Early Learning Council

Elizabeth Farrar Campbell, Chair

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- The Early Learning Council supports a unified and aligned early childhood system by encouraging coordination and partnership between six state agencies, community-based organizations, the private sector, philanthropy, and families with young children.
- The Early Learning Council has two main functions:
 - Convening leadership from six partner agencies to identify early childhood priorities, facilitate cross-agency collaboration, and address barriers and opportunities.
 - Public body responsible for administrative rulemaking for Department of Early Learning and Care
- This cross-sector work is represented in Raise Up Oregon: A Statewide
 Early Childhood System Plan 2024-2028. RUO is a statewide strategic plan
 focused on actions that state agencies can take, in partnership with families,
 communities, and the private sector, to build a more unified and aligned early
 childhood system.



Raise Up Oregon



Vision: All of Oregon's young children, prenatal to age five, experience an early start that results in positive health, education, and life outcomes regardless of zip code, race, and family income.

System Goal 1: The early childhood system is equitable: integrated, accessible, inclusive, anti-racist, and family centered.

System Goal 2: All families with young children are supported to ensure their well-being.

System Goal 3: All children are thriving in early childhood and beyond

Council Membership

- Chair, Elizabeth Farrar Campbell, Mighty Ripple Strategies
- Peter Buckley, Southern Oregon Success
- Katy Brooks, Bend Chamber
- Robin Hill Dunbar, The Ford Family Foundation
- Eric Hunter, Care Oregon
- Dr. Peg Miller, MD, Willamette Valley Medical Center
- Soobin Oh, Teaching Preschool Partners
- Ruby Ramirez, Oregon Community Foundation
- Marie Simonds, Bandon Dunes Charitable Foundation



Ex Officio (Non-Voting Members of the ELC)

- Andrea Bell, Director, Oregon Housing and Community Services
- Ben Cannon, Director, Higher Education Coordinating Commission
- Alyssa Chatterjee, Early Learning Systems Director, Department of Early Learning and Care
- **Sejal Hathi**, Director, Oregon Health Authority
- Fariborz Pakseresht, Director, Oregon Department of Human Services
- Dr. Charlene Williams, Director, Oregon Department of Education





Council has focused on the following priorities over the last year:

- ➤ Housing & Co-location
- ➤ Behavioral Health
- > Workforce
- ➤ Home Visiting
- ➤ Early Learning Hubs
- ➤ Child Care

Early Learning Council Priorities for 25-26

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Child Care Coalition Building

• Partnering with businesses statewide to advocate for and invest in accessible, highquality early learning and care.

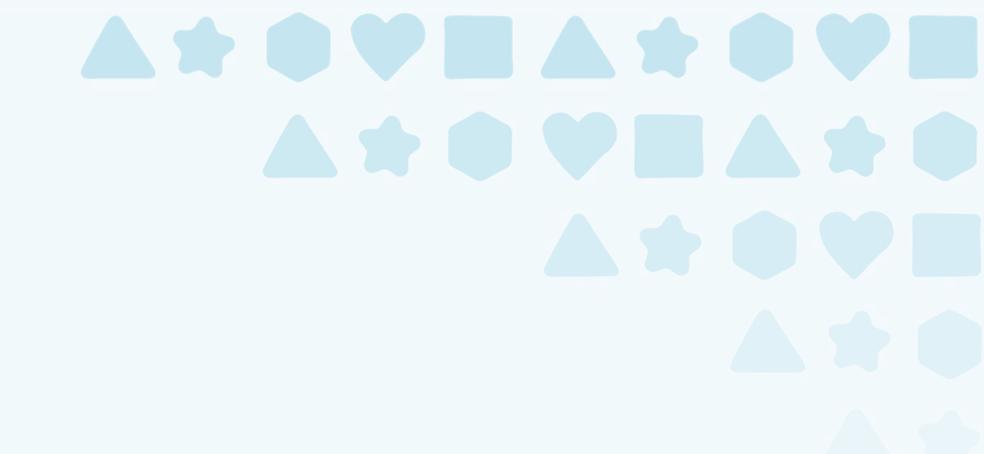
Home Visiting Coordination

 Cross-agency effort to increase coordination between home visiting programs at both a state and local level. This initiative brings together DELC, OHA, ODHS and ODE with the goal of reducing barriers and improving access to home visiting services for Oregon families.

Early Childhood System Building

• Continuing to support state agencies to ensure comprehensive support for children and families across critical areas, including: healthcare, housing, human services and early childhood education and care.

All initiatives are key components of the Raise Up Oregon Strategic Plan.



Questions?