

Early childhood developmental screening

Developmental screening questions help give an idea of how a child is learning, growing and meeting developmental marks. Developmental screening tools help tell if a child would benefit from testing or services to help with learning. For more information ask your child's doctor or contact the Early Learning Hub at <https://oregonearlylearning.com/current-early-learning-hubs/>.

Immunizations

Children have immunizations in order to be eligible for ERDC. They also can be in the process of completing immunizations or have a medical or non-medical reason for not having vaccinations. For more information, contact your county health department at <https://public.health.oregon.gov/ProviderPartnerResources/LocalHealthDepartmentResources/Pages/lhd.aspx>. You can also contact the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/easy-to-read/child.html>.



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You can get this document in other languages, large print, braille or a format you prefer. Call 503-378-3486, or email CHILDCARE.policy@dhsosha.state.or.us. We accept all relay calls or you can dial 711.

Making the most of your child care assistance

Employment Related Day Care Program



Working families may be able to get help with child care costs through the Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) program. You may qualify if you are employed or if you are employed and are going to school. After being approved for ERDC you may continue to get help with child care when searching for work after a job loss, if you need to take medical leave or for military transitions.

Going to school

If you are attending school and working less than 40 hours a week, you may qualify for help with child care costs during student hours as well as work hours.

- The hours you attend school cannot be more than the hours approved for work.
- You must be attending a school approved to get federal student aid.
- Schooling must be for improving work opportunities. This includes completing your degree, GED, certificate or other credential.

After being approved for ERDC, help with child care can continue:

Work search

When receiving ERDC, if you experience a job loss or a short break in work, you may qualify for help with child care costs during work search hours. This will give you time to find a new job.

- You will not pay a copay during the work search time.
- Your DHS child care hours will not change. You can continue to take your children to your child care provider.

Medical leave

When receiving ERDC, if you are no longer working due to medical conditions or are on maternity leave, you may qualify for help with child care costs during the leave.

- You will still have a copay during the medical leave hours.
- Your income counts during medical leave. However, your income may need to be adjusted.
- You will need to provide the following:
 - Proof of medical leave;
 - The type of illness or injury; and
 - How long it is expected to last.

Military transition

When receiving ERDC, let us know when you are back home after discharge from active duty in a military war zone. ERDC can help with child care costs during your transition.

Providers

You can choose to use a child care center licensed with the state of Oregon. You may also be able to use a friend or relative. You can have more than one provider.

Your provider will need to complete the listing process if you choose a provider who is not already an approved DHS provider.

The Direct Pay Unit (DPU) and Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) agencies can help guide your provider through the process. Contact DPU at 503-378-5500 or 1-800-699-9074. Contact CCR&R at 1-800-342-6712 for the office nearest you.

Parent and provider incentives

A quality child care setting offers many child educational activities important to your child's brain growth and lifelong learning. If you have a copay it may be lower if you use a provider who is Spark rated. A Spark rated provider has taken training to help children get ready and do well in school. Spark rated providers may be eligible to get a payment in addition to the highest DHS rate, for each DHS child in care. To find a Spark rated provider go to 211info.org.



For more details on how to apply and DHS Self-Sufficiency office contact information visit <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/assistance/child-care/pages/index.aspx>.

Contact 211info: Dial 211 toll free; text your ZIP code to 898211; email help@211info.org; or visit 211info.org.