

Office of Child  
Care

- Early Learning Division is the lead agency of CCDF
- Provides financial assistance to qualified working families to help pay for child care through ERDC
- Funding to improve the quality and safety of child care
- Supports increasing the supply and availability of child care for all families

# Ensuring children are healthy & safe in care

## Child Care Licensing

- Capacity to serve 100,000+ children age 0-12 in programs across the state
- Approximately 3,800 licensed programs
  - Registered Family Child Care Homes
  - Certified Family Child Care Homes
  - Certified Child Care Centers
- Average of 2,000 license-exempt providers serving ERDC-enrolled children (i.e., Regulated Subsidy)



# Supply of Quality ECE for Infants & Toddlers

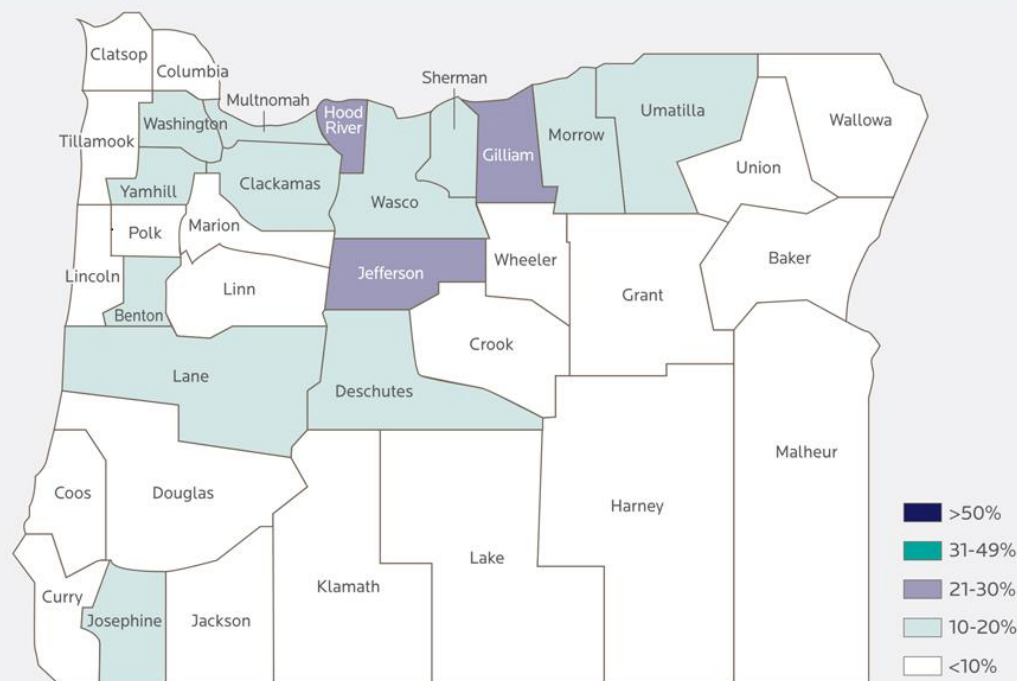
## Early Head Start

- Families in poverty
- Serve 2,000 infants/toddlers (15% of all eligible children)

## Baby Promise (Pilot)

- Low-income families
- Pilot to serve 250 infants and toddlers

Figure 6. Percent of Oregon young children 0-3 with access to regulated child care<sup>xvii</sup>








# Spark

Total Children in Programs Participating in QRIS

**46,632**



	Number of Licensed Programs	Achieved Commitment to Quality (C2Q)	3 Star	4 Star	5 Star
 CC	1,080	305	78	38	65
 CF	820	181	87	41	53
 RF	1,673	232	110	10	7
 HS	234	6	0	0	228
 Totals	3,807	724	275	89	353

CC = Certified Center; CF = Certified Family; RF = Registered Family; HS = Head Start

