



# Federal Impacts

## House Early Childhood and Human Services Committee

September 29, 2025

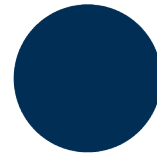
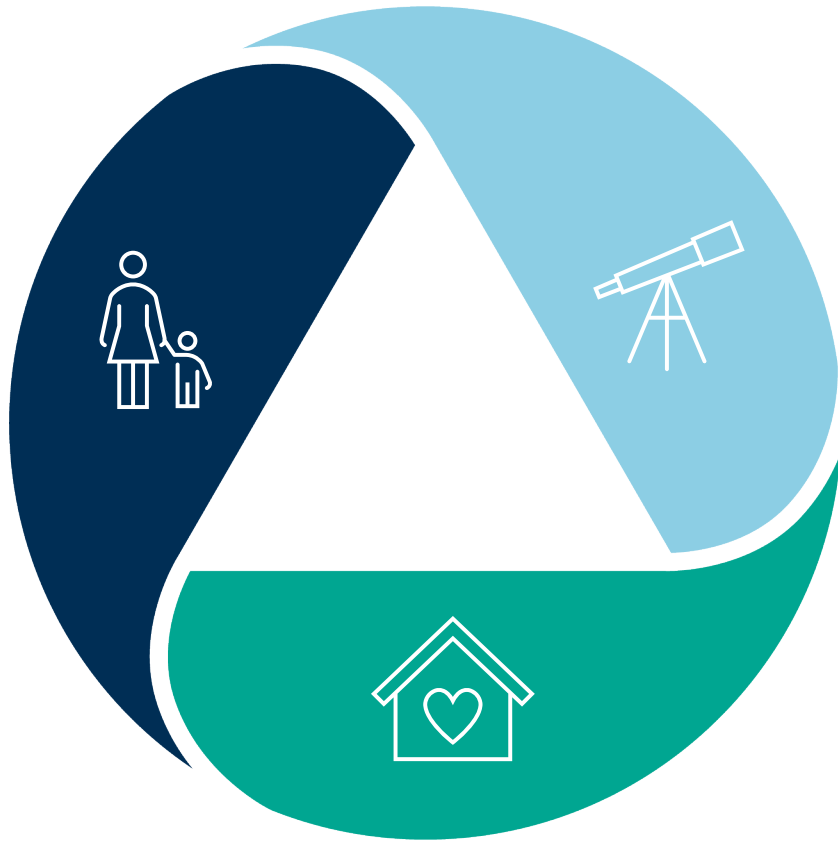
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**Carey McCann**, *Interim Early Learning System Director*

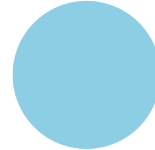
**Dorothy Spence**, *Early Learning Programs Director*



# Department of Early Learning and Care



**Builds and administers core parts of Oregon's early learning system**



**Sets the strategic vision for early learning and care in Oregon**



**Creates operational foundations to create consistency and efficiency across programs to work together in service of children and families**

