



**Child Care Resource & Referral  
Serving Douglas, Klamath & Lake Counties**

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**A Message from our Program Coordinator:**

Hello Early Learning Professionals,

As some of you know, I was a preschool teacher for more than twenty years before I began working for the CCR&R. Springtime is one of my favorite times of the year to be with littles. I loved exploring the changing environment, raising butterflies and getting out in that fresh air. There are so many things to look forward to when Spring comes. At Care Connections, one of our favorite things to look forward to is our Spring Fling Conferences. This year we have a great line up of in-person speakers in both Klamath Falls and Roseburg. We hope you take the time to check out our training options. Dr. Aoife Magee will be joining us this year with tools and training to support those big feelings and behaviors we sometimes see in our programs. In addition, we will be sharing about a new opportunity from The Ford Family Foundation for capital improvement grants that will soon be open for our region. Lastly, we are going all out on prizes. Come and check out our giveaways this year! Our team is creating mini play areas as giveaways each worth over \$300. Come join us for great food, set 2 training options and some amazing prizes. You won't want to miss it!



Sincerely,  
**Heather**  
CCRR Program Coordinator  
Care Connections & Education



## Spring 2023 Professional Development Opportunities

Care Connections & Education is offering a variety of trainings including  
**SPRING FLING** in both Douglas And Klamath Counties

You can register online from the training bulletin by clicking on the  
training title or call our office. 541.492.6604

Douglas County In-Person  
Trainings

Klamath/Lake In-Person  
Trainings

Online Trainings (all  
counties)

Entremamientos en  
EspañolSpanish Trainings

## Conferences



*Spring Fling*  
**Register Today!**  
Klamath Community College - April 29  
Umpqua Community College - May 20

Click here to Register for  
May 20-Douglas

Click here to register for  
April 29 Klamath/Lake

## Child Care Increase

### New Providers:

(January 2023-March 2023)

#### Douglas

- 1 New Centers
- 1 Certified Family
- 1 Registered Family

#### Klamath

- 1 Certified Center



## Early Learning Division Updates

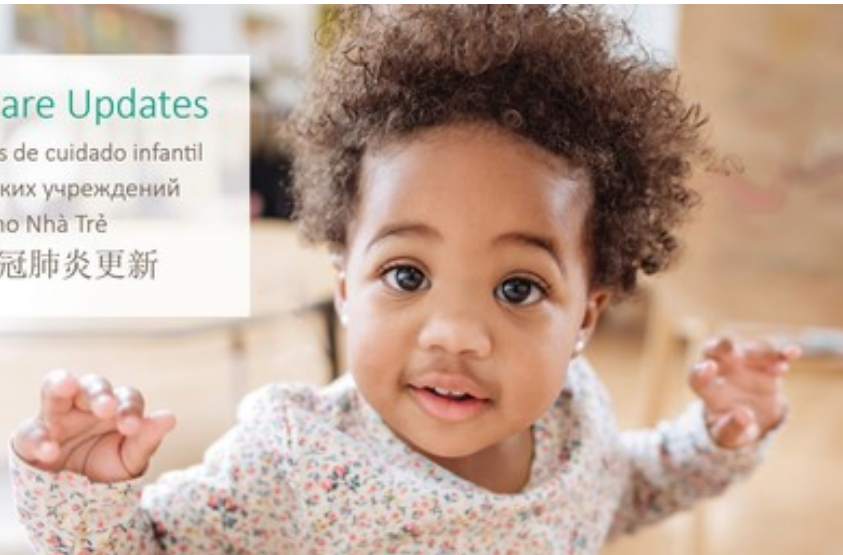
### What's New: Child Care Updates

Qué hay de nuevo: Actualizaciones de cuidado infantil

Что нового: Новости о для детских учреждений

Có gì mới: Cập Nhật Tình Hình Cho Nhà Trẻ

什麼是新的: 兒童保育新冠肺炎更新



Find the latest updates from the Early Learning Division:

[ELD  
Updates](#)

# Early Learning Gathering

April 18, 2023



**JOIN US on April 18th, 2023 | 6:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.**

## **Virtual Regional Early Learning Gatherings**

This month the focus is on how we engage and "show up" for families. Hear from Erin Helgren, principal at the Yoncalla Elementary School, who will tell the story of "Early Works" and how they engage families in their early learning center and elementary school.

