



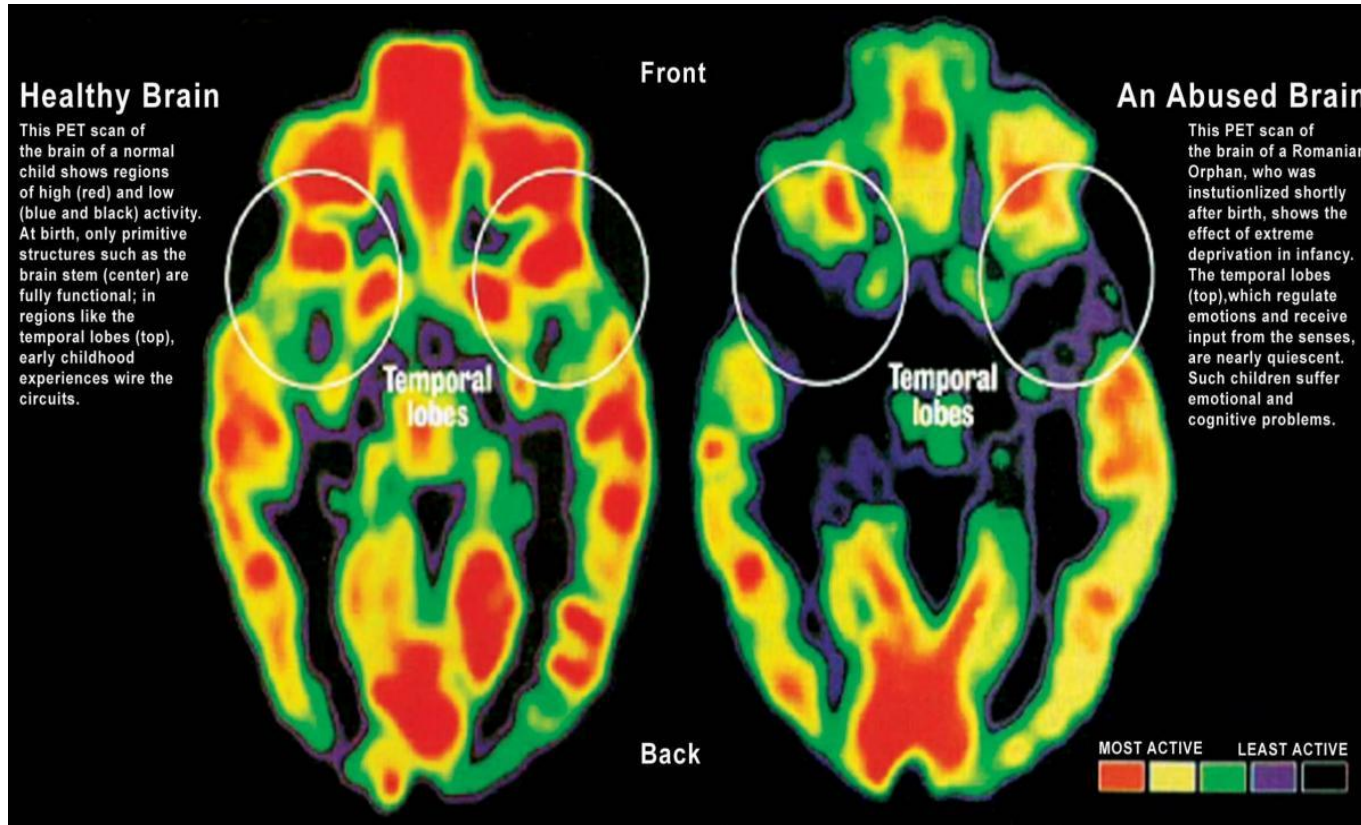
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Early Childhood Bills in Ways & Means

