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# House Early Childhood Committee Update

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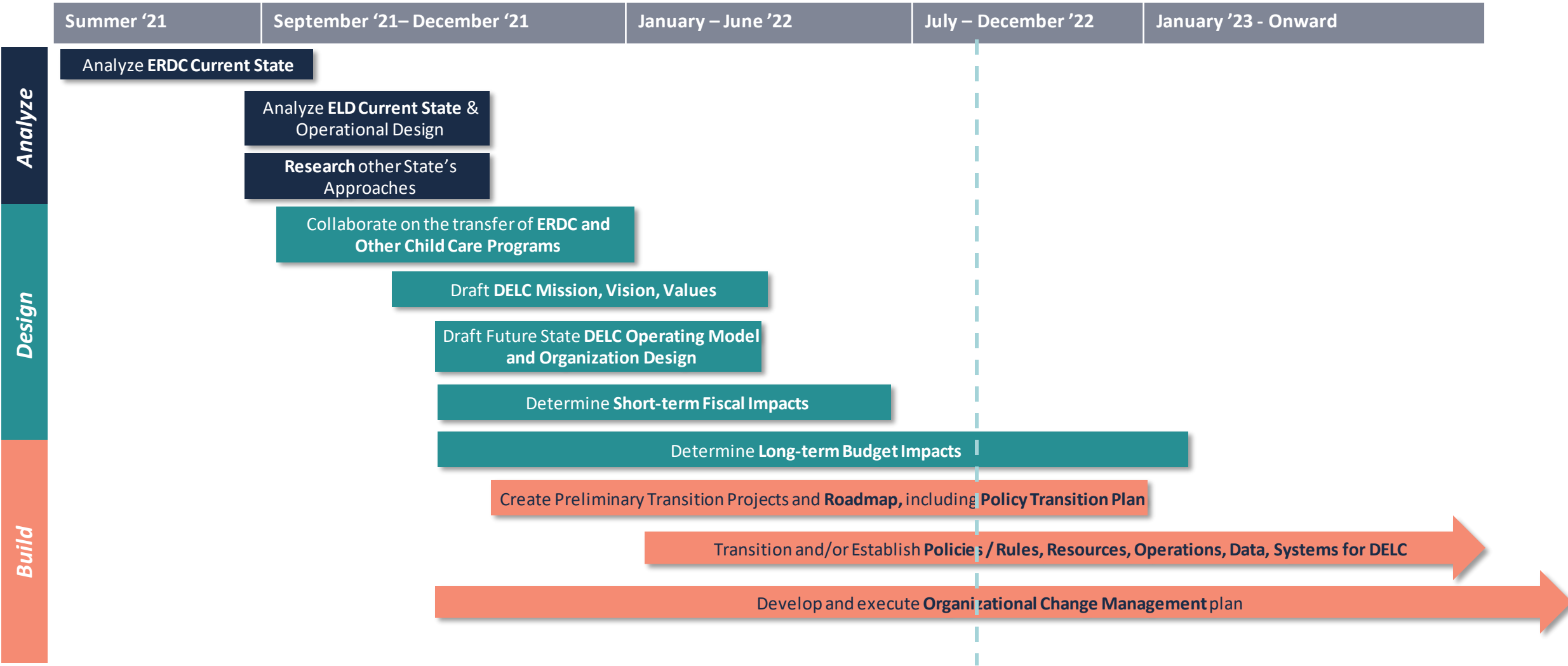
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# DELDC Update



- Project Timeline
- Hiring
- ERDC Transition
  - Functions
  - Eligibility
- IT Systems
- Identified Risks

# Developing the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELC) | Timeline & Key Workstreams



# Hiring



- Total of 80 DELC-related positions
  - 14 positions approved in 2021
  - 66 positions approved in 2022
    - 12 positions Limited Duration to Permanent
- Current Status – *Like most agencies, facing the biggest hiring challenges in Budget, Procurement and IT*
  - 35 positions hired
  - 23 positions in active requirement
  - 14 positions planned for hire in 2023

# ERDC Transition: Functions

- Inter-Agency Agreements (IAAs) - contracting back with ODHS for:
  - Fraud and Investigation Unit (FIU)
  - Information and Records Management System (IRMS)
  - Office of Payment, Accuracy, and Recovery (OPAR)
  - Hearings and Rules
  - Office of Reporting, Research, Analytics, and Implementation (ORRAI)
  - Quality Assurance (QA)
  - Oregon Eligibility Partnership-Learning and Training (OEP-LET)
  - Local Office staff and resources who determine eligibility