# Oregon Early Care & Education by the Numbers:

## Children and Families



**242,699**

Children in Oregon from birth through five years



**63%**

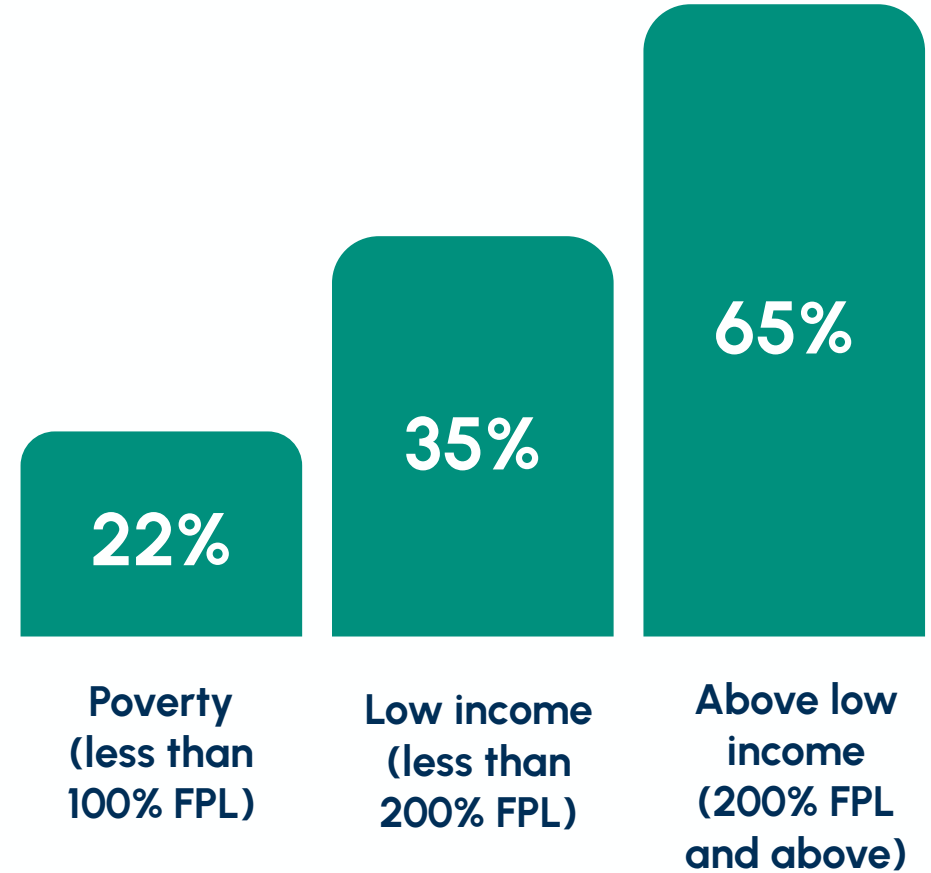
Of children 5 & under with all available parents in the workforce

**\$15,808**

Annual price of home-based care in Oregon



Percent of young children by income level



Sources:

<https://www.nccp.org/early-childhood/?state=OR>

<https://www.childcareaware.org/price-landscape24>

# How Early Care & Education is Funded

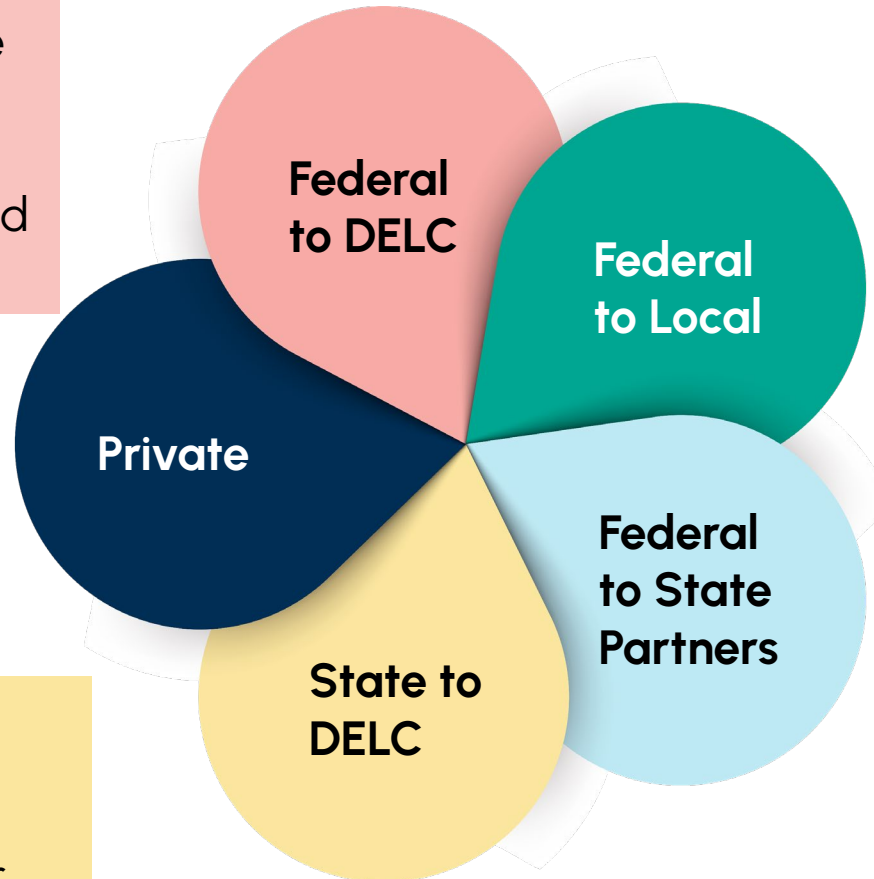


## Child Care & Development Fund

ACF authorizes child care assistance for low-income families, and for infrastructure, such as licensing, workforce and quality improvement

**Families** pay providers or programs tuition

**State** funds early learning and care for some families and contributes resources for quality improvement and other supports



## Head Start

ACF authorizes and funds directly 24 grantees in Oregon, and provides monitoring and technical assistance

## Programmatic Supports

Other agencies receive federal funding for ECE (ODHS, OHA, ODE, etc.), e.g. Early Learning Hubs, Relief Nurseries, Home Visiting, etc.