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Children need quality care



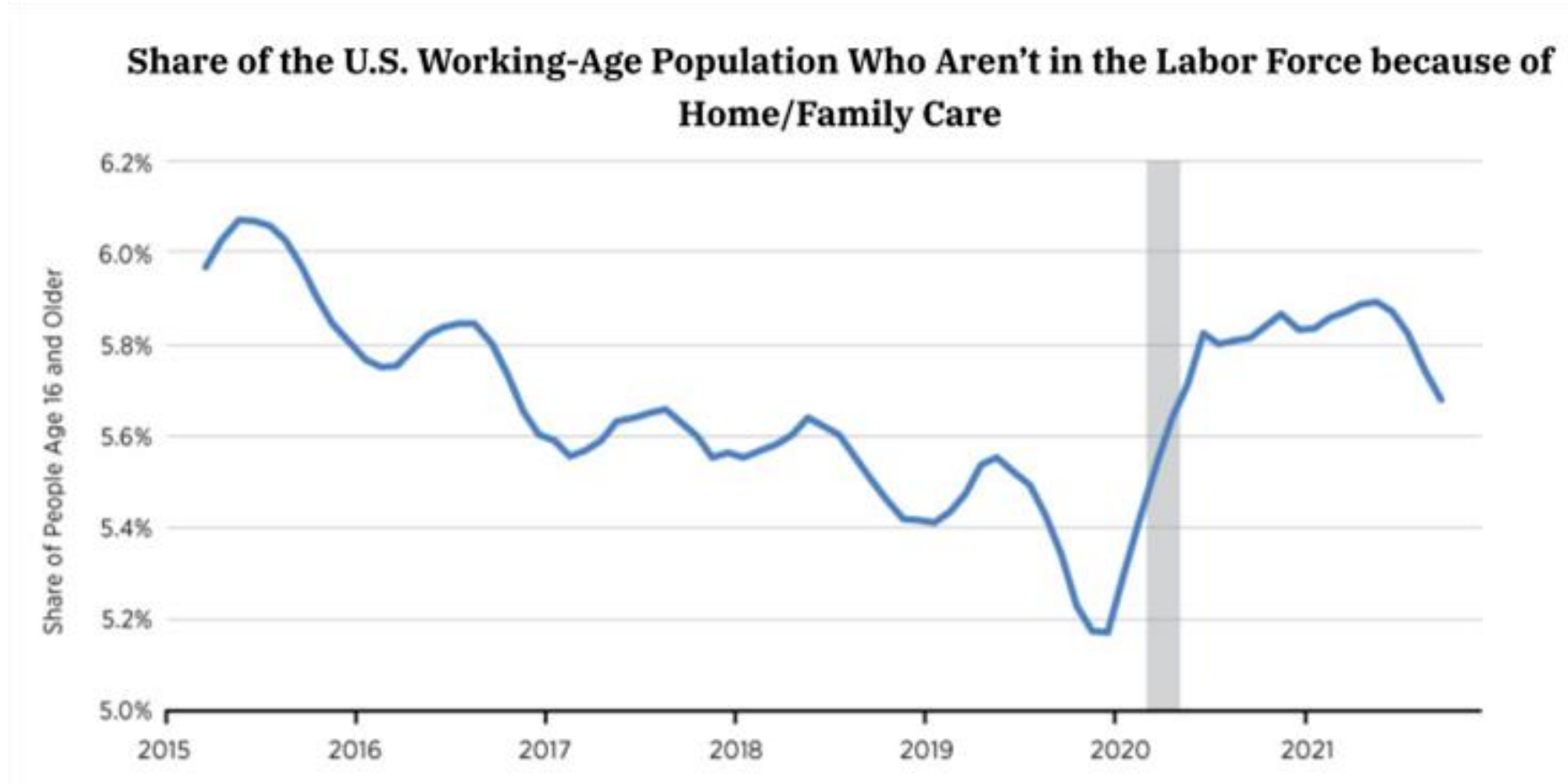
“In high doses, [stress] affects brain development, the immune system, hormonal systems, and even the way our DNA is read and transcribed. Folks who are exposed in very high doses have triple the lifetime risk of heart disease and lung cancer and a 20 year difference in life expectancy.”

