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## The State of Child Care in Oregon

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# State of Emergency

- Executive Order 20-19 closed licensed and recorded child care unless providing emergency child care
- ELD-OCC created Emergency Child Care Facilities and Emergency Background Check process to expedite services to children and families
  - Federal background check waiver through September 30, 2021
- ELD-OCC “paused” ECCCF and EBC applications June 7- June 28, 2021 to ensure transition times to CBR and licensing requirements as needed



# Child Care is Essential to Economic Recovery

- Supporting women to re-enter the workforce
- Levers to build supply and increase provider wages
- Federal Relief
  - Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF)
  - Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES)
  - Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA)
  - American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
    - Child Care Support
    - Child Care Stabilization
    - CCDF Mandatory Increase



# American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Child Care Stabilization Funds

- Oregon Allocation of Child Care Stabilization Funds: \$248,908,466
- Oregon can set-aside up to 10% of stabilization award for administration, child care supply building activities and technical assistance.
  - Examples of set-aside activities: administration of grants, publicity of grants, building child care supply, technical assistance to provider to meet requirements of grants and technical assistance and support to apply for grants.
- Remaining 90% must go to grants to qualified providers.
  - Grants are designed to stabilize existing child care businesses, not fund start-up of a new child care provider not yet operating.
- Must obligate funds by September 30, 2022 and liquidate by September 30, 2023.



# ARPA Child Care Stabilization Funds

## Uses of Grant Funds Awarded to Provider:

- Providers receiving a grant must use the funds for at least one of the following activities:
  - Personnel costs, benefits, premium pay, and recruitment and retention (reminder wages and benefits for all employees must not be less than at the time of application).
  - Rent or mortgage payments, utilities, facilities maintenance or insurance.
  - PPE, cleaning and sanitation supplies and services, or training and professional development related to health and safety practices.
  - Purchases of or updates to equipment and supplies to respond to COVID-19.
  - Goods and services necessary to maintain or resume child care services.
  - Mental health supports for children and employees.
- Lead agency may make grant awards to reimburse providers for costs incurred after the declaration of the public health emergency on 1/31/2020 and the expenses were in response to the public emergency.