**HR1 impacts  
DELC *indirectly*  
and families  
*directly***





## Children



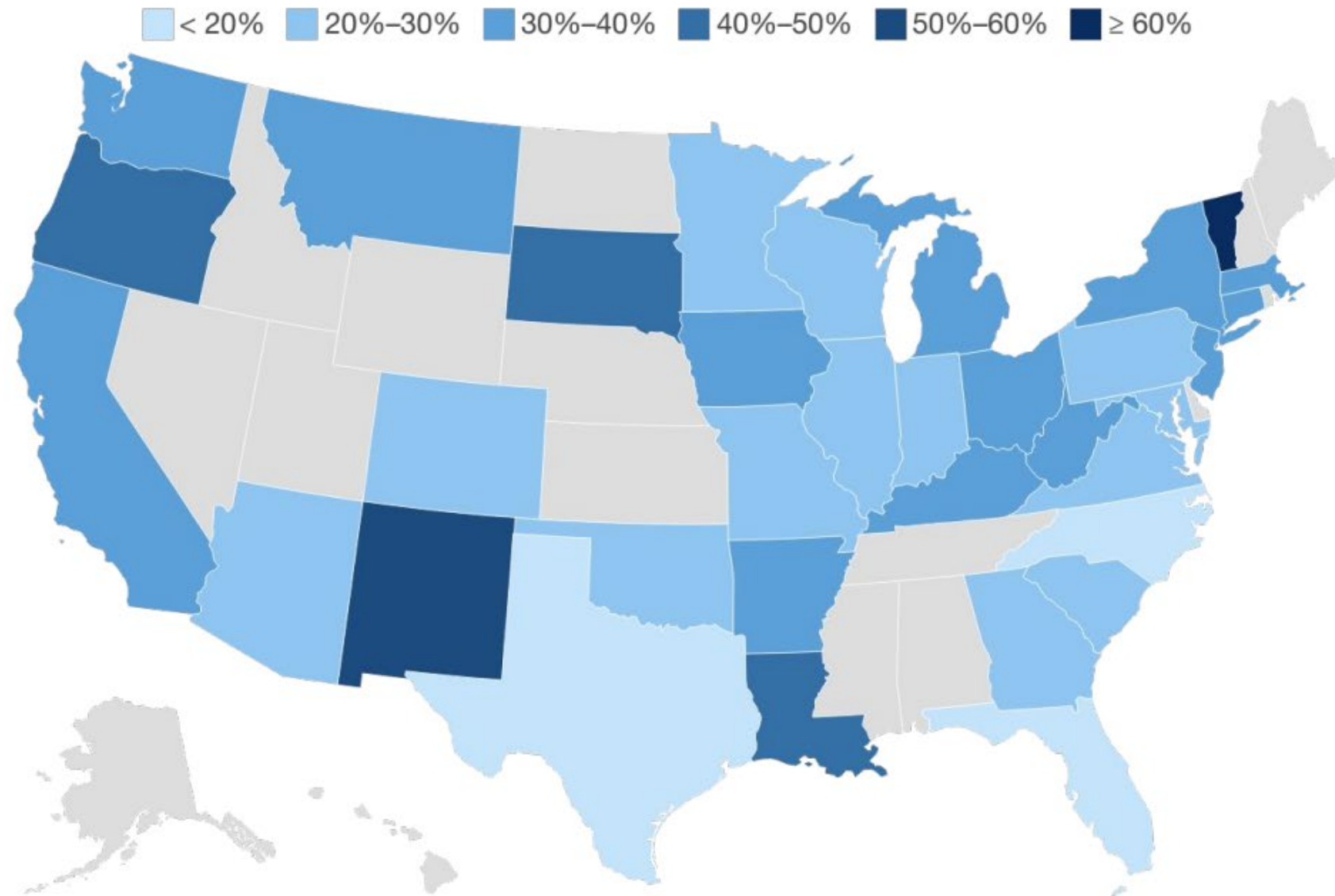
## Families



## Early Learning