-Dr. Nadine Burke-Harris



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Parents need care to work

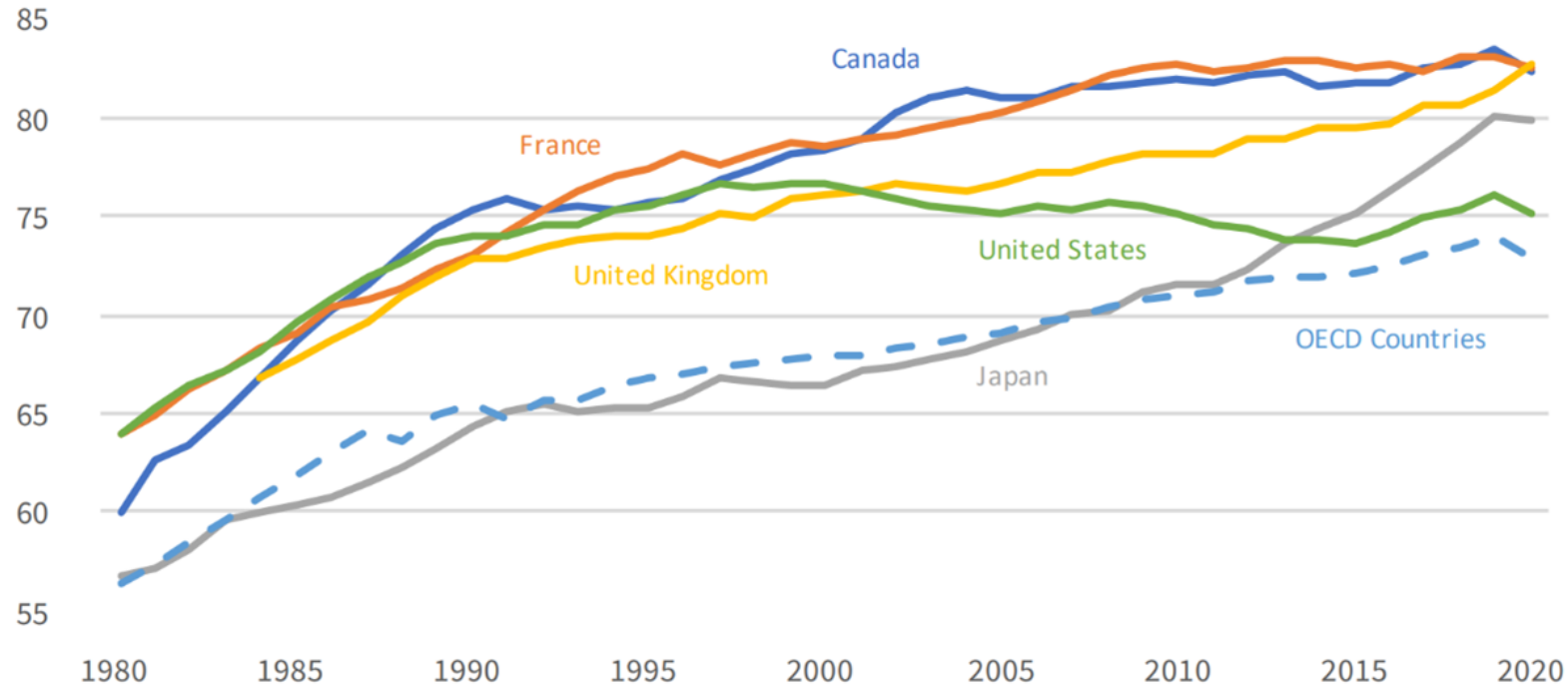


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Source: Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