# ERDC Transition: Eligibility

- Payment to child care providers must be based on **enrollment instead of attendance** (HB 3073 – Section 8, 4(c)) **Completed: August 1, 2021\***
- Establish a **sliding scale** for copayment, with the requirement that a **copayment may not exceed seven percent** of the household income of the child's family **Completed: October 1, 2021**

\*Expanded allowable absent days and allowed providers to bill for care in advance, but payment is still based on the family's participation hours (attendance-based billing). This is the closest we can get with the current system to get to "enrollment based" care until we have a new provider management and pay system, which ELD is in the early stages of procuring.

# ERDC Transition: Eligibility

- **Parent Physical Presence**
  - Creates a floor of 20 hours/week for part-time authorizations and 40 hours/week for full-time authorizations
  - Does not require additional verification for families to receive these additional hours
  - Families requiring more than 40 hours/week will see no change in how hours are determined
  - Families can still receive additional hours for overtime if requested (up to 323 hours total per month)
  - Expands Authorized Medical Leave to be allowed at the beginning of a certification period for both single and two-parent households
  - Allows Authorized Medical Leave for parents to care for a sick child
- Floor established with Parent Physical Presence allows families to receive a base number of hours to cover a variety of family well-being activities without requiring additional verification. Families can continue to qualify for up to 75 hours as needed.
- **Timeline: Anticipated January 2023 Implementation**

# ERDC Transition: Eligibility

- **Family Well-being** The following policy changes are in the process of implementation. These are the policies that can most quickly be implemented, while additional policy work to support an expanded subset of family well-being activities is further refined.
  - Removes the cap for students so full-time students can be eligible for ERDC (no longer limited to 40 hours/week + 10 hours of travel)
    - Treats school hours as **employment** hours
  - Allows individual teen parent programs (under 20 years old and attending High School/GED programs) to qualify for care
  - Allows study time when student hours are covered (5 hours per week for part-time and 10 hours per week for full-time)
- **Timeline: Anticipated January 2023 Implementation**



# ERDC Transition: Eligibility

- **Family Well-being** The Early Learning Division has been working with community partners to identify additional populations/activities that could be captured under HB 3073's provision of "activities that support family well-being:"
  - Child Welfare-involved families
  - Foster families
  - Houseless families
  - Domestic Violence-involved families
  - Families at risk of interaction with the Child Welfare system
  - Families with an incarcerated parent
  - Significant health impacts
- **Timeline: TBD – continuing engagement in design process**

# IT Systems



- Grants Management System
  - Procuring a DELC grants management system using a commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) system that has been used by other agencies within the state or in other states.
  - Finalizing system requirements for software contractors to request a bid
  - Working with Enterprise Information Services for appropriate IT investment oversight
- Provider Management Platform
  - Will include provider payments, licensing system, and provider search for families
  - RFQ for contracted Project Management and Business Analysis services
  - High-level current and future state analysis and developed system requirements
  - Project Business Case submitted to EIS for Enterprise IT Governance Committee (EITGC) project prioritization.
    - Final business case, project charter, and complexity assessment will be submitted to EIS by late September for oversight determination.

# Risks



- Agency budget
  - DELC will not have its own budget until it is established on July 1, 2023
  - Unable to release funds if a Continuing Resolution is issued
- Agency authority
  - DELC requires authority to contract with ODHS to continue offering some services in support of ERDC
- IT systems implementation
  - Constrained schedules and time-limited resources
- Staff capacity
  - Actual capacity of existing staff at risk of exceeding projected capacity

# Questions?



# Preschool Promise Update

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# Preschool Promise Update

- Procurement Structure
- Grant agreement types
- Current status
- Timeline
- Next steps



# Procurement Structure (10)

- 567 procurements in process
  - Over 300 related to Preschool Promise
- Procurement Director – hired June 1, 2022
- Procurement Specialist 2 – hired May 2022
- Procurement Specialist 3 (2) – in recruitment
- Procurement Specialist 2 (2) – in recruitment
- Outreach and Training Coordinator – in recruitment
- Procurement Specialist 1 – fall/winter recruitment
- Procurement Assistant – fall/winter recruitment
- Administrative Specialist 2 – fall/winter recruitment