# Spark: Quality Supply

A provider's home prior to participation in technical assistance through Spark



# After Supports through Spark



# Scaling High-Quality

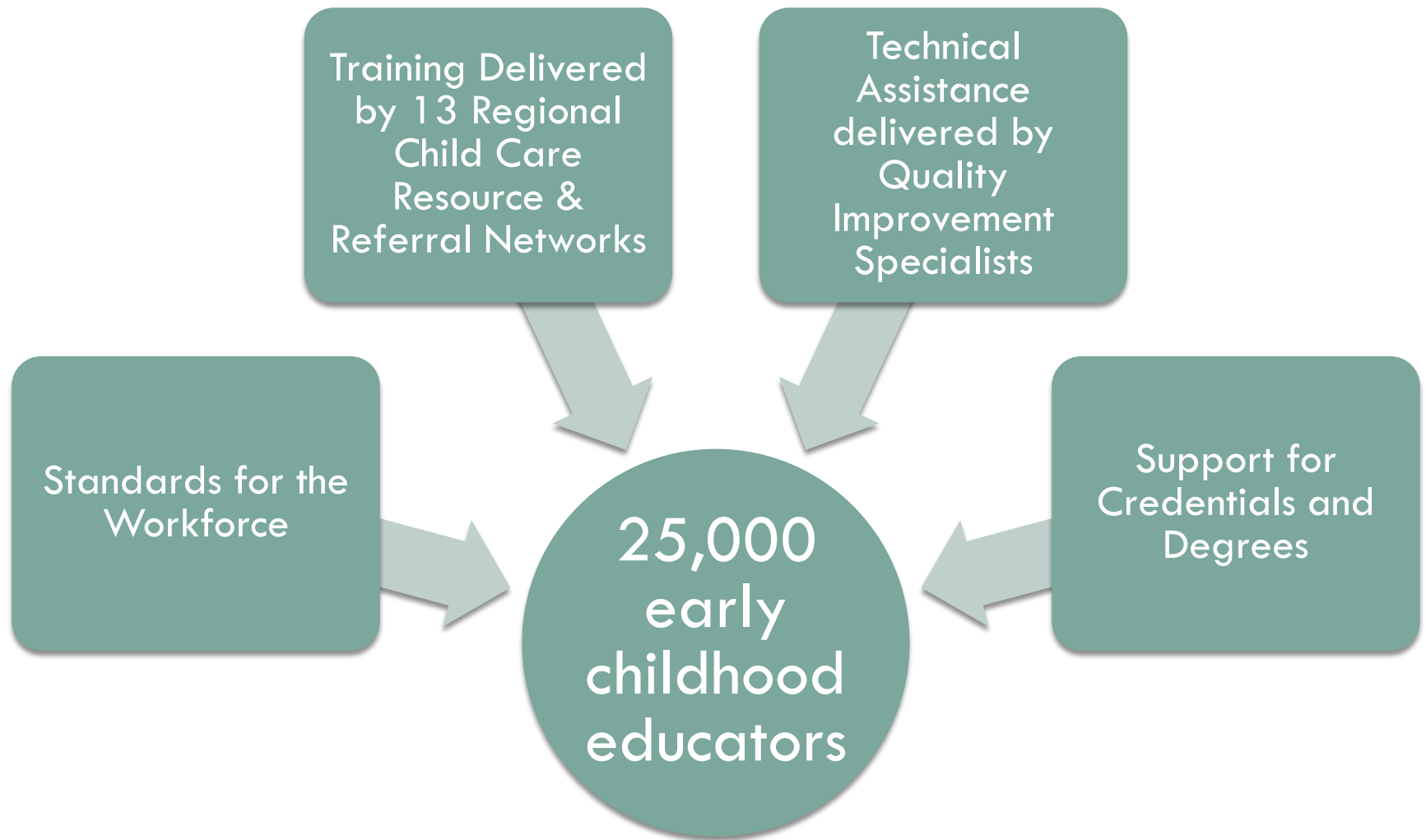
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- High-quality programs depend on skilled, knowledgeable, and supported educators and administrators who understand:
  - ▣ Child development
  - ▣ Developmentally and culturally appropriate practice
  - ▣ Partnerships with families

Figure 7. Oregon ECE teacher and provider annual workforce turnover<sup>xix</sup>