Women especially need care

Figure 1: Prime-Age Women's Labor Force Participation in Select OECD Countries



Source: OCED.Stat Labor Force Statistics

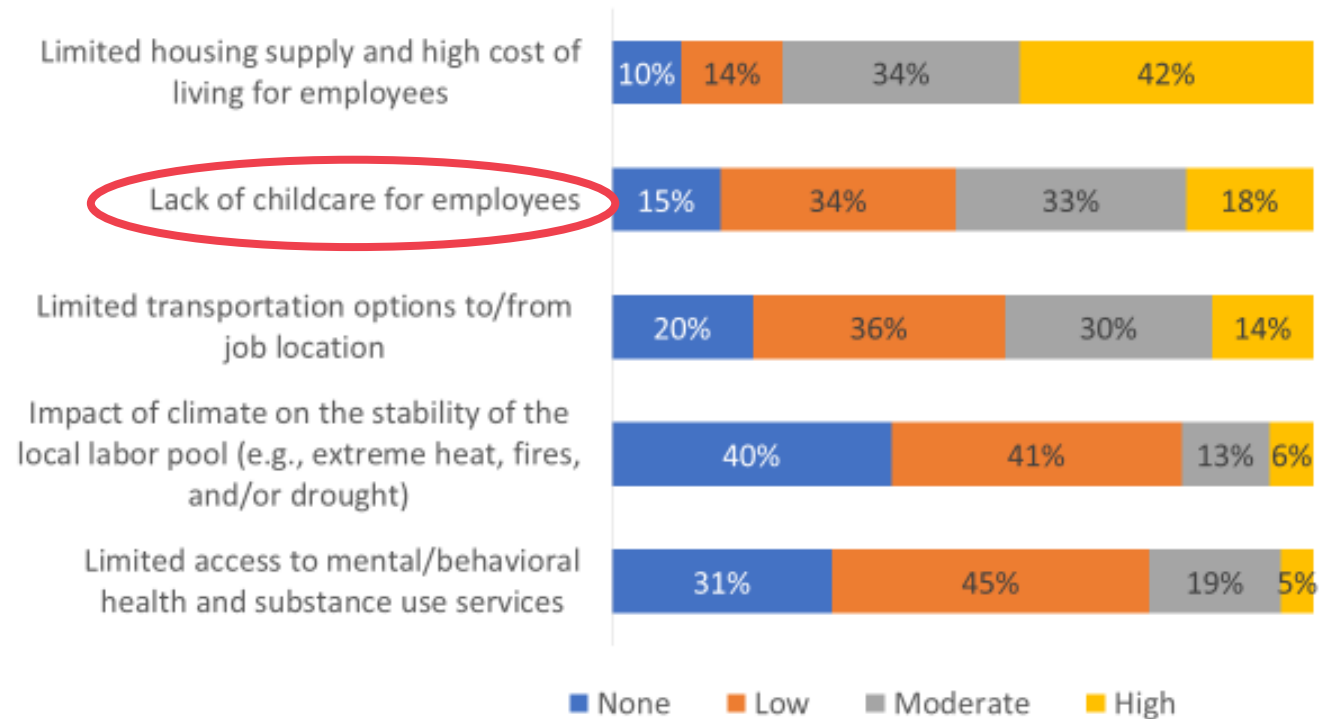


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Quality, affordable care supports business and strengthens the economy

- When employees have stable access to child care, employee absences can decrease by 30% and job turnover can decline by 60%. (US Chamber)
- Oregon businesses name lack of child care as a top barrier to hiring.

Additional barriers to hiring



Source: Program and Policy Insight March 2022 survey of Oregon employers

Child care sector is an employer, too

12,220 Number of people working in Early Learning & Care in Oregon

\$12.46 2019 Median Hourly Wage for a child care worker in Oregon

A skilled workforce improves outcomes for children and retention of staff

-116k Child care jobs lost nationally since Feb 2020

89% Percentage of child care jobs today compared to Feb 2020



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Source: [Center for the Study of Child Care Employment](#)



Building supply of child care is an answer

But there aren't workers to match the supply need

Child care jobs pay little & have little room for upward mobility

Challenge 1:
There is a shortage of child care workers and little incentive to join the workforce



Challenge 2:
A facilities shortage also means a shortage of supply

But demand outpaces supply

Leaving a gaping hole in child care services & programs

You are part of the solution

Early Childhood Coalition Priorities

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2023 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

In 2023, the Oregon legislature must keep its promise to strengthen the way the state serves children and families through community driven solutions and equity-centered decision making.

This year brings a unique opportunity for legislators to keep the momentum going and stay focused on child-centered policy. State leaders must continue to build the early learning and care system that children families, providers, and the state economy need .

Oregon's Early Childhood Coalition has worked to create policy with and for families. When we do this, we influence better policies, programs, and services that more effectively provide each child and family with what they need.

State investments in early childhood are a win for every Oregonian. They support brain development, the health and wellbeing of children, families, and communities, and the broader economic wellbeing of our state.

The right investments will strengthen child care and preschool, key components of Oregon's economic infrastructure. They will expand child care and preschool facilities, and grow the workforce needed for a

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2023 POLICY OPTION PACKAGE PRIORITIES

Developed by state agencies, the following policy option packages address Early Childhood Coalition priorities for children and families, the workforce, and the economy. **The Oregon Early Childhood Coalition seeks progress on these important investments.**