Workforce



## Percentage Child Care Workers Covered by Medicaid, 2023

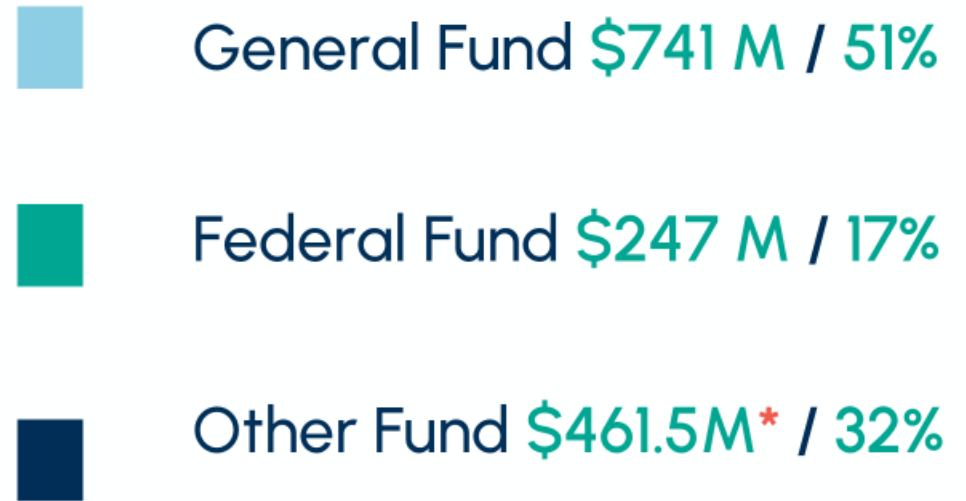
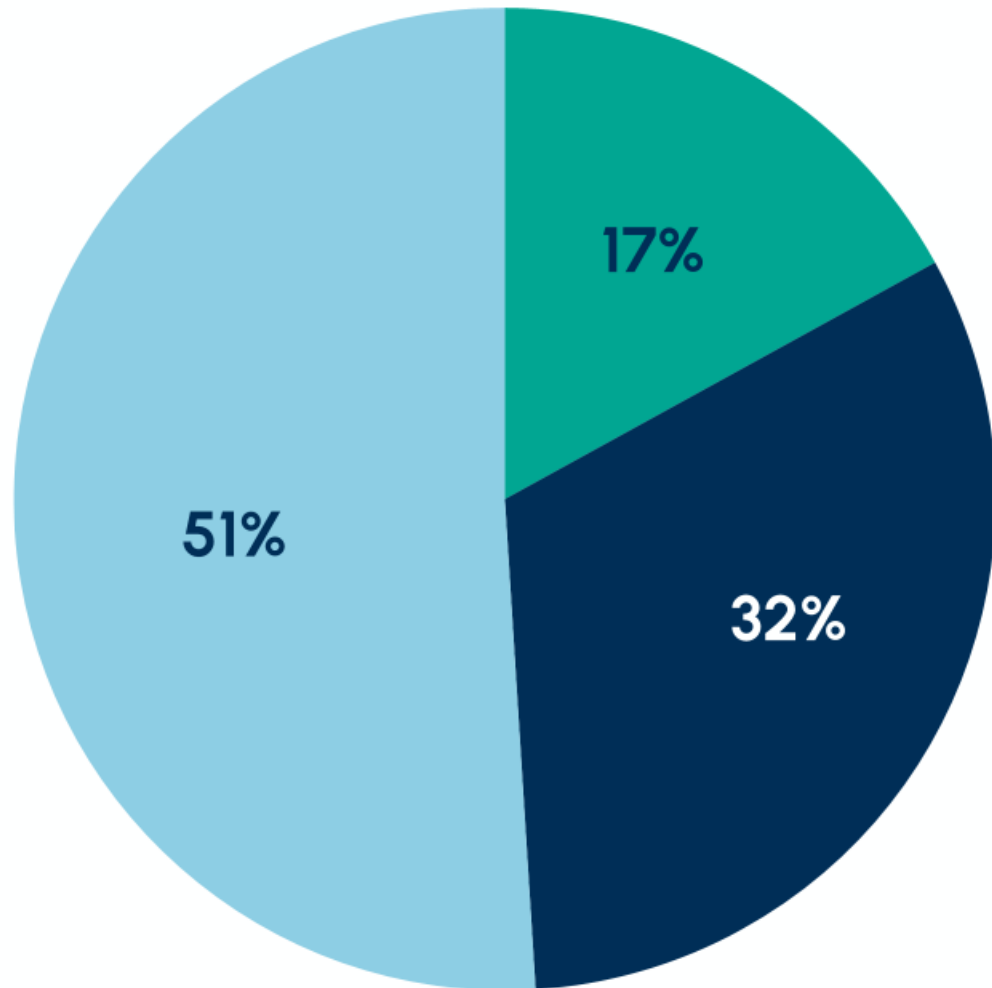




