

# SOUTH-CENTRAL EARLY LEARNING HUB

# NEWSLETTER

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## DIRECTOR'S NOTE



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HUB

DOUGLAS, KLAMATH & LAKE COUNTIES

As the leaves begin to change and the air turns crisp, we are excited to share the latest updates and events from our community. This season brings new opportunities for growth and connection and we are here to celebrate it with you all. Join us as we highlight our recent achievements, upcoming activities, and ways to get involved. Here is to a vibrant and fulfilling fall!

Happy reading,

Gillian Wesenberg- Director of South-Central Early Learning Hub

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*"Don't wait until the fourth Thursday in November, to sit with family and friends to give thanks. Make every day a day of Thanksgiving!"*  
— Charmaine J. Forde

The South-Central Early Learning Hub extends its heartfelt gratitude to its partners today and every day for their unwavering support and collaboration. These partnerships are instrumental in driving our shared mission to enhance early childhood education across our region. By working together, we create a nurturing environment where every child has the opportunity to thrive and reach their full potential.

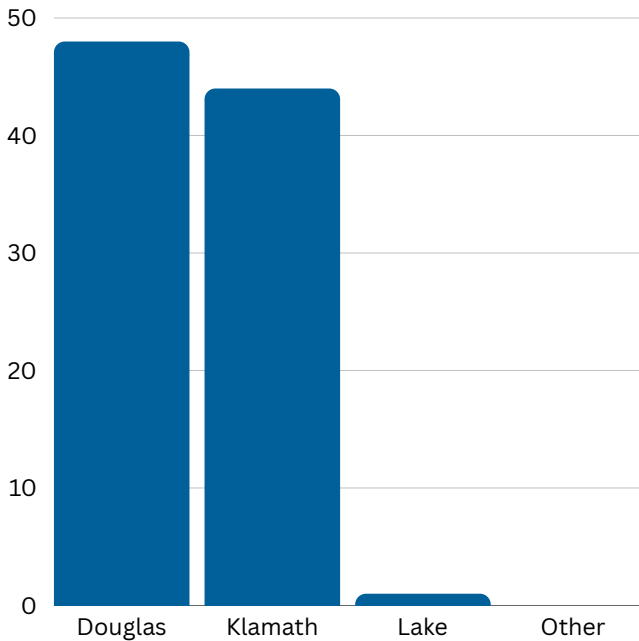
# Community UPLiFT Update

Total Referrals as of  
September 30, 2024

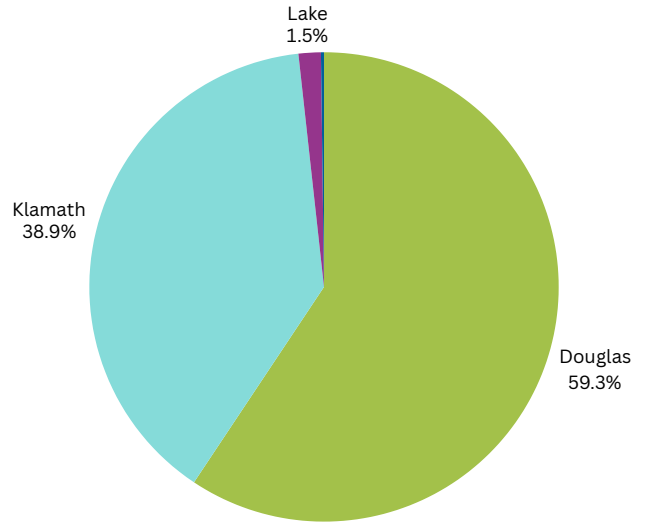
**1,528**

Total Referrals  
July 2024 - Sept 2024

**93**



Referrals by County as of  
September 30, 2024



Douglas - 898 Klamath - 603 Lake - 23 Other - 3



Scan the QR Code to access our referral form

Referrals by county  
July 2024 - Sept 2024



# Preschool Promise

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 you are 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.



