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Lane County, Oregon needs outdoor early education options for children with ADHD and Sensory processing disorder.

I am a parent of two children with developmental differences. One my kids greatly struggles to access education indoors. For this child the noises and experience of a crowded indoor classroom are overwhelming to the point of meltdown. Learning out doors provides an environment where he can move, gain space around himself, and not be overwhelmed by echoing sounds, smells or close proximity of classmates. My child is currently in a special Ed program receiving a greatly reduced school day as a result of his challenges being in a classroom. I feel that students such as my son would greatly benefit from the different sensory experience that outdoor learning provides. This is an opportunity to create a learning environment that supports the needs of some neuro-divergent students.