

Every child deserves a bright future

FUND EARLY INTERVENTION / EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION



Purpose of EI/ECSE

Reduce the impact of a child's disability on their future growth and success in school. The goal of this federal mandate is that every young child with a disability will be provided services without wait lists so they are ready for kindergarten.



Cuts in Essential Services

Funding has not kept up with growth and costs resulting in higher caseloads and decreased services for eligible children. **From 2004-2011: EI services to infants and toddlers decreased by 66.7% and ECSE services to preschoolers decreased by 43.4%.**

Current Service Levels Are Inadequate

According to Oregon Department of Education the EI/ECSE program service standards required to benefit children is:



Infants & Toddlers (Birth to 3 Years):

Once weekly home visits. **Only 3 in every 10 infants and toddlers with disabilities receive the standard Early Intervention service level.**

Low Needs

Preschoolers Ages 3-5 Years with LOW NEEDS (1-2 areas of delay):

Once weekly specialized ECSE service in child's setting. **Only 3 in 5 preschoolers with low needs receive the service level standard required to benefit.**

Moderate Needs

Preschoolers Ages 3-5 Years with MODERATE NEEDS (3-4 areas of delay):

Preschool three times weekly or 12 hours weekly with once weekly consultation.

Monthly parent education or home visit. **Less than 7 of every 100 preschoolers with moderate needs receive the ECSE service level standard.**

High Needs

Preschoolers Ages 3-5 Years with HIGH NEEDS (5-7 areas of delay):

Preschool 15 hours weekly with 1:4 teacher to student ratio. Once weekly direct service or consult from related service personnel (PT, OT, etc.). Monthly parent education or home visit.

Less than 2 of every 100 preschoolers with high needs receive the ECSE service level standard required to benefit.

Children with highest need have lowest percentage of service level standards met!



Increasing Needs

As of June 2018, nearly 14,000 infants, toddlers & preschool kids were considered eligible to access EI/ECSE Services, up an average of 5% from the prior year.



Needed Investment

After too little funding for too many years, it is time to give Oregon's youngest children with disabilities access to the EI/ECSE services they need and the bright future they deserve. The Governor's proposal to invest an additional \$45 million in EI/ECSE helps get us closer to the \$76 million budget increase needed to fully fund EI/ECSE.