



Oregon Early Learning Council

Oregon's Early Learning Council

- 2010 Governor Kitzhaber elected with health and education reform agenda
 - **Governor's Vision By 2025:**
 - **40%** of Oregonians will have earned a bachelor's degree or higher
 - **40%** of Oregonians will have earned an associate's degree or post-secondary credential
 - **20%** of Oregonians will have earned a high school diploma or it's equivalent

Vision and Focus

- 2011 at urging of Governor, Oregon Legislature created Early Learning Council
 - Serves as State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education and Care
 - Created as a part of birth to 20 education reform
 1. Children Ready for kindergarten
 2. Children are raised in stable & attached families
 3. Integrated Systems

Results to Highlight

- **Kindergarten Readiness Assessment**
 - Pilot 2012, Statewide rollout in fall 2013
 - Dept. of Education State Board administrative rules
 - Embedding into k-12 assessment system
- **Tiered Quality Rating and Improvement System**
 - Culmination of quality improvement initiatives for all early learning and development programs
 - Field study of 250 programs in 2013, statewide rollout 2014

Results to Highlight

- Legislation

- HB 4165:

- ✦ Sunset 3 Commissions
- ✦ Combined HS Advisory Board with governing ELC
- ✦ Develop a design for community-based coordinators of early learning services – identify functions, criteria of an RFP, report to legislature in 2013

Results to Highlight

- **Hubs: Community-Based Coordinators of Early Learning Services**
 - Implementing our vision by integrating and bringing child services together for communities across the state.
 - Connecting health, child services, and data systems.
 - Ensuring services across the state are accountable for the future of Oregon children.

Proposed 2013 Legislation

- Create an Early Learning Division - Governance and integration of state service delivery
- Community-based coordinators of early learning services:
 - Communities will work together to define a geographic region of early learning services and apply via RFA
 - Create strategies to improve outcomes, reduce duplication, increase coordination so that children are ready for kindergarten
 - All state funded services coordinate for outcomes through analysis of a comprehensive children's budget