

# Playful Learning is **Essential**



## **Vision**

A joyful and just education system that grows from the wisdom of local communities.

## **Who We Are**

For over a decade Teaching Preschool Partners has walked alongside educators to strengthen Oregon's early learning and elementary systems. We believe that when teachers feel supported, children feel it too, and joyful learning flourishes.

### **Mission**

We partner with educators to strengthen Oregon's early learning and elementary systems.

### **Values**

Belief in Brilliance • Relationships First  
Playful Inquiry • Community Wisdom  
Care for Educators • Equity in Action

### **What We Do**

PreK-5th Grade

- Professional Learning & Coaching
- Community Partnerships
- Playful Learning Demonstrations
- Systems Influence & Policy Engagement
- Tools and Resources for Practice





## Current Focus

Oregon's education systems face tight budgets, with funding centered on Early Literacy, Preschool Promise, and General Funds. We focus where impact endures:

- **Active Playful Learning (APL):** Part of a national LEGO Foundation study, elementary schools integrate playful, inquiry-based learning that drives curiosity and engagement.
- **Early Literacy & Elementary Innovation:** Advancing reflective teaching and curriculum design that connect literacy, inquiry, and belonging.
- **Community Partnerships:** Growing collaborations with public preschool and community programs—now 20% of our revenue and rising.
- **Sustaining Joyful Learning:** Supporting districts to maintain meaningful professional learning amid fiscal constraints.

## Why it Matters

- We are transforming education systems to reflect how children truly develop and learn.
- When teachers are supported to bring play, reflection, and belonging into classrooms, children thrive—and communities see themselves reflected in their schools.
- Local wisdom strengthens systems and builds lasting conditions for enduring change.

## Our Impact

- 📍 **11 Oregon counties** across **30+ school districts**
- 👥 **Hundreds of educators** participating in activities each year
- 👤 **Thousands of Oregon children** benefiting from research-based joyful classrooms.
- 📖 **Curriculum, assessment, and report card** systems redesigned
- 🤝 **Strong** community partnerships built across Oregon
- 🗣️ **Participation** in state committees and advisory bodies shaping policy
- 🌐 **7.6K** active website users with **above-average engagement**
- 📷 **4,000** Instagram followers — **double since 2022**