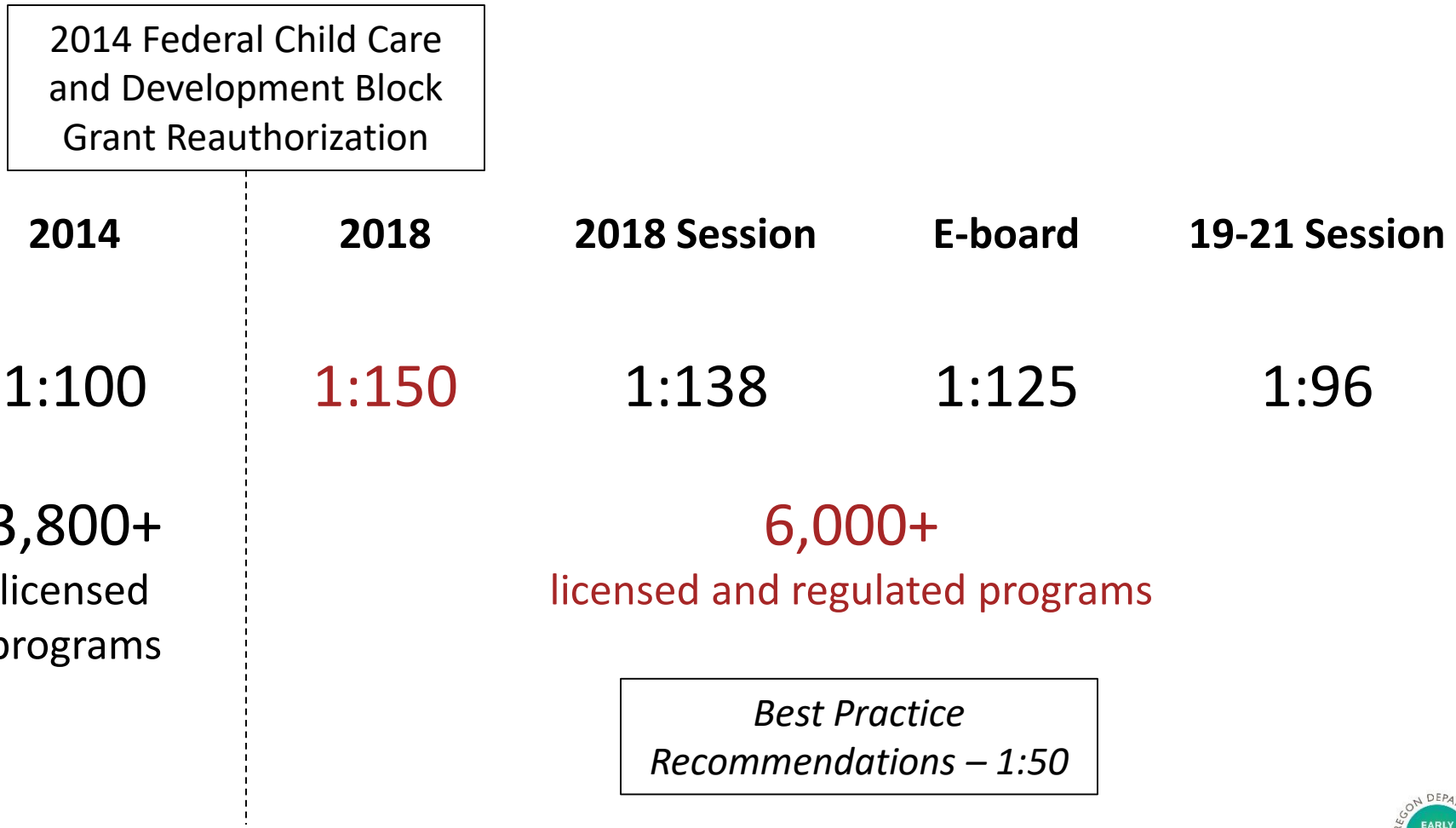
# Professional Development System



# Licensing Reforms

- Improvements underway
  - Increased staffing capacity in central and field offices
  - Enhancing licensing regulations
  - Child Care Safety Portal for families
  - Strengthening protocols for illegal care, injuries and safe sleep
  - Implementation of HB 4065 (2018)
  - Pilot of Tandem Investigations

# Staffing capacity of child care licensing





# Strengthening and aligning rules

- Analyzed current rules according to national best practice standards
- Conducted provider engagement sessions in multiple languages throughout the state
- Incorporating provider feedback throughout rulemaking process
- Timeline
  - Public Comment period: estimated December 2019-January 2020
  - Adoption: estimated March 2020
  - Effective: estimated March 2021

# Implementation of HB 4065 (2018)

- Continuing Jurisdiction to complete legal actions
- The ability to issue Cease and Desist Orders
- Increase Civil Penalties
- Explicit authority for Conditions
- Tighten definition of Exempt Prohibition
- Progressive Enforcement

# Pilot of Tandem Investigations

- ❑ Allows OCC to conduct joint investigations with Child Welfare when allegations of abuse and neglect occur in licensed child care
- ❑ Initiated September 2018
  - ❑ Trained new Office of Child Care Investigative Specialists to accompany Child Welfare when an allegation of abuse occurs in a child care facility.
  - ❑ Being piloted in Multnomah, Washington, Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties
  - ❑ ~75 Tandem Investigations in the last six months

# Current Authority & Roles

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## DHS Child Welfare

- Assesses and determines if the allegations of abuse are founded
- If founded for abuse identifies perpetrator
- Determines if imminent danger exists for the child

## ELD Office of Child Care

- Investigate if child care facility is in violation of regulations
- If violations occurred will use progressive enforcement tools
- Determine if imminent danger exists for other children in the facility

## DHS Child Care Subsidy

- Assess if child care facility is in violations of ERDC requirements to continue to receive subsidy payments

# Pilot of Tandem Investigations

- What we're learning
  - Improved communication between Office of Child Care, Child Welfare and Child Care Subsidy
  - Eliminates the same line of questioning twice
  - Allows for a more objective finding for the allegation(s)
  - More timely findings for regulatory
  - Investigative Specialists can provide answers to the provider regarding regulatory issues during the visit that Child Welfare
  - Preserves the OCC Licensor relationship with the provider



# Employment Related Day Care

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# AGENDA



- ERDC Overview
- Average Copay
- Caseload Data
- Managing the Caseload
- CCDF Funds

# ERDC Overview

Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) is a subsidy program that helps low-income, working families pay for child care so parents and caretakers can retain employment.