# **Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)**



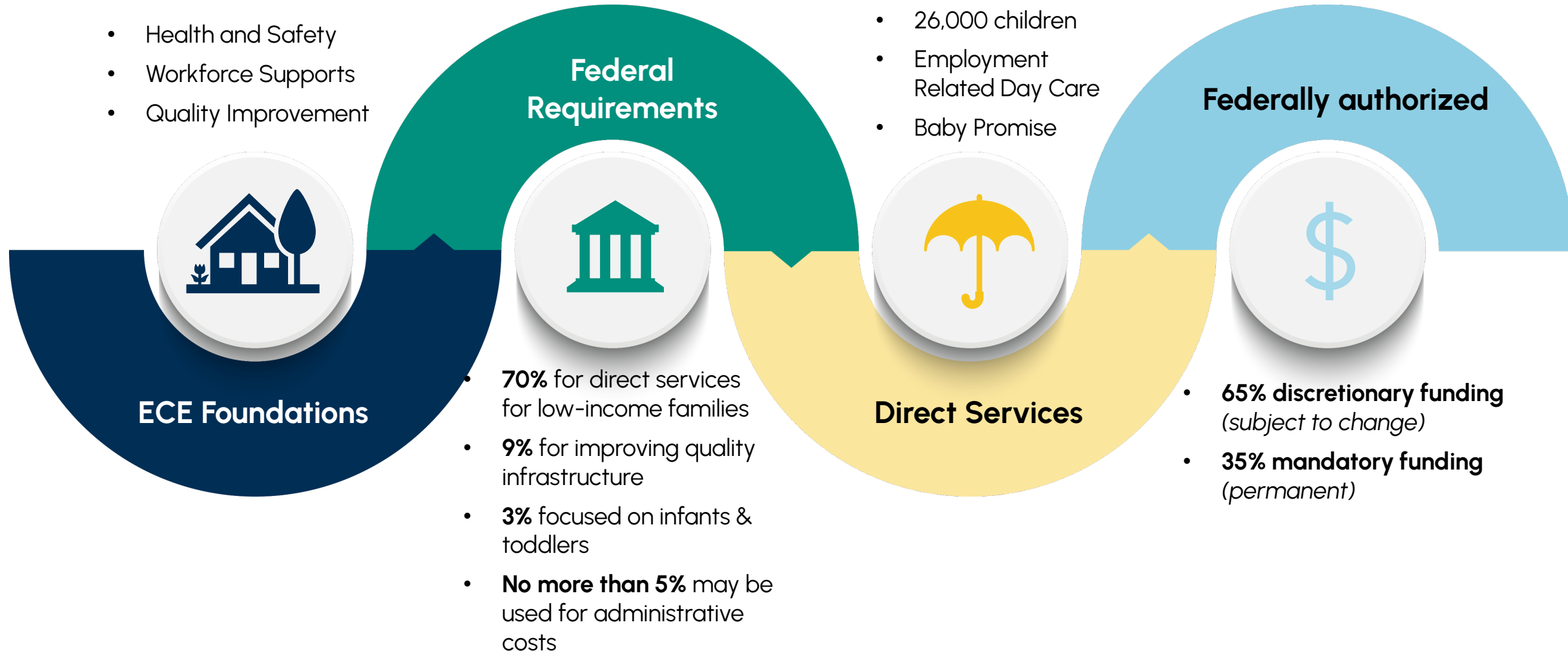
# DELC 2025 – 27 Budget by Fund Type



\*440.6M is the Early Learning Account

**Total Funds \$1.5 Billion**

# Child Care & Development Fund





# **Head Start & Oregon Prenatal to Kindergarten (OPK)**



# Head Start Funding in Oregon

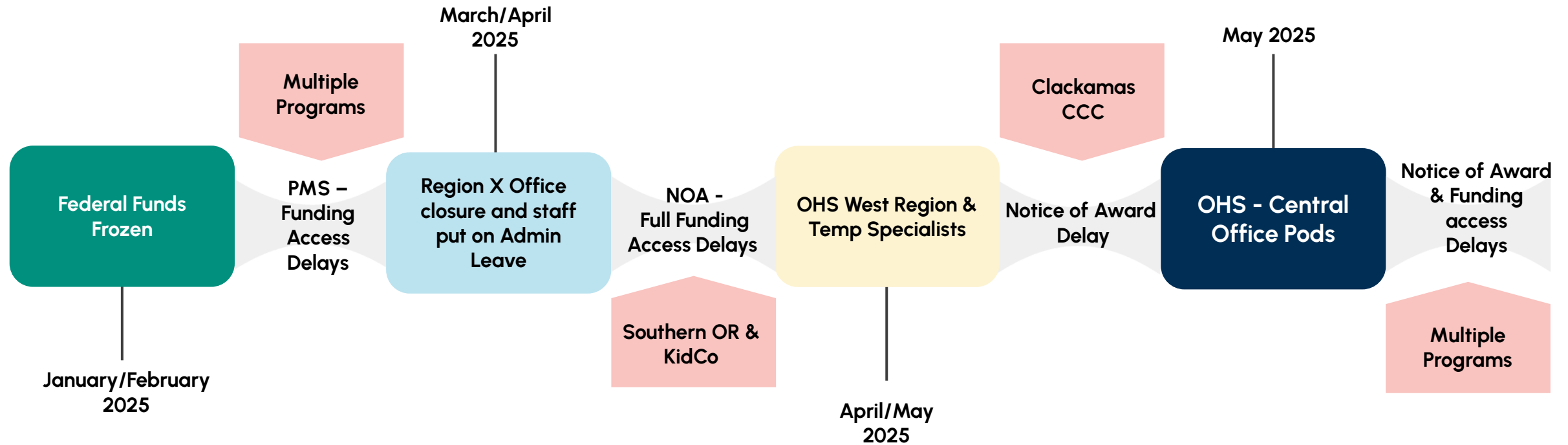
| Head Start - \$117.7M/annual   | Oregon Prenatal to Kindergarten - \$364M/biennium                         |
|--|---|
| Federal to Local – US Dept. of Health and Human Services to Grantees   | State to Local – Oregon Department of Early Learning and Care to Grantees |
| 24 local grantees  | 30 local grantees (including 24 Head Start)                               |
| 5,182 slots  | 7,431 slots   |
| Infrastructure – facilities, classroom materials, school buses   |   |
| <p><b>80% of OPK sites are dually funded, offering slots for children eligible for both Head Start + OPK.</b></p> <p><b>Federal staff currently provide monitoring and technical assistance to all dual-funded Head Start/OPK sites.</b></p> |   |

# Head Start Impacts: Closure of Region X

|                              | Region West – Current State  | Region X – Prior to April 1 <sup>st</sup>  |
|------------------------------|--|--|
