

NEWSLETTER

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DIRECTOR'S NOTE



SOUTH-CENTRAL
EARLY LEARNING

HUB

DOUGLAS, KLAMATH & LAKE COUNTIES

As we approach the end of the year, December offers a time for reflection and celebration. I encourage everyone to take a moment to appreciate the hard work and dedication that each of you has contributed throughout the year. Let's also look ahead, setting our sights on opportunities and challenges that the new year will bring.

From everyone at the SCELH; Happy Holidays!

Happy reading,

Gillian Wesenberg- Director of South-Central Early Learning Hub

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STAY IN THE KNOW

The South-Central Early Learning Hub will be closed for Winter break.

December 23,2024-January 3,2025

Community UPLIFT referrals will still be reviewed during the closure and families will be contacted.

The SCELH team will be back in office starting January 6, 2025.

Request for Application for South Central Region (Douglas, Klamath, Lake Counties)

On Friday, November 15 the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC) released a Preschool Promise slot reallocation Request for Application (RFA) for the South-Central Early Learning Hub region covering Douglas, Klamath, and Lake Counties. Providers in this region are the only ones eligible to apply for this RFA. Providers outside of the region's priority zip codes should still apply to join the waiting list to be eligible for contracting at a later date. Please click the link below for the application and additional information regarding the RFA.

<https://www.oregon.gov/delc/programs/Pages/psp-rfa-directory.aspx>

The full schedule of events including DELIC virtual information meetings that may be helpful for the application is on the website and found on page three of this newsletter. The application's **DUE DATE** is December 31 by 5 PM.

We ask that you please share this information with appropriate partners.

Please note, questions are due to the Department of Early Learning and Care by December 19, 2024.

For any questions, please reach out to the Department of Early Learning and Care's single point of contact, Ashley Griffin, at ashley.griffin@delc.oregon.gov.



PRESCHOOL PROMISE RFA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Schedule of Events

- Monday, November 25, 10:00 AM PST- Pre-Application Conference: Program Information (English), [Zoom Link](#)
- Monday, November 25, 11:00 AM PST- Pre-Application Conference: Program Information (Spanish), [Zoom Link](#)
- Tuesday, November 26, 1:00 PM PST - Pre-Application Conference: Application Information (English), [Zoom Link](#)
- Tuesday, November 26, 2:00 PM PST - Pre-Application Conference: Application Information (Spanish), [Zoom Link](#)
- Thursday, December 19, 5:00 PM PST - Questions/requests for clarification due
- Monday, December 23 - Answers to questions/requests for clarification issued (approximate)
- Tuesday, December 31, 5:00 PM PST - Closing (applications due)
- Wednesday, January 15, 2025 - Issuance of intent to award (approximate)
- Award protest period ends seven calendar days after notice of intent to award



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We are here for you!

Department of Early Learning and Care Agency Request Budget (ARB)

Every two years, state agencies are required to submit their Agency Request Budgets (ARB) outlining their recommended investments for the Governor and Legislature's consideration. The 2025-27 ARB is the second budget developed for the new Department of Early Learning and Care.

The Department of Early Learning and Care Agency Request Budget was built around two core priorities to support the early learning and child care sector in the 2025-27 biennium:

- Ensuring sustainable operations to provide necessary infrastructure for early learning and care.
- Ensuring that children and families have access to the resources and supports to foster a love of reading and promote literacy in the early years.



Agency Request Budget 2025-27:

FULL AGENCY REQUEST BUDGET

POP REQUESTS

BUDGET OVERVIEW & REDUCTIONS

AGENCY & PROGRAM OVERVIEWS

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

In 1995, Dolly Parton launched an exciting new effort, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, to benefit the children of her home county in East Tennessee, USA. Dolly's vision was to foster a love of reading among her county's preschool children and their families. The new program gave each child a specially selected book every month. By mailing high quality, age appropriate books directly to their homes, Dolly wanted children to be excited about books and to feel the magic that books can create. Moreover, she could ensure that every child would have books, regardless of their family's income.



How It Works

Each month, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library mails a high quality, age appropriate book to all enrolled children, addressed to them, at no cost to the child's family. Countless parents have shared how excited their child is when their new book arrives each month. Many groups and individuals work hard behind the scenes to make that special moment possible for each child. The Imagination Library partners with Local Affiliates and Partners who help bring the program to cities, towns and communities around the world. Local Affiliates can be businesses, school districts, small or large organizations, or simply individuals who share in the mission and purpose of the Imagination Library.

