



Baby Promise

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Early Learning and Care

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is a baby and someone.”

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Infant/Toddler Care, Baby Promise, and ERDC

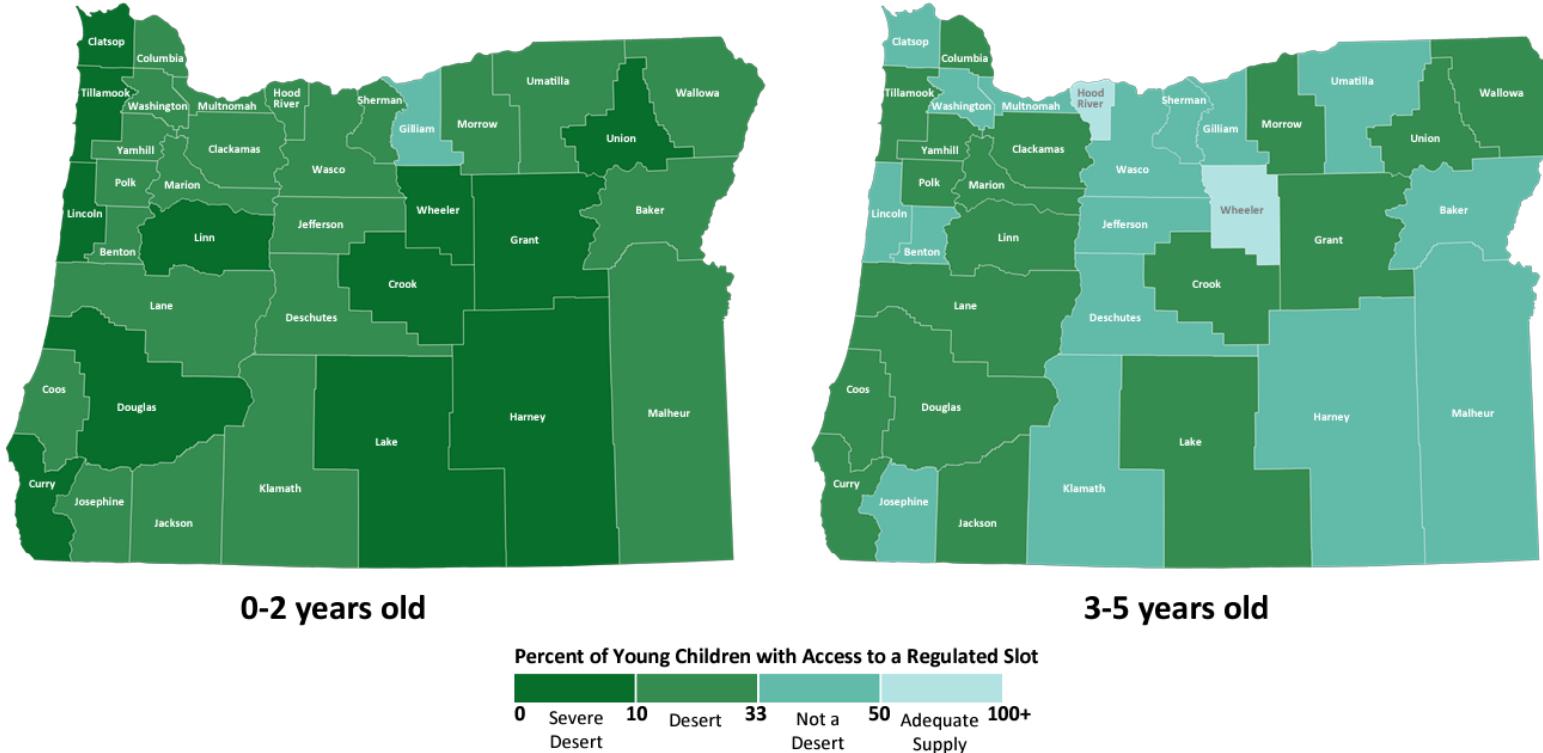
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- ERDC Waitlist Impact
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The Childcare Desert - 2022

Map 1: Percent of Young Children with Access to a Regulated Child Care Slot by Age Group



0-2 year olds includes children birth through the end of age 2. 3-5 year olds includes children 3 through the end of age 5.

Regulated child care slots includes slots in Certified Centers, Certified Family homes, Registered Family homes and Exempt programs that have public slots.

Data Information: Access to child care is calculated by taking the number of regulated child care slots for young children as of December 2022 (Estimated Supply of Child Care in Oregon, Oregon Child Care Research Partnership, Oregon State University) and dividing it by the population of children in the community who fall in the age group (2022 Annual Population Report Tables, Portland State University Population Research Center).



What is Baby Promise?

Baby Promise is a publicly funded DELC program that offers free, full-time, year-round, high-quality early care and education for eligible families in Oregon with children aged 6 weeks to 3 years.



