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**EDUCATION:**

Ph.D., Human Development and Family Studies, Oregon State University, 2005  
M.S., Child Development, University of Wisconsin, Madison 1975  
B.A., Political Science, Seattle University, 1966

**CURRENT POSITION**

FACULTY RESEARCH ASSOCIATE, Family Policy Program, Oregon State University,  
Corvallis, Oregon, May, 2005 – present

**RELATED EXPERIENCE:**

CO-PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR, *Oregon QRIS Validation Study*, January, 2013 – present.

CO-PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR, *Contracted Slots Program Evaluation*, July 2012-present.

CO-PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR, *Betty Gray Scholarship Program Evaluation*. September 2012-October 2013.

CO-PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR, *Fluctuation in Child Care Cost Burden: The Effect of Increasing Subsidy Policy Generosity on Parental Decision Making*, October, 2009 – February, 2012.

CO-PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR, *Child Care Subsidy Policy Impact Study*, November, 2008 to September 2012.

CONSULTANT, *National Survey of Early Care and Education*, National Opinion Research Center, October, 2010 – present.

ADVISOR. *Healthy Home Child Care Project* (An obesity prevention intervention within family child care homes.) March, 2009- December 2012.

ADVISOR, *Child Care Choices of low-Income Working Families with Vulnerabilities*, Urban Institute, 2008 to 2011.

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR, *Child Care Quality Indicator Project*, July 1, 2007 – present

CONSULTANT, *Right from the Start: Assessing Child Care Settings in Multnomah Count for Obesity Prevention*. September, 2009 – June, 2011. PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR, *Effective Investments in the Early Childhood Profession*, May 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008

CONSULTANT, *National Study of Child Care Supply and Demand Design Study*, National Opinion Research Center, October, 2007-2009.

CO-PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR, *Child Care Assistance Program: Alternative Methods for Setting CCAP Maximum Rates*, August 19 2007 to 2008

CO-PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR, *Guidance for Validating Child Care Market Rate Surveys*—February 2007 to 2008

CONSULTANT, *Early Childhood Education Redesign at Lane Community College*, October 2006 – May, 2007.

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR, *Multnomah County Quality Indicator Data*, July , 2006 – June 2007.

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR, *Oregon Child Care Research Partnership*--July 2005 to present.

COORDINATOR, Oregon Child Care Research Partnership-- 2002- - June 2005.

DIRECTOR AND PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR, Oregon Child Care Policy Research