# Continuation and Expansion

- **Continuation:** Existing grantees must renew their grant agreements via a grant amendment every year to continue receiving funds
  - This requirement is defined by Administrative Rule
  - The Early Learning Council is adopting a temporary rules on 9/28 to remove this, and other procurement requirements, from rule – in alignment with best practices.
  - Repealing this requirement will allow us to have multi-year grant agreement with grantees so they are not waiting for funding each year. This will also significantly reduce the burden on Procurement, DOJ and program staff.
- **Expansion:** Eligible providers (including existing grantees) must apply for new Preschool Promise slots
  - This has historically been completed through a competitive Request for Applications (RFA) process overseen by Procurement





# Status Update

As of September 20, 2022, at 5:00pm

## **Continuation**

- 166 grant amendments sent to current grantees
- 105 amendments returned and signed for ODE approval
  - 9 amendments received by 9/19
  - 94 amendments received on 9/20

## **Expansion**

- 52 grant amendments for existing grantees
- 82 grant agreements for new grantees
- Awaiting Legal Sufficiency Review from DOJ

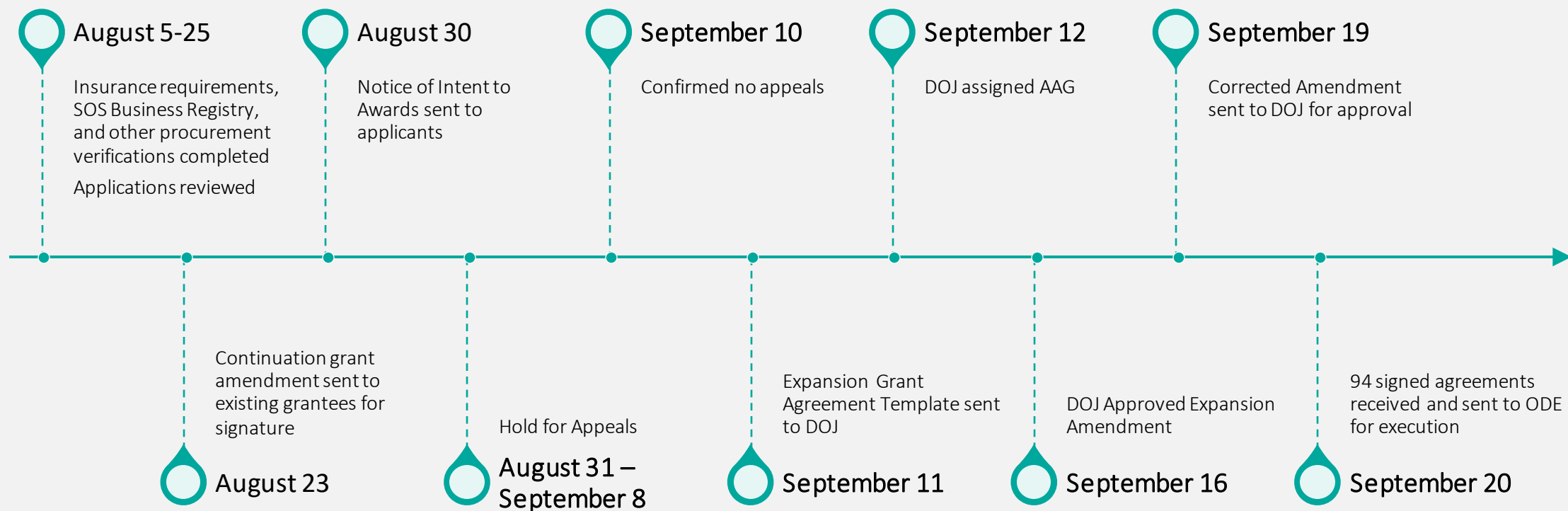


# Timeline of Events: Spring and Summer





# Timeline of Events: Last 30 days





# Next Steps

- Repeal annual application requirement for Preschool Promise providers
  - Early Learning Council – September 28th meeting
- Recruit, onboard, and train ELD/DELC procurement staff
- Redesign application process – beginning Fall 2022
  - Minimize solicitation recruitments
  - Streamlined application process
- Move to multi-year grant agreements (2023)



# Questions

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