Scan the QR code to access our enrollment portal



**Preschool Promise**  
Oregon Department of Early Learning and Care

## Other ways to connect:

- Visit the [Preschool Promise site](#) for more information or to view site videos
- For questions or application assistance, contact the SCELH by phone at (541) 957-4809

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*We are here for you!*

# Upcoming Opportunities

## Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC)

### November Provider Information Session

**When:** Thursday, November 14 | 6-7 pm

**Who:** All provider types (Interpretation available)

### [REGISTER HERE](#)

Topics include:

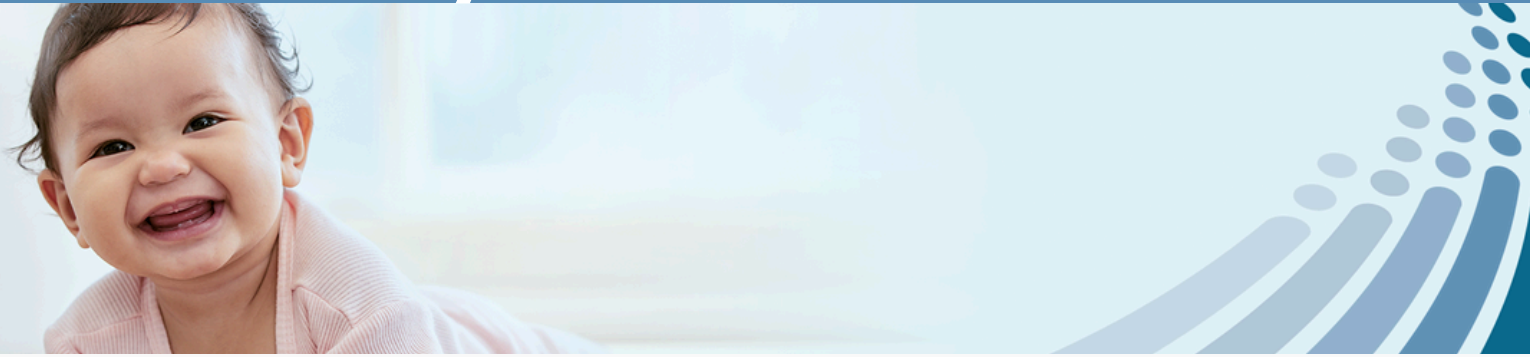
- Oregon Health Authority: Immunization Information
- DELIC Customer Service Survey Results
- Agency and Program Updates

This is a virtual event. Registration is required to attend via Zoom. You may submit questions in advance on the registration form. You may also participate on DELIC's [Facebook page](#) live stream at the same time. DELIC staff will monitor the Facebook comment section for questions. Note: Attendees utilizing interpretation services should join the session via Zoom.

To view past information sessions, visit DELIC's YouTube Channel's Provider Information Session Playlist.

[PROVIDER INFORMATION SESSION PLAYLIST](#)





## The Prenatal-To-3 System of Care in Oregon

The prenatal to age 3 (PN-3) period is the most rapid and sensitive period of development, and it sets the foundation for long-term health and wellbeing. The science of the developing child points to eight PN-3 policy goals that all states should strive to achieve to ensure that infants and toddlers get off to a healthy start and thrive.

State leaders need guidance on how to effectively create the environments in which children can thrive. This Prenatal-to-3 State Policy Roadmap identifies the 12 most effective evidence-based investments that states can make to foster equitable opportunities for infants and toddlers.

The Prenatal-to-3 State Policy Roadmap is a tool for Oregon to:

- Monitor the adoption and implementation of the 12 effective policies and strategies (see Oregon's summary below),
- Understand how state policy choices interact to impact the resources working families have to support their families in Oregon ([see the Policy Impact Calculator](#)), and
- Assess the wellbeing of Oregon's infants and toddlers and prioritize Oregon's PN-3 policy goals ([see state-level outcomes](#) and [demographic characteristics](#)).









For more information visit the Prenatal-To-3 [website](#).