Baby Promise slots, subsidized with CCDF funds, are provided by Early Learning and Care Programs (providers) in specific counties in Oregon who accept ERDC and meet the requirements of the Baby Promise Program.



ERDC Waitlist and Baby Promise

- To be enrolled in Baby Promise the family must be eligible for ERDC. **Baby Promise is NOT an exempt population from the waitlist.**
- Families **can** skip the waitlist if they:
 - Recently or currently receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Temporary Assistance for Domestic Violence Survivors (TA-DVS)
 - Are referred by the Child Welfare Division of the Oregon Department of Human Services
- Families are encouraged to complete their reapplications timely to avoid the waitlist.
- Families are encouraged to apply for ERDC if there has been a change of circumstance and they may meet an exemption.





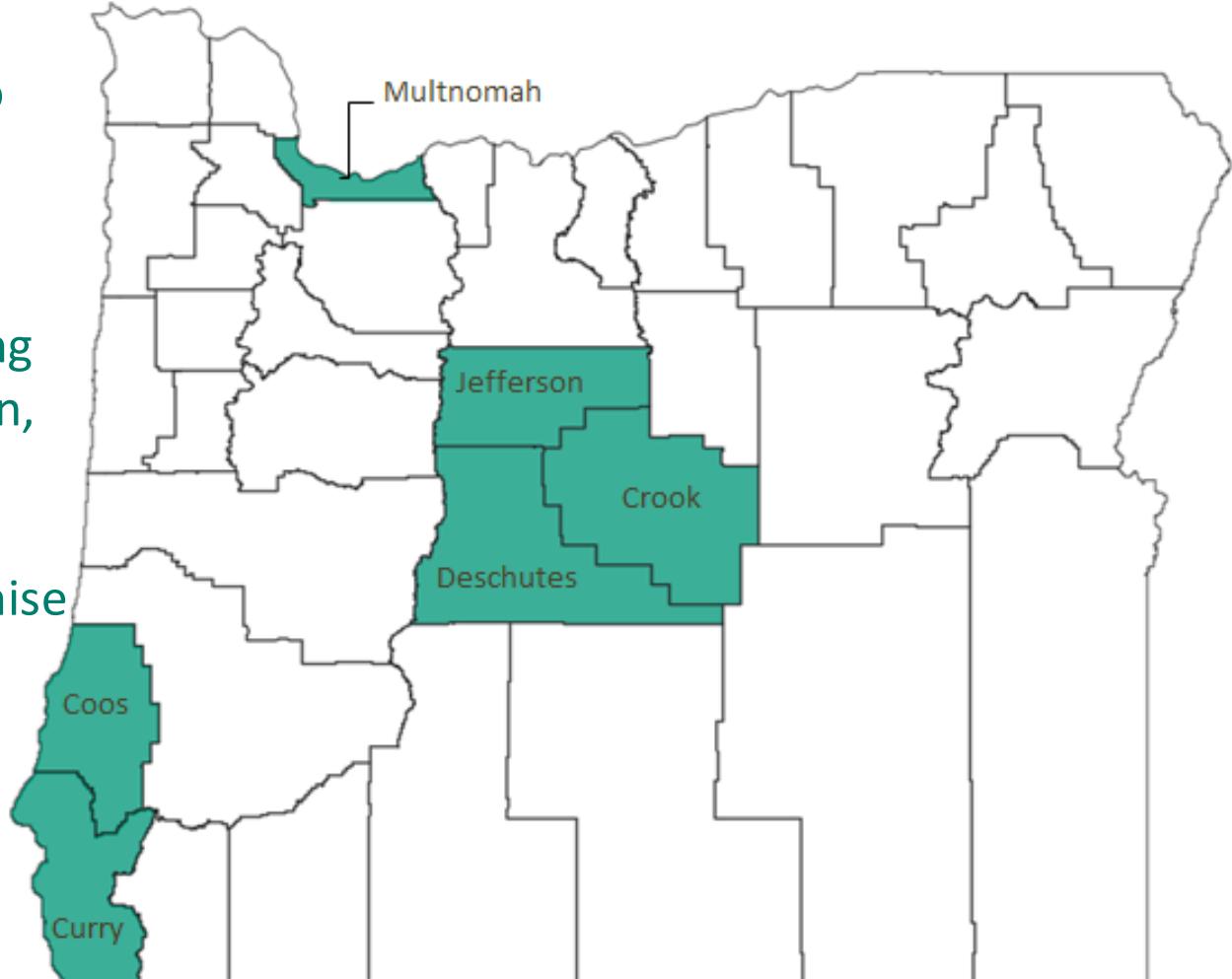
Objectives of Baby Promise

- Increase number of high-quality infant-toddler childcare providers, especially in communities with the greatest need.
- Increase access to high quality infant and toddler slots for low-income families.
- Increase the length of time that children maintain placement in a high-quality environments.
- Decrease in the turnover rate for providers serving infants and toddlers.
- Develop a scalable model for publicly funded infant/toddler care.



