



Oregon Department of
**Early Learning
and Care**

Early Literacy Implementation

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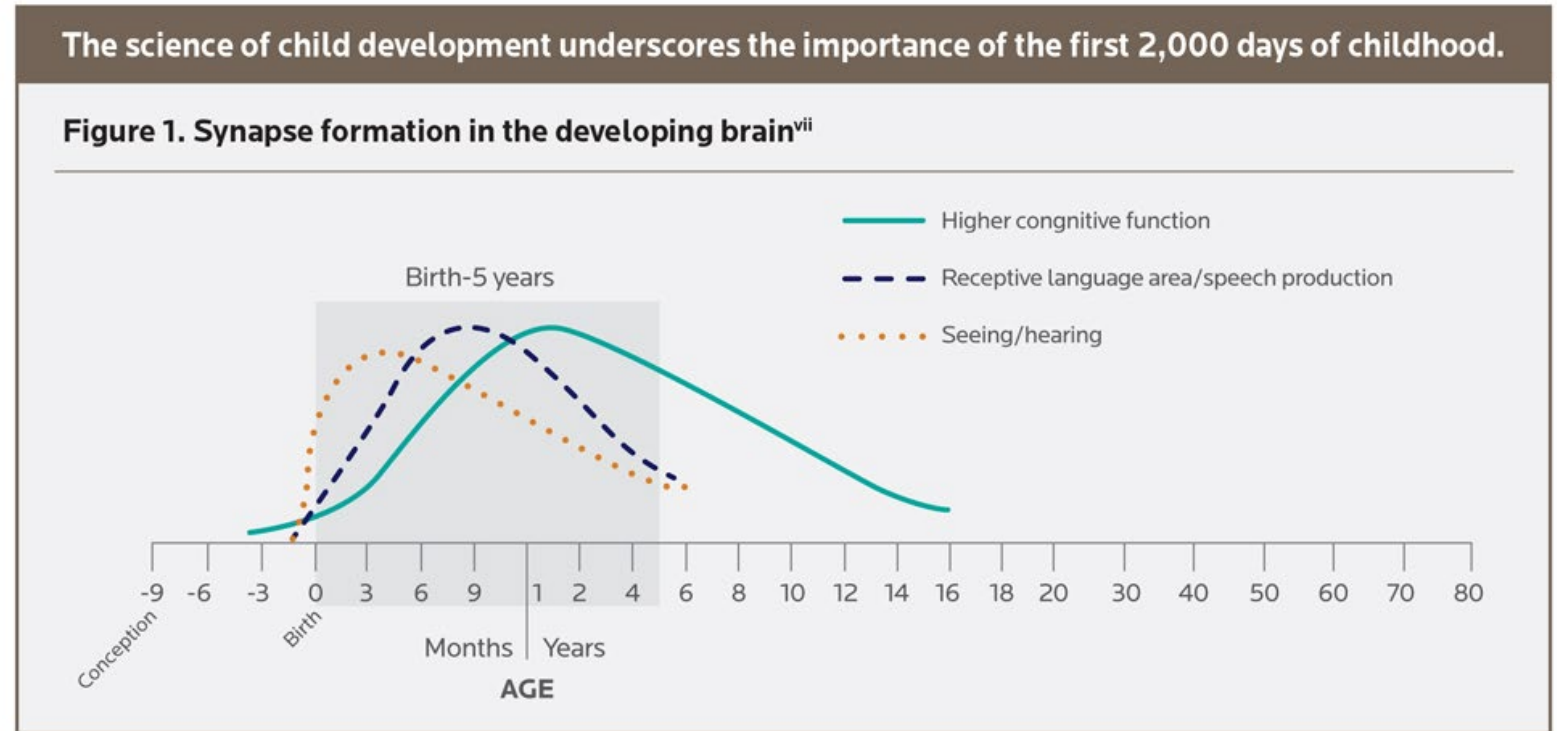




Early Literacy in Early Learning

"Infants' and toddlers' primary learning environment is their home, and their first and most consistent educators are the family members with whom they live. The home language and literacy environment have a strong and lasting effect on language skills, emergent literacy, and related social and academic skills."

Source: *Essential Instructional Practices in Language and Emergent Literacy*





HB 3198: Birth Through Five Literacy Plan & Fund

Budget Note directs DELC to develop a plan to:

- Expand culturally specific early literacy programs for children from birth to age 5
- Provide training and coaching for direct service staff in early literacy
- Develop and expand language revitalization efforts by federally recognized Tribes

Recommendations

Leverage existing program infrastructure so funds reach community quickly.

Kindergarten Partnership & Innovation
\$4.7 million

- Professional development (PD) for the early learning workforce focused on developmentally appropriate literacy and literacy supports
- Parent engagement and supports to promote literacy at home

Birth Through Five Literacy Program
\$4.7 million

- Early Childhood Equity Fund eligibility
- Parent engagement and supports to promote literacy at home
- Culturally-relevant PD for early educators
- Engagement to identify community-specific literacy gaps



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

- \$1.7M allocated to DELC for the Imagination Library program for 2023-25
- DELC is working on a direct contract to operate the Imagination Library of Oregon Program
- The contractor will establish 36 county-based local partners enrolling children in the program
- DELC will pay 50% and the remaining 50% of cost comes from local partners





Timeline to Award Funding

October – December 2023: Scoping direct award

January – February 2024: Finalize negotiations for direct award

March 2024: Begin contract for Imagination Library of Oregon services



Questions?

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