



# CENTRAL OREGON CHILDCARE

Cultivating Growth  
Through Community

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# CHILDCARE ACCELERATOR

Full time position dedicated to assisting providers, identifying land/facilities, advocating for new policies and identifying funding & partners

## MAIN OBJECTIVES:

- Work with regional partners to assist childcare providers in navigating the permitting process
- Spearhead efforts to pilot collaborative, shared operation models
- Identify and secure employer funds to offset childcare facilities/costs
- Identify funding, land, public and private partners to reduce costs of creating new, high-quality childcare
- Coordinate with regional partners to ensure quality and access to childcare

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# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- \$25,000 in funding for a mentorship/support system for Central Oregon providers during COVID 19 and create successful, sustainable programs.
- Obtained \$100,000 from Deschutes County and matching funds from the City of Bend to go directly to 34 providers who qualified and remained open under an emergency capacity during COVID.
- Raised over \$125,000 from the Central Oregon private and public sectors to secure a Central Oregon Childcare Accelerator position to secure childcare spots
- Worked with Central Oregon local governments to prioritize childcare, ease zoning requirements, reduce fees and fund childcare.
- Advocated and participated at state and federal levels of government to increase financial assistance to providers. To date over \$18M has gone out for application in Oregon, with more funds on the way. These funds have helped providers remain open.
- Convened business sector input to child care needs for their workforce and capacity to support that need.
- Creation of [www.centraloregonchildcare.com](http://www.centraloregonchildcare.com) website, offering resources to providers and employers to navigate childcare systems and funding sources.



# Pilot Concept

- 10 high quality, affordable and accessible childcare locations throughout Central Oregon
- 2 phases throughout the next 6-9 months.
- The Hub will have a Director that facilitates shared staff recruitment and hiring, HR benefits, child enrollment, billing and financial services, fundraising and assurance of quality care, safety and licensing requirements.
- Micro-center sites are single classroom or small group childcare in an existing space, which could be in an office building, family childcare, community facility, higher education facility, hospital or school and more.
- The locations or “host sites” assist with overhead costs by supplying the space rent free or at a reduced rate and when feasible, fund maintenance and janitorial costs, they may also contribute or assist in securing donations for furniture, equipment and other supplies.
- Given the facility, the host sites employees are often the clients of the facility.





## NEXT STEPS

- Releasing an RFQ to hire a backbone agency to serve as the Hub provider later this month.
- Looking for qualifying businesses to respond to the RFQ.
- Looking for locations for micro-centers (i.e. office space, church space, other community spaces)
- Please contact Megan Norris at [megan@centraloregonchildcare.com](mailto:megan@centraloregonchildcare.com)
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