Find Your Affiliate

Douglas County

FRIENDS OF THE
ROSEBURG
PUBLIC LIBRARY



Klamath County

FRIENDS OF THE
KLAMATH COUNTY
LIBRARY



Lake County

FRIENDS OF THE
LAKE COUNTY
LIBRARY

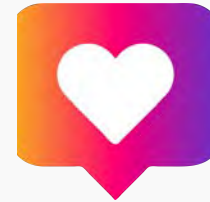


South Central Early Learning Hub Spotlight

First Thursday–A free community resource event on the first Thursday of each month in Douglas County

A Hub representative attends the First Thursday event in Roseburg monthly to share about our Community UPLIFT and Preschool Promise programs. Over 30 community agencies attend the event offering services and resources that range from;

- Housing and Homeless Services
- Employment and Training Services
- Children and Family Services
- Health and Wellness Resources
- Veteran’s Programs
- Senior and Disability Services



Like us on Facebook and Instagram for more updates

This event welcomes all community members, regardless of their insurance or financial situation.

Location:

Oregon Department of Human Services Lobby
738 W Harvard Ave.
Roseburg, OR. 97471

Next Event:

December 5, 2024
From 10 AM-1 PM



For more information contact community.outreachd06@odhs.gov

Community UPLiFT is taking referrals!

Connecting expecting families and families with children birth to five, and up to the age of 21 with special needs, to resources in the community.

Community UPLiFT has a new text number!

Text the keyword “uplift1” for Douglas, “uplift2” for Klamath, and “uplift3” for Lake to **(541) 351-3100** to receive a link to the referral form!

Other ways to make a referral to Community UPLiFT:

- Families can self-refer or be referred through community partners.
- Online at community-uplift.com
- QR Code
- Fax initial referral form or brochure
- Mail initial referral form or brochure



About the Program:

The South Central Early Learning Hub accepts applications for Preschool Promise year-round. Eligible students must turn 3 or 4 by September 1st of the school year the applicant is applying for, are residents of Oregon, and have a family income of up to 200% of Federal Poverty Level. We encourage families who think they might be over income to apply. Preschool Promise is accepting applications for the 24-25 school year now.



**Preschool
Promise**

Oregon Department of
Early Learning and Care



Requirements:

- Family must reside in Oregon
- Family income must be at or below 200% Federal Poverty Level (FPL) –*some exceptions may apply
- Children must be 3 or 4-years-old by Sept. 1 of the school year the applicant is applying for

For More Information:

- Visit www.southcentralhubenrollment.com
- View site videos at SCELH.com
- Scan the QR code
- For questions or application assistance, contact the SCELH by phone at (541) 957-4809



Holiday Assistance Programs

Klamath County Resources

Sharing on Behalf of Toys for Tots and the Salvation Army. Please contact the programs directly with any questions.

Toys for Tots is now accepting applications in Klamath Falls.

If you have questions please email klamath.falls.or@toysfortots.org for the quickest response, or call/text (541) 363-7880. Please note that it may take 48 hours for a response.

[Toys for Tots 2024 Application](#)



The Salvation Army is accepting applications for Christmas food boxes and toys in Klamath Falls. Applications are accepted November 4th until December 6th, 2024.

To apply, go to the Salvation Army office at 3240 Maywood Dr., Klamath Falls.

Hours:

- Monday, 8 AM - 11 AM
- Wednesday, 8 AM - 11 AM
- Friday, 8 AM - 11 AM

For more information, call the Salvation Army office at (541) 882-5280.

Holiday Assistance Programs

Douglas County Resources

Toys for Tots in Douglas County

If you have questions please email roseburgtoysfortots@yahoo.com for the quickest response, or call Ryan Travis at (541) 784-8174. Please note that it may take 48 hours for a response.

Toys For Tots will use a random ticketing system to distribute toys. There is no prior signup required to participate in the program. For requirement information visit the Toys for Tots [website](#). All that is needed is for the parent/guardian to be at the distribution location at Hucrest Elementary School on December 22, 2024 with the proper documentation. The event runs from 8 AM-1 PM.

Location:

Hucrest Elementary School
1810 NW Kline St.
Roseburg, OR. 97471



Lake County Resources

Contact the local Toys for Tots Coordinator via email or phone for additional information about requesting a toy.

Local Campaign Coordinator (Marine, Sailor, or Volunteer): Ronne Lindsay

Email: lake.county.or@toysfortots.org

Phone: (541) 771-7877