



A child's first five years are critical to future success in school and in life. The Oregon Community Foundation has made these critical years a major focus of its work. OCF wants to make sure that all Oregon children experience quality care and learning through:

- Supporting parents in their role as their children's first and most important teachers*
- Funding scholarships to advance the education of early childhood workers*
- Promoting early literacy and language development*

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The Oregon Community Foundation Early Childhood Program

Parenting Education (2003 - 2010)

- Nearly 3,000 parents reached through 22 projects
- Several hundred parent educators trained to deliver best practice curricula
- Beginning in 2010, the creation of six regional parenting "Hubs" to streamline access to programs and coordinate services

Professional Development (2003-2010)

- Assisted more than 5,300 individuals with costs of education and training through John and Betty Gray Scholarship Programs
- Launched a new financial incentive program with public and private partners in spring 2009, to encourage more child care providers to seek professional development

Early Literacy and Language Development (2000-2010)

- More than 30,500 parents, child care providers and children reached through 69 projects
- Over 93,000 books distributed
- Parents and child care providers report more frequent reading with children; more trips to the library; more literacy activities in child care settings
- Three-year statewide "Reading for Healthy Families" initiative provided 1,756 high-risk families with early literacy training and books in the first two years

"Boomers and Babies" (2007-2010)

- Two pilot projects and a 16-member Learning Community explore how to strengthen early childhood programs utilizing the talents and energy of Boomers and older adults

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