# Stay in the Know

## 2024 Oregon Roadmap Summary

### Effective Roadmap Policy

### 2024 Policy Snapshot

 Expanded Income Eligibility for Health Insurance to 138%	 <b>138%</b> of the FPL	Oregon has expanded Medicaid eligibility under the Affordable Care Act; thus, parents earning up to 138% of the FPL are eligible for Medicaid coverage in OR.
 Paid Family and Medical Leave for Families with a New Child	 <b>12</b> weeks	Oregon has a paid family and medical leave program that provides up to 12 weeks of benefits.
 State Minimum Wage of \$10.00 or Greater	 <b>\$14.70</b> per hour	Oregon's state minimum wage is adjusted annually for inflation. As a result, the standard minimum wage increased from \$14.20 to \$14.70 on July 1, 2024.
 Refundable State Earned Income Tax Credit of at Least 10%	 <b>12%</b> of the federal credit	Oregon has a refundable state EITC equal to 12% of the federal credit for families with dependents under the age of 3 and 9% for all other eligible individuals.

 State has adopted and fully implemented the policy  State has newly adopted and fully implemented the policy since October 1, 2023

### Effective Roadmap Strategy

### 2024 Strategy Snapshot

Reduced Administrative Burden for SNAP	  12-Month Certification Period	 Simplified Income Reporting	 Online Case Management
 Comprehensive Screening and Connection Programs	  Statewide Goal	 Medicaid Funding	 State Funding
Child Care Subsidies	  Income Eligibility (85% SMI)	 Limit Family Copayments	 Equitable Reimbursement Rates
Group Prenatal Care	  Enhanced Medicaid Reimbursement Rate	 State Funding	
Community-Based Doulas	  Medicaid Coverage	 Fund Training and Credentialing	
 Evidence-Based Home Visiting Programs	  Medicaid Funding		
 Early Head Start	  State Support		
Early Intervention Services	  Very Low Birthweight Qualification	 At-Risk Qualification	 Eliminate Family Fees

 State implemented all key policy levers  State has met criteria for the lever since October 1, 2023  State has met the criteria for the lever  State has not met the criteria for the lever

# South Central Early Learning Hub Spotlight

The Hub's own, Danielle Walker, attended the Klamath County Community Baby Shower on October 5th. Approximately 300 individuals attended the event and 177 surveys were collected which acted as families' raffle entries.



## Raffle Items:

\*Donated by various Community Partners\*

- 9 Pack N' Plays
- 6 Car Seats
- 7 Single Strollers
- 1 Double Stroller
- 1 Safety Basket
- 2 Baby Care Baskets
- 2 Dad Tool Kits
- 3 \$100 Pacific Crest New Account Certificates
- 5 Sets of Diapers
- 4 High Chairs
- 1 Wooden Activity Cube
- 1 Video Monitor
- 1 Sound Machine
- 1 Exersaucer
- 8 Misc. Gifts
- 2 Gliding Rockers with Ottomans
- 1 Crib and Mattress

## What we learned:

- 159 surveys were completed in English.
- 18 surveys were completed in Spanish.
- 95 individuals indicated they were pregnant.
- From the 177 surveys, families indicated they are the primary caregivers for a total of 217 children 6 and under.



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# Coming Together



We would like to recognize and thank all of the community partners that came together to make the Klamath County Community Baby Shower possible. Many partners provided donations, large raffle items, and other services to make the event a success!

- Cascade Health Alliance
- Oregon Department of Human Services
- La Leche League of Klamath Falls
- South-Central Early Learning Hub
- Safe Families For Children
- Pacific Crest Federal Credit Union
- Crystal Clear Doula LLC
- The Breast Place
- UCAN Healthy Families
- Klamath County Public Health TOTs
- Take Root Parenting
- CRT Counseling Group
- A Family Gathering Place
- Healthy Klamath
- Klamath Open Door
- Klamath County WIC
- Early Childhood Intervention
- The Pregnancy Hope Center
- Sanford Children's Clinic
- Klamath Family Head Start
- Sky Lakes Pediatric Therapy
- Sky Lakes Lactation
- YFC Parent Life
- Oregon Child Development Coalition
- Konnect Dental Kare
- Klamath County Library
- Integral Youth Services
- Community Volunteers

Thank you!