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# Early Childhood Facilities

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# Facilities matter for child development



# Oregon has some beautiful facilities



Education  
Explorers LLC  
(Beaverton)



Family Nurturing  
Center (Talent)

# Facilities needed across settings

Oregon provides care in a  
variety of settings

Families need care that meets  
their need - across language,  
culture, location, hours



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# Facilities policy brief ([link](#))

- Interviewed providers across Oregon
  - Urban, Suburban, Rural
  - Culturally Specific providers
  - Head Start, Center-based, Home-based, Schools
- Recommendations
  - Develop public financing strategies
  - Release \$10 million for co-location with affordable housing (YAY!)
  - Streamline regulatory requirements
  - Establish technical assistance





# What we heard

*It's easier when we own the building. We don't have to worry about rent going up, so we can pay for improvements. We can make changes without permission.*

*Location is key. Buying is too expensive, rent is high. I wish there was Zillow for childcare places, that screened for care place requirements.*

*It was difficult to grow because limited outdoor space. We had to fence off five parking spaces for play area.*

*Many providers rent their homes, which inhibits their ability to make long-term investments in their spaces. Rent increases can undermine their annual budgeting for improving spaces, and if they are required to move, they may face discrimination by property owners who do not want to rent to a childcare provider.*

*It is hard to find space and rent is expensive. We did a capital campaign to purchase, remodel, do addition. Even furnishings are expensive (e.g. \$2k for a changing table). Age appropriate safety measures cost about \$24k per classroom. We need 35 sq. ft./child both indoor and outside, and we need to be on the ground floor.*



# 2021 Legislative Proposal

Protect Child Care Providers in Rentals ([HB 2484](#))

- Passed House Early Childhood, unanimous
- Passed House Floor, bipartisan
- Passed Senate Housing, bipartisan

... Never scheduled for a Senate floor vote



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# 2022 Legislative Proposal

## Student Success Act Early Learning Facilities Expansion Fund

- \$10 million
- 10% for administration
- 25% set-aside for Equity Fund grantees
- Focused on classroom grants of \$100,000 or less

...Not funded in 2022 session



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# Looking to 2023

## We need to:

- Identify a financing strategy for repair, renovation, expansion, development
- Design support to ensure equitable access for diverse providers
- Look at removing barriers for facilities (i.e. zoning, parking, fairness in rentals)
- Ensure technical assistance is available to providers

*“There is a huge need for additional child care places, but it’s extremely difficult to find appropriate spaces and initial remodeling costs are not affordable.”*

