

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 in your area: <https://oregonearlylearning.com/what-are-hubs/>

Immunizations

The ERDC program requires children to complete immunizations. Families can be in the process of completing immunizations or have a medical or non-medical reason for not receiving vaccinations. For more information, contact your local public health authority: <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/PreventionWellness/VaccinesImmunization/Pages/index.aspx>. For more information on immunizations, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/easy-to-read/child.html>.



Employment Related Day Care Program

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What Families Should Know about the Employment Related Day Care Program



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 costs when searching for work after a job loss, during a 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.

Work search

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 ODHS child care hours will not change. You can continue to take your child(ren) to their child care provider.

Medical leave

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 not pay a copay during the medical leave time.
- Your ODHS child care hours will not change. You can continue to take your child(ren) to their child care provider.
- You may need to provide the following:
 - Proof of medical leave;
 - The type of illness or injury; and
 - How long the leave is expected to last.

Military transition

When you return home after discharge from active duty in a military war zone, ERDC can help with child care costs during your transition.

Child Care Programs

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

Your child care provider(s) will need to complete the listing process if you choose a provider who is not already an approved ODHS provider. To learn more about how child care programs become listed and approved, visit <https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/ASSISTANCE/CHILD-CARE/Pages/Provider-Listing.aspx>. Your provider can also contact the Direct Pay Unit (DPU) or their Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) agency

for assistance in the process. Contact DPU at 503-378-5500 or 1-800-699-9074. Contact CCR&R at 1-800-342-6712 to find an office near you.

Use Spark to Find Quality Care for Your Child

Spark supports programs to be the best they can be for your child and family. Early care and education professionals who are part of Spark are committed to providing quality early learning experiences for your child. Programs receive a Spark rating based on standards of quality practices in child development, health and safety, staff qualifications, family partnerships, and business practices. Working in both center and home based settings, they represent many backgrounds and languages, just like Oregon's diverse families. Are you interested in learning more about what early educators do to receive a Spark rating? **To read more about Spark and to find Spark-Rated Programs, visit: <https://oregonspark.org/families/>.**

For more details on the ERDC program and how to apply 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.