CONTINUE TO EXPAND SERVICES TO REACH MORE CHILDREN

- **DELCO POP 101:** Expand programs to serve more children, improve the quality and effectiveness of services, and increase per-child allocation to allow needed progress on wages **(\$210 million, General Fund)**
- **DELCO POP 102:** Reach newly eligible families with child care subsidy, raise reimbursement rates to support needed progress on wages, and support navigation for families and providers **(\$250 million, General Fund)**
- **DELCO POP 104:** Expand Baby Promise (infant & toddler contracted child care slots) **(\$12 million, General Fund)**
- **ODE POP 105:** Enhance support for children with special needs through investment in Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education and regional inclusive services **(\$45.4 million, General Fund)**
- **HECC POP 104:** Increase funding for the student child care grant **(\$4.2 million)**

BUILD A DIVERSE, SKILLED, FAIRLY COMPENSATED WORKFORCE

- **DELCO POP 101:** Continue to make needed increases to compensation, starting with a 10% increase above current service level estimates across early learning and care programs for wages and benefits **(\$66.8 million of the \$210 million POP)**
- **DELCO POP 102:** Continue to make needed increases in child care subsidy rates **(embedded in \$250 million POP)**
- **DELCO POP 103:** Grow investment in the Suspension Expulsion Prevention program **(\$12 million)**
- **HECC POP 302:** Fund the early learning educator scholarship and grant program **(\$5.2 million)**

EXPAND NEEDED FACILITIES INFRASTRUCTURE

- **OHCS POP 114:** Expand co-location of early childhood services and affordable housing in the CARE program **(\$20 million, General Fund)**

SUPPORT EARLY CHILDHOOD HEALTH & WELLBEING

- **OHA POP 414:** Implement Early Periodic Screening Detection and Treatment (EPSDT) **(\$1 million, General Fund)**
- **OHA POP 425:** Fully fund universally offered home visits **(\$6 million, General Fund)**
- **OHA POP 442:** Create an Office of Child Health in the Health Policy Division of Oregon Health Authority **(\$1.5 million General Fund)**

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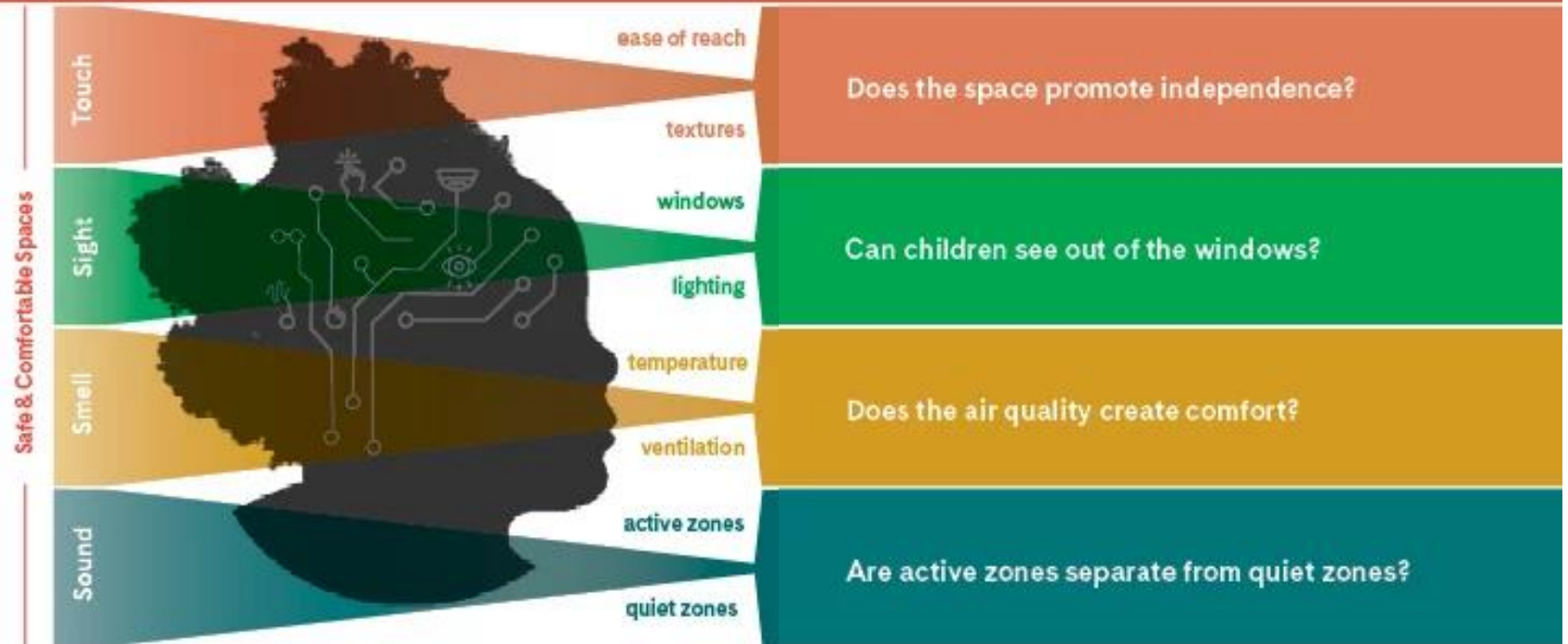
- **HB 2991**: Increase equitable & accessible workforce pathways (\$300,000)**
 - 4/3, Passed House Early Childhood 6-4
- **HB 5013**: Increase compensation (\$66.8 million, POP 101)
- **HB 5025**: Early Childhood Scholarships (\$5.2 million, POP 302)