## **Families Served\***

**8,022 families  
15,149 children**

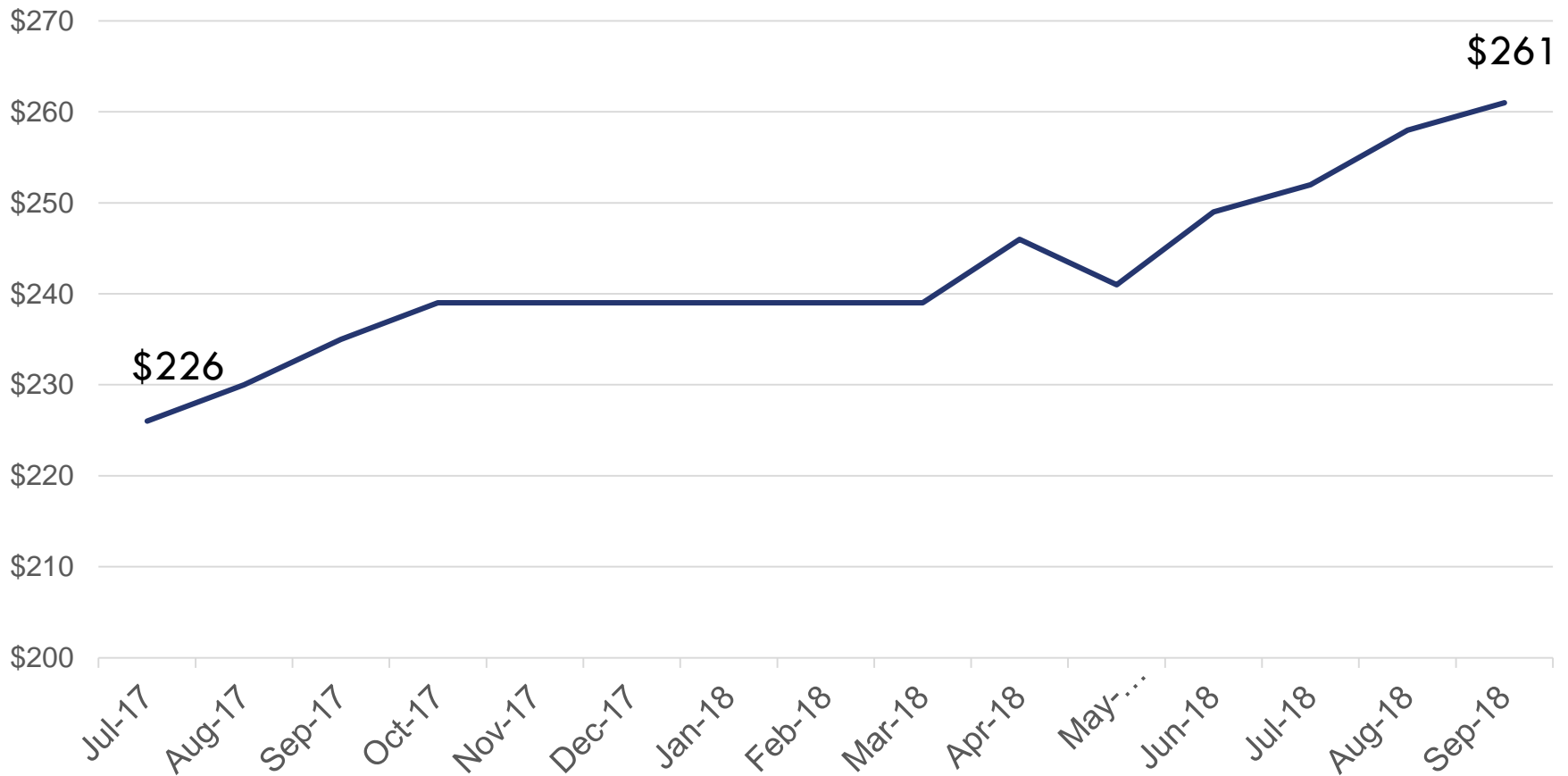
## **Eligibility**

**Income must be  
below 185%  
of the Federal  
Poverty Level**

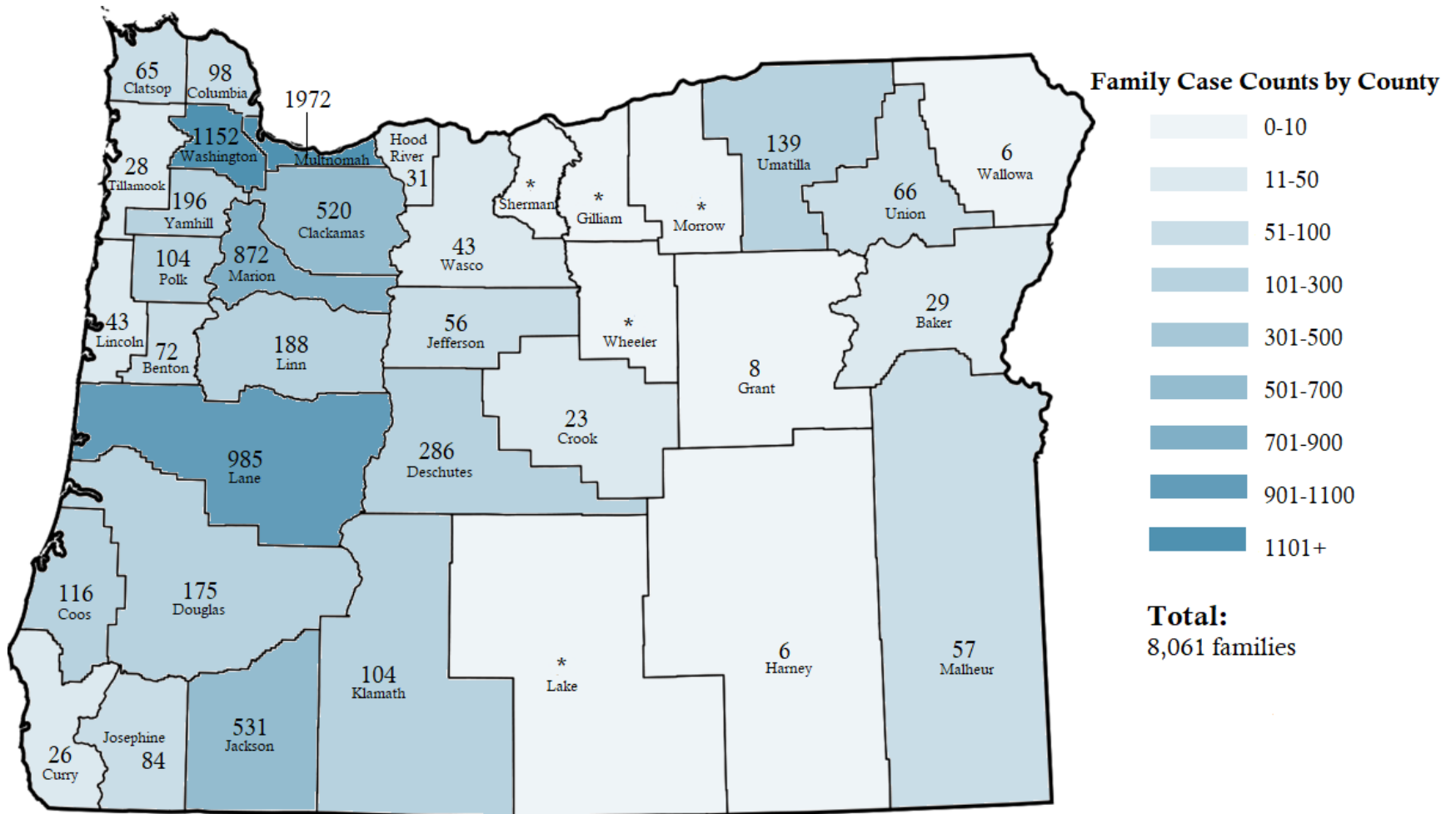
*\*Data from Sept. 2018*