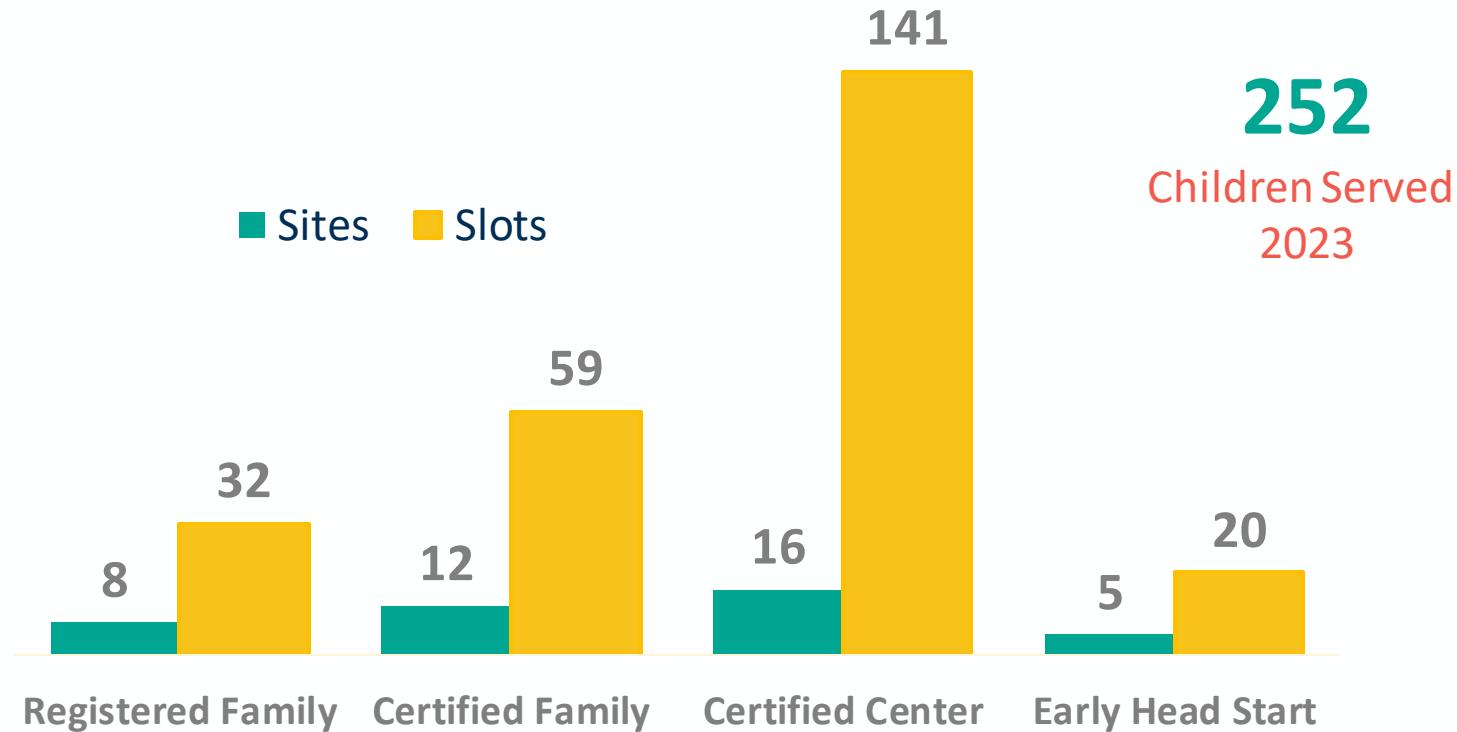
How does Baby Promise work?

- ✓ CCR&Rs contract with qualified ERDC providers.
- ✓ Baby Promise Providers receive additional funds to cover full day, full year care, supplies, and additional staff required to care for infants and toddlers.
- ✓ Baby Promise Providers are required to take training specific to the care and education of young children, complete developmental screenings and child assessments with families.
- ✓ CCR&Rs provide Technical Assistance to Baby Promise Providers in a variety of areas.





Baby Promise Program Information



“It has been wonderful to get to meet other people who are from different early child care programs. This program has given me a chance to talk to other people in the same field about things that go on in the classrooms to see what maybe they would do in that situation.”

– Provider from South Coast

Support for Families & Communities

Baby Promise DELC Page

- Contact information for partner programs and enrollment
- Baby Promise One-Pager

Other DELC Programs:

Preschool Promise

Oregon Pre-Kindergarten (OPK) / Head Start

Early Head Start

Relief Nurseries

Other Child Care Resources

211info

Find Child Care Oregon





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Support for Families & Communities

- Families with preschool-aged children can connect with 211info or local Early Learning Hubs for more information about low cost child care and early learning programs in their areas.
 - Find a regional Early Learning Hub [here](#)
- Families on the waitlist receive quarterly text updates.
 - **Next text is July 2024**
- **ERDC Update Newsletter: Sign Up Here**





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