Early childhood facilities support brain development

Facility architecture impacts brain architecture.

How can we ensure that the learning environment stimulates brain development?



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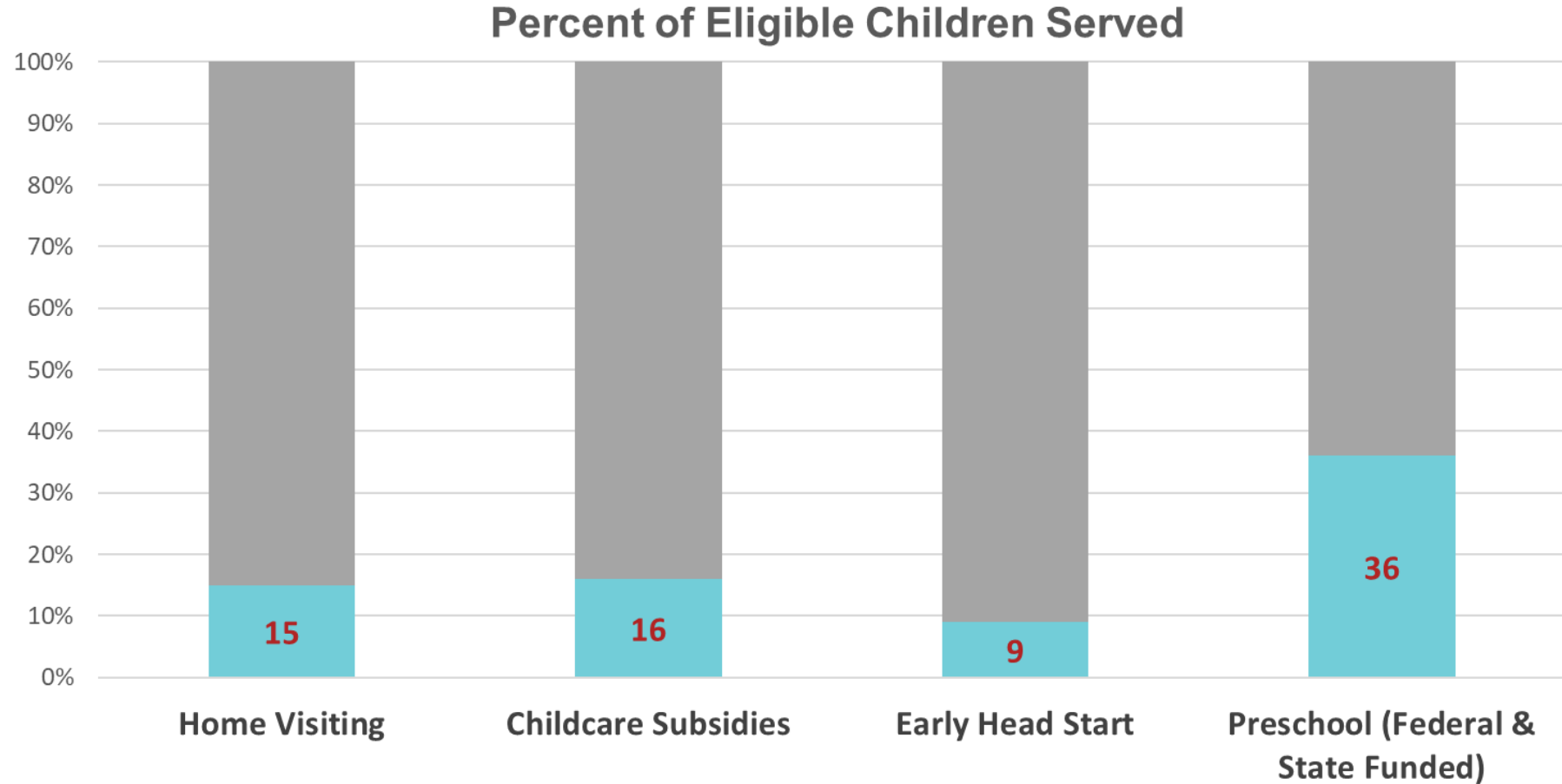
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Facilities