# Average Copay

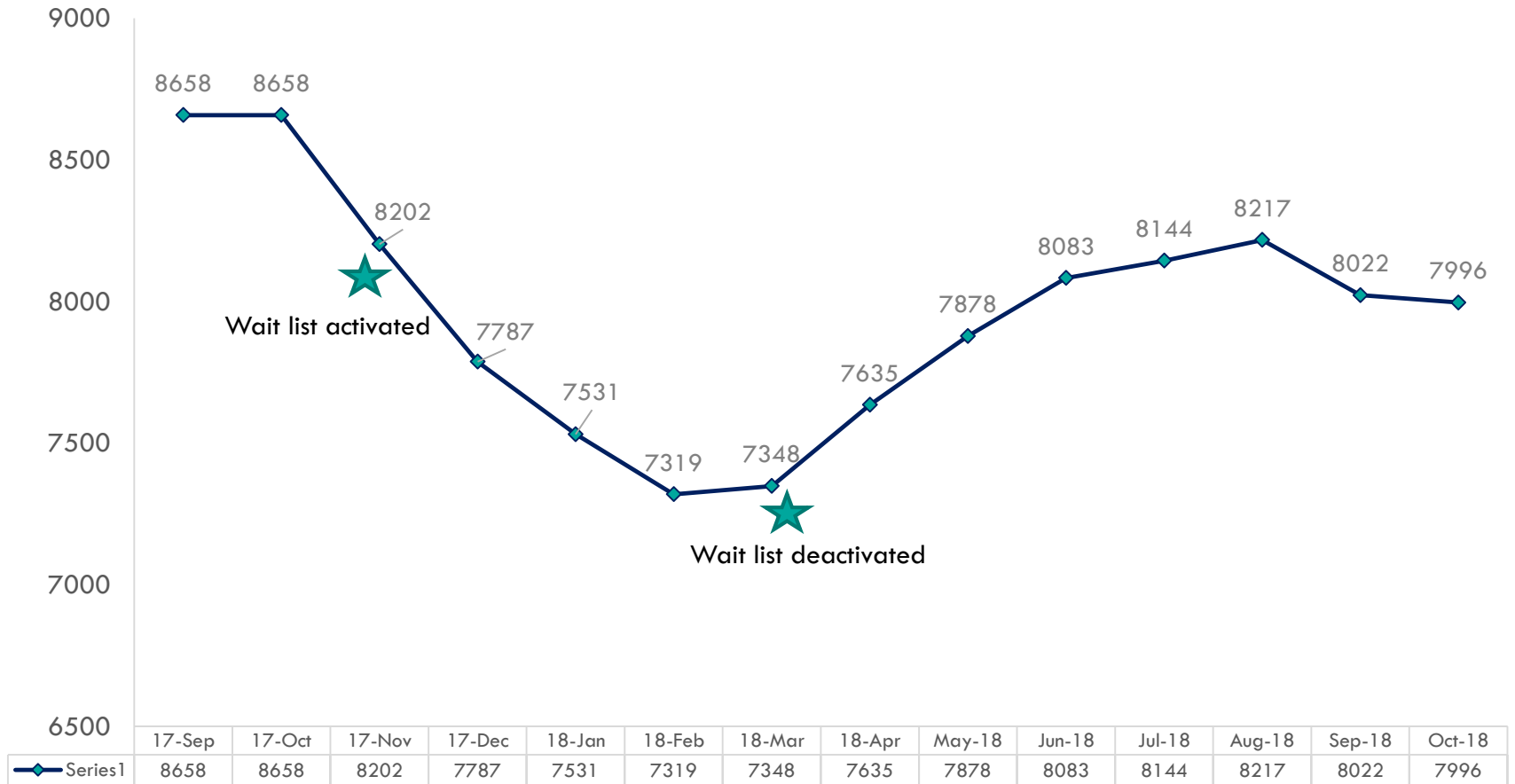


# ERDC Caseload by county



Data snapshot for July 2018

# ERDC Caseload: Sept. 2017 – Oct. 2018



# Managing the caseload



- History of the wait list
- Criteria for turning it on and off
- Current strategy