**Douglas, Klamath, and Lake Counties**

[Click here for the April 18th Early Learning Gathering Flyer and Registration](#)

## **Community College Cohorts**

### **DOUGLAS COUNTY - UCC**

The Back-to-School Cohort is staying secured at 29 members. During our

Cohort meeting, members participated in a rock, paper, scissors competition as a fun ice breaker. To learn a little more about each other, we engaged in “We are all..., Some of us are..., I am only...”. It was a wonderful relationship building meeting! Members shared challenges and in response, fellow members shared how they tackled those obstacles which lead to exchanging numbers and planning meet ups. We reviewed Betty Gray recipients, discussed scholarships, and shared about money opportunities.

**UCC Spring term registration is open! Spring term starts on Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> and last day to register for classes is Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.**

If you are looking to continue or start your college education in Early Childhood Education, email me at [cherry.camonayan@douglasesd.k12.or.us](mailto:cherry.camonayan@douglasesd.k12.or.us) and we can assess how the cohort can assist with your UCC journey.



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## **KLAMATH COUNTY - KCC**

At KCC our ECE Cohort is growing very quickly! We are overjoyed to have 26 members with new students joining all the time! As we continue to grow, we also continue to be involved in the community with events such as the Children’s Learning Fair on April 15<sup>th</sup> and our annual Spring Fling conference on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

**KCC Spring term registration is open! Spring term starts on Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> and the last day to add a class is April 7<sup>th</sup>.**

We look forward to seeing you this Spring!



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Hold tight everyone! Spring is right around the corner! This has definitely been a cold winter and I, for one, am excited to bring in the Spring! Let's say "goodbye" to our snowmen for now and bring out our birdfeeders.

Klamath's group of Early Educators has been finding out more about funding opportunities to support their child care programs, taking classes and webinars throughout this cold season.

Several Early Educators were selected for Oregon's Start Up and Expansion Grant and began working through our CCR&R office to complete their applications. These funds will create more child care opportunities in Klamath County! We are so excited for our grant recipients and will continue to support them through the process.

In the next few weeks, we will be travelling to Klamath to provide additional training as promised for those involved in our Stabilization grant, focusing on excel classes and marketing as well. We will be providing a comprehensive class for everyone in our cohort, "Starting off on the Right Foot!", to support programs in the Child Care communities of

Klamath and Lake. April 29<sup>th</sup> we will host the second annual **Spring Fling**. We look forward to seeing you all in person and have a great day of fun and learning! More details to follow.

***Thank you for your dedication to all our children!***



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## QIS Infant Toddler SPARK Cohort

### Hybrid Trainings: In-person and Zoom

Melisa Miner, Preschool Promise Facilitator and Theresa Songer-Tuckey Infant Toddler Quality Improvement Specialist are offering Spark portfolio trainings in person, and through Zoom. We meet on a Saturday each month, 10:00 to 12:00 for the next four months. Our goal is to support providers in completing their



Portfolio in June. Each month we focus on one or two Standards. Assisting providers with documentation and what evidence to provide to meet the Spark standards.

The Spark network is open to providers who are just starting to work on their Spark portfolio as well as providers who have one or two Standards left to complete their portfolio. Below you will find a list of dates and times for each of the remaining training sessions.

**If you are interested in attending in Douglas County, please contact Theresa Tuckey @ 541-492-6607 and in Klamath and Lake Counties please contact Melisa Miner @ 541-492-6609**

**April 22, 10:00-12:00**

*Children's Learning and Development  
Indoor, Outdoor Environment and Furnishings*

**May 13, 10:00-12:00**

*Children's Learning and Development  
Materials Planned Activities & Daily Routine*

**June 10, 10:00-1:00**

*Children's Learning and Development  
ASQ, Ratios, Adult/Child Interaction, Behavior Management*



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## Early Learning Degree Pathway Scholarship



**Early Learning Degree Pathway Scholarship**  
The Oregon Center for Career Development (OCCD) in partnership with the Early Learning Division (ELD) is pleased to announce the launch of a new scholarship, specifically for individuals to obtain an Early Childhood Education (ECE) specific college certificate, AA/AAS, BA/BS, or MA/MS from an Oregon Community College or public Oregon University, or evaluate a degree obtained outside of the United States.

### Degree Coursework

Students enrolled in an ECE specific certificate or degree pathway at an Oregon Community College or public Oregon University can seek scholarship to cover the cost of tuition and associated fees.

### Degree Evaluation

Individuals who have a relevant degree obtained outside of the United States can seek scholarship to cover the cost of degree and coursework evaluation.

### How to Apply

The Early Learning Degree Pathway Scholarship Application will launch March 2023 and be available on the OCCD website ([pdx.edu/occd](http://pdx.edu/occd)) and using an online application submission.

Individuals who have paid for tuition or evaluation as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, may be eligible for reimbursement of costs paid.

