Youth Summer Programs

There are many types of programs in Oregon that care for and serve children and youth.

Licensed or Emergency Child Care programs caring for children 6 weeks of age or older but under 13 years of age, including those operated by political subdivisions or governmental agencies, must follow the ELD Child Care Guidance.

Any program operated at a school site must follow Ready Schools, Safe Learners guidance, unless they are providing childcare, before/after care or preschool and must follow the ELD Child Care Guidance.

Any program not located at a school or engaged in child care must follow OHA Youth Programs Guidance. Youth programs are defined as the following:

- Day camps;
- Overnight camps;
- Summer camps;
- Enrichment programs serving children birth to 18 years old;
- Programming only for middle school-age children ages 11 and older;
- Any enrolled gathering of children from primarily ages 13 to 18 for a defined period of daytime hours with teen or adult supervision.

Which Guidance should I follow?

Does your program operate at a public or private school?

- YES: Does the school or district run the program?
  - YES: Is this a child care, before/after school or preschool program?
    - YES: Follow ELD Child Care Guidance
    - NO: Is your program (not organization) normally engaged in child care?
      - YES: Follow ELD Child Care Guidance
      - NO: Is this a child care, before/after school or preschool program?
        - YES: Follow ELD Child Care Guidance
        - NO: Follow Youth Programs Guidance

- NO: Are you serving children from birth through age 12?
  - YES: Follow Youth Programs Guidance
  - NO: Follow Youth Programs Guidance

Middle school programs beginning at age 11 may follow Youth Programs Guidance. Adult and Family overnight camps or retreats refer to Outdoor Recreation Guidance.

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