# Caseload Assessment: Sept. 2018

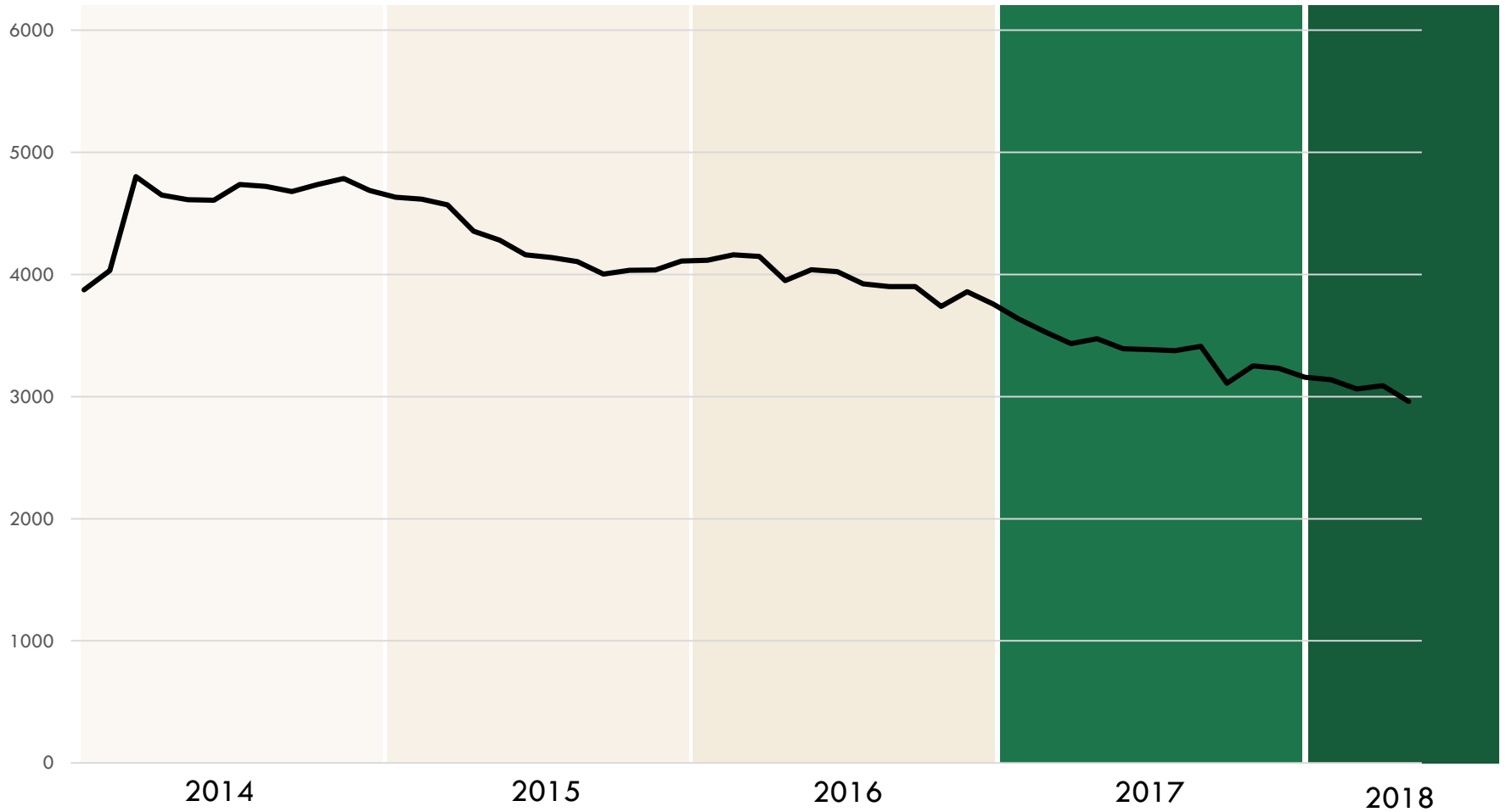


Not being able to find a DHS approved provider was the main reason for caseload loss in September 2018.

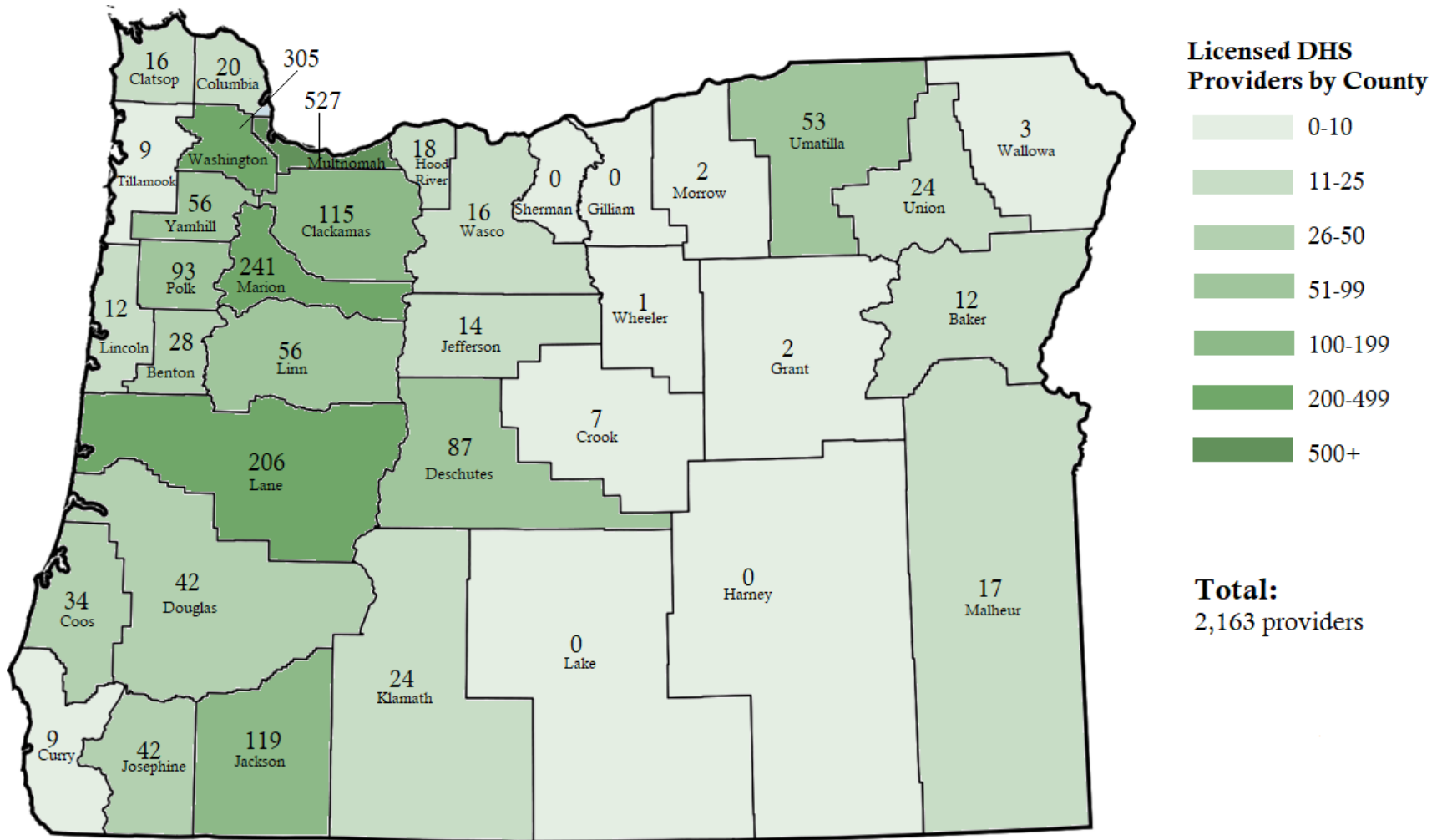
# Outreach to families

- Mailings to Oregon schools and SNAP households with earned income and dependent children
- Reaching out to local businesses to promote ERDC to employees with child care needs
- Outreach around state at churches, community events and fairs, schools and Early Learning Hubs
- DHS staff travel to remote locations in around state to provide information and collect applications/documents from clients