## LAUNCHING MARCH 2023!

### Eligibility Requirements

Scholarship funding is available for all individuals interested in a career ECE, whether currently working in the ECE field or not.

- All scholarship recipients must have an established [myORO account](#).
- **Individuals seeking scholarship for degree coursework must;**
  - Declare an ECE certificate or degree pathway on official documentation from the college they attend; and
  - Be enrolled for at least 6 credits per term; and
  - File a free application for [Federal Student Aid](#) or [state](#) equivalent.
- **Individuals seeking scholarship for degree evaluation must;**
  - Submit all transcripts and/or diploma for the degree obtained outside of the United States; and
  - Submit a cost quote for the evaluation services from an [NACES](#) member.

**Questions?** Email us! [occdsch@pdx.edu](mailto:occdsch@pdx.edu)



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# Oregon's Family Child Care Scholarship Application



Oregon's Family Child Care Scholarship supports professional development for Oregon's Registered Family and Certified Family Child Care Providers. If you are the Provider named on an Oregon Registered Family or Certified Family Child Care license, you may be eligible for scholarships to help pay for the following professional development opportunities.

<b>College Coursework</b>	For-credit coursework in the field of childhood care and education, through regionally or nationally accredited colleges.
<b>Training</b>	Training approved by the Oregon Registry Trainer Program as Set Two or Set Three and offered by an Oregon Registry Trainer Program registered Sponsoring Organization.
<b>Conference</b>	Conferences held in Oregon and sponsored by an Oregon Registry Trainer Program registered Sponsoring Organization, and out-of-state conferences sponsored by the NAEYC, a regional NAEYC Affiliate, or the NAFCC and their state affiliates.
<b>Credential, Endorsement, Accreditation</b>	CDA credential initial application fee (includes the exam), ORIMHA ECMH-E® and IMH-E® endorsement application and first year membership fees for Infant Family Associate and Infant Family Specialist, and NAFCC accreditation and membership fees.

Scholarships are available first come, first served. Completed professional development activities from December 7, 2021 onward may be eligible for reimbursement. Funds are limited and availability may change. Scholarship awards will be discontinued if funds are unavailable or on June 30, 2023 (whichever comes first). Individual awards are not transferable and may expire.

If you have questions email: [occdsch@pdx.edu](mailto:occdsch@pdx.edu) or call:

English	Español	Русский	Tiếng Việt	中文
503-725-8535	503-725-8535	503-725-8568	503-954-4982	503-725-8535

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[Click here to download application](#)

## Inclusive Partners

### Tip of the Term

Did you know...

**Intentionally planning routines during your day can help save time and result in smoother transitions?**

Transitions must happen to get us from one activity to the next, but they don't have to include melt downs and complete loss of focus. Have you ever counted how many transitions happen during your day?



Once you have, then you can determine ways to reduce the number of transitions and make them more seamless. Being on the same page as your co- teachers before you give the signal to students, minimizes wait time from one activity to the next by having all materials and tools ready for the next event. Think of a transition as an activity just like any other, with a beginning, middle, and end.

To begin the transition, first get all the children's attention and tell them, "In a moment we are going to..." Give clear and simple instructions for how to transition. Then, use your "go signal" to let everyone know to start the transition. Finally, observe, redirect, and give additional support as needed.

Having smooth transitions is an example of an inclusive practice that supports all children regardless of age or ability.

**You can reach out to Inclusive Partners for support. Call us 971-673-2286 or email: [DEL.C.InclusivePartners@ode.oregon.gov](mailto:DEL.C.InclusivePartners@ode.oregon.gov)**

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## Douglas County

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DOUGLAS COUNTY  
CHILDCARE OWNERS  
ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN  
**SMALL BUSINESS**

# PITCH NIGHT

Win Cash for your Business

Wednesday

**April 5**

Guaranteed support from  
the DC Childcare Coalition:  
\$250 for applying  
\$250 if selected to pitch\*

HELP  
AVAILABLE

Childcare  
Coalition  
members to  
mentor and  
support  
applicants

Text or Email for details:  
Robin.VanWinkle@douglasesd.k12.or.us  
541-530-4125

Visit the site below for event info:  
[umpquagrowthtalks.com/pitch-night/](http://umpquagrowthtalks.com/pitch-night/)



\*Childcare businesses must utilize mentor support from Coalition to receive up to \$500 in incentives

# EARLY CHILDHOOD

## EDUCATION APPRENTICESHIP



### TRAINING

3072 hours of on-the-job training



### EDUCATION

693 hours of related training instruction (completed within SWOCC or UCC's Early Childhood Education program)



### TUITION

College courses will be little to no cost to apprentices through the use of scholarships and grants

#### ABOUT THIS TRAINING

The Early Childhood Education Apprenticeship program combines paid on-the-job training, related instruction online, mentorship, and incremental wage increases.