| Service Area                 | Serving AK, ID, OR, WA, HI, CO, MT, UT, WY, KS, CA, NV, NE, Islands of Palau, Guam, and Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands | Served Washington, Oregon, Idaho & Alaska  |
| Regional Staff Support       | Federal staff with the OHS West contracted staff are assigned to all grantees. Caseload sizes tripled.                           | Program, Fiscal, and Grant specialists assigned to each grantee. Regular meetings, communication & support.  |
| OHS Central Office Oversight | OHS Central Office has oversight over all other supports for Grant Recipients such as Fiscal/Budget needs and/or approvals.      | RX was responsible for program guidance, direct support, grant oversight, funding distribution, program monitoring and compliance to Grant Recipients. |
| Communications               | Communication with the OHS is through the identified Grantee Systems or through a universal email address.                       | Region X staff served as the ambassadors and communication conduit between grantees & OHS Central Office   |



# Impacts to Head Start in Oregon





**What's to  
come?**



# Monitoring Future Changes

## Congressional Action

- Monitor 2026 CCDBG portion of CCDF, discretionary funding
- Monitor 2026 Head Start funding changes to Head Start or CCDF policy

## US DHHS, ACF Action

- Monitor CCDF and Head Start requirements
- Payment Management System
- [ACF Vision, Mission, Values, Priorities, & Guiding Principles](#)