# Providers: Licensed & Unlicensed



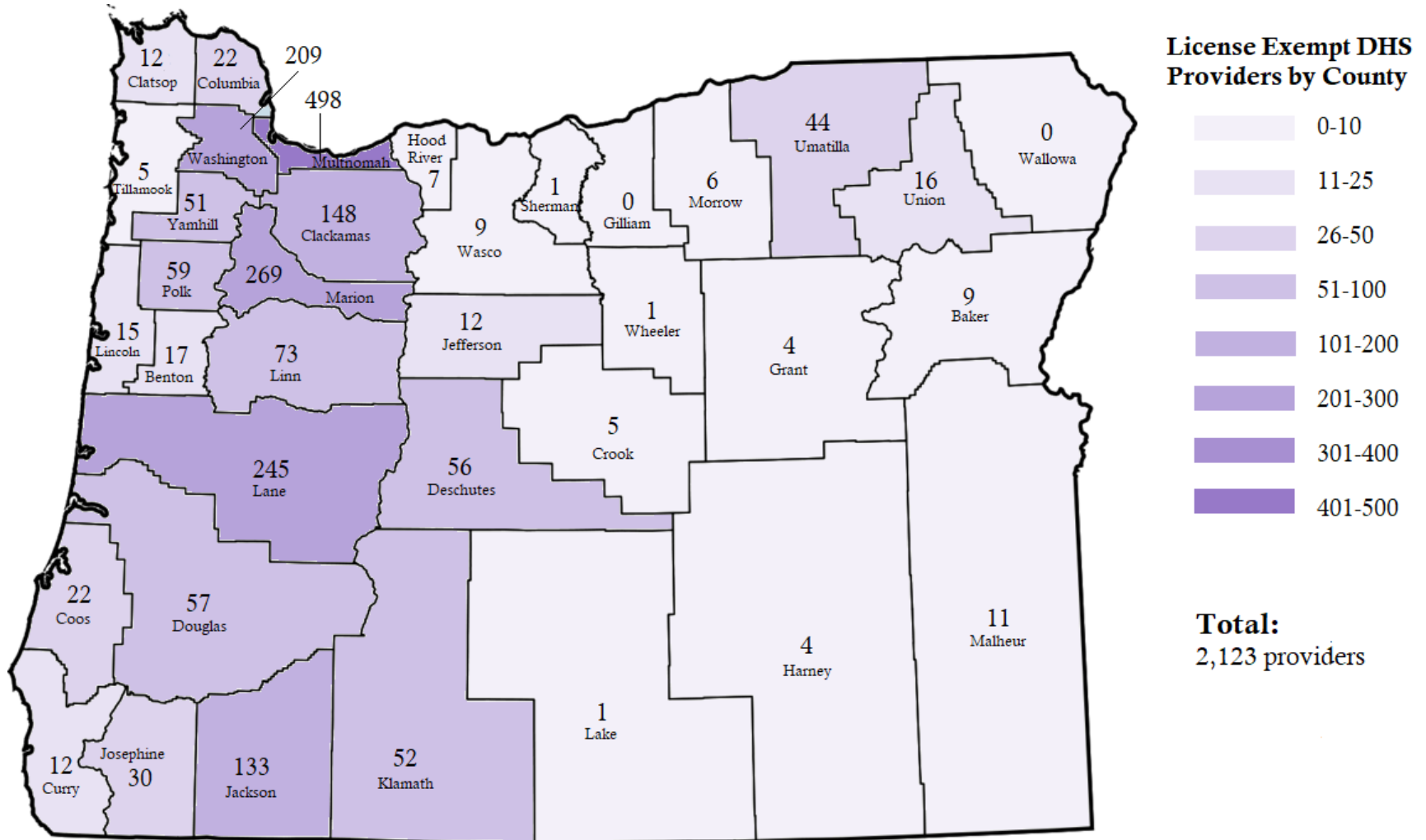
# DHS Licensed Providers by County



Data snapshot for July 2018



# DHS License-Exempt Providers by County



Data snapshot for July 2018

# Outreach to providers



- Flyers and posters in local offices and community centers
- Collaborating with the local Early Learning Hub
- Assigned Provider Specialist to offer in person technical assistance and support for providers around DHS invoicing, data and reporting requirements (the person helps providers with the business side of working with DHS)

# CCDF INVESTMENTS



\$10.7 million increase in funding available for direct services through the Early Learning Divisions CCDBG funding. The funds must be expended by Sept 30, 2019.

- \$8 million to provider rate increases
- Additional funds will be used to incentivize providers serving families needing nighttime, evening and weekend child care



Questions?