The first round of apprentices will be placed primarily in Head Start programs within Coos, Curry, and Coastal Douglas Counties.


#### HOW TO APPLY

Email Laura Klivans at:  
[lklivans@sowib.org](mailto:lklivans@sowib.org)


Phone: 714-225-3496

Website: [www.sowib.org](http://www.sowib.org)

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 [www.sowib.org](http://www.sowib.org)

## Lending Library in Douglas County Offered through Umpqua Valley STEAM Hub

### FEATURED LEARNING TOOL:

#### Creative Flakes

These interlocking flower wheels (600) come in eight different colors with instructions on how to build creative structures. Or you can build your own!

**Group:**

Mathematics

**Subject:**

Engineering

**Optimal Grade Level:**

Pre-K, K, 1st, 2nd

**Contents**

600 interlocking flakes of differing colors.



Visit their website to learn more about this and other cool **learning tools available to you** in their lending library!

Douglas STEAM Hub  
Lending Library

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Douglas County YMCA Family Play Gym



# PUT MORE PLAY IN YOUR DAY

## FAMILY PLAY GYM

Play Gym is the place for you and your kids to explore and have fun. Your child will enjoy tumbling mats, bounce houses, gymnastics equipment, scooters, soft play areas and socializing. Ages 0-9.

Parents must participate.

Days: Tuesday, Thursday

Time: 9am-11am

Location: Large Gymnasium

Fee: \$5 per child (parents play free)

Free to Members with a Family Membership

Enter through parkview skating entrance

YMCA of Douglas County 1151 NW Stewart Pkwy | Roseburg, OR 97471 | 541.440.9622

[ymcaofdouglascounty.org](http://ymcaofdouglascounty.org)



# Child Care Expansion Fund

Helping families get back to work



## Are you a Child Care Provider in Coos, Curry or Douglas County whose enrollment has been affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic?

The Child Care Expansion Fund is available to help with the cost of hiring staff so that you can enroll more children in your program.

### Eligibility Requirements

- Enrollment was negatively affected and/or teachers were lost as a byproduct of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Maintain a caseload whereby at least 51% of families with children in the classroom supported by this funding meet low to moderate income requirements.

### How to Apply

- Call South Coast Business at 800-974-4054 to get an application.
- Meet with the Early Learning Department Manager to review your application.



## Elkton Community Education Center Blooms & Butterflies Festival

Join the migration of human butterflies happening on June 18th, 2022!

Put your best butterfly costume on for a scenic 5K Run / Walk along the Umpqua River in Elkton. Let's be honest— we're all ready for some outdoor fun!

[Elkton Community Education Center](#)



# Roseburg Library

The Roseburg Library has a variety of events happening this spring from Read with Astra, Legos Free Time, Club de Idioma Español/Spanish Club, Grab and Go Craft kits and so much more. Click the link to see all the Roseburg Library has to offer.

[Roseburg Library Calendar of Events](#)



## Klamath & Lake Counties

Klamath County Library Kids Activities has a variety of activities happening this Spring. Check out the Drop-in Baby & Toddler playtime, Drop-in Kids Crafts and much more. Don't forget about these other great resources as well:



Klamath County Library  
Kids' Activities

Healthy Klamath Local  
Support for Parents

Children's Museum of  
Klamath Falls

Lake County Resource  
Guide

## CCR&R Team Member Book Pick

### Jill's Book Pick

#### **The Rabbit Listened**

Description: It is about a little boy who is feeling sad about something that happens. Most of his friends don't know how to help. They try and try. Sometimes what a person needs most is someone who will just listen. It is about healing hearts, big or small and taking the time to listen.

## THE RABBIT LISTENED

New York Times Bestseller

CORI DOERRFELD





# Spring Hours

**Open: Mon-Friday 8:00am- 4:30pm**

DESD & Care Connections & Education office closures:  
Spring Break - March 25 - April 2, 2023  
Observance of Memorial Day - Monday, May 29, 2023



## How Can We Help?

**Care Connections & Education provides early learning resources and technical assistance to providers just like YOU!**

**Here are just some of the ways we can help:**

- Connect to Oregon's Early Learning Systems
- Program Quality Improvement
- Technical Assistance and Referrals to Extra Supports for Children with Challenging Behavior
- Cohort and Coaching Opportunities
- Navigate Licensing and/or DHS
- Connect to Professional Development and Higher Education Opportunities

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