- **HB 3005: Child Care Infrastructure Fund (\$100 million + \$10 m TA)****
- 4/3, passed House Early Childhood 9-1
- **HB 2727**: review zoning, building code, permitting barriers (\$220,000)
- 3/20, passed House Early Childhood 10-0
- **SB 1040**: Pilot child care “micro-centers” rural Oregon (\$225,000)
- 3/23, passed Senate Labor & Business 5-0
- **HB 2717**: licensure pathway for outdoor preschools (\$65,000)
- 3/29, passed House Early Childhood 6-4
- **SB 5511**: Co-location of housing & child care (\$20 million, POP 114)



Access to Quality, Affordable Care



Access to Quality, Affordable Care

- [HB 2683](#): Expand eligibility for child care subsidy to child welfare (2025) and houseless, teen parent, domestic violence (2027) ([\\$5 million*](#))
 - 4/3: Passed House Rules 7-0
- [HB 3027](#): Study creation of child care navigators through community based organizations ([\\$193,000](#))
 - 3/22: Passed House Early Childhood 7-3
- [SB 575](#): Students with Disabilities Success Plan ([TBD](#))
 - 4/3: passed Senate Education 6-1
- [HB 5013](#): Department of Early Learning & Care Budget
 - **Early Childhood Equity Fund (\$10 million for 1100+ children, wages)****
 - Invest in child care subsidy (up to \$250 million, POP 102)
 - Relief Nurseries (\$21 million for 855 children, wages & cost increases)
 - Healthy Families Oregon (\$15 million for Lincoln Co, wages, database)

Early Health

- [SB 5525](#): Oregon Health Authority Budget
 - Nurse Family Partnership stability & expansion (\$8 million)
 - Create an office of child health (POP 442, \$1 million)
 - Universally Offered Home Visits (POP 425, \$6 million)
 - Early Periodic Detection, Screening, & Treatment (POP 414, \$1.5 million)



Early Literacy

- [HB 3198](#): Early Literacy Success Initiative (\$120 million+)
 - Early Literacy Success School Grant (prek–3rd) (\$100 million+)
 - Birth Through Five Literacy Plan (\$10 million)
 - Early Literacy Success Community Grant (\$10 million)
- [HB 2872](#): Imagination Library ([\\$1.7 million](#))
 - 3/29: passed House Early Childhood 10–0



Basic Needs

- [HB 3235](#): Oregon Kids Credit (-8 amendment, \$50 million/year)
 - 3/29: passed House Early Childhood 10-0
- [SB 610](#): Food for All ([TBD](#))
 - 4/3: passed Senate Human Services 4-1



Governor's Recommended Budget

Early Childhood Highlights, across agencies

- \$62.5 million for Early Learning Programs (DELIC)
- \$41.3 million for child care subsidy (DELIC)
- \$115 million for early childhood facilities infrastructure
 - \$110 million (Business Oregon)
 - \$5 million for co-location with affordable housing (OHCS)
- \$6 million for early childhood special education (ODE)*
- \$5.2 million for early learning educator scholarships (HECC)
- \$6 million for universally offered home visits (OHA)



Governor's Recommended Budget

Investment Area	Proposed Investment	Governor's Recommended Budget
Early Learning Programs	\$210 million Expansion, Improvement, Enhancement	\$62.5 million Improvement
Child Care Subsidy	\$250 million Expansion, Improvement, Recruitment	\$41.3 million Improvement, Recruitment
Facilities Fund	\$100 million	\$115 million
Universal Home Visits	\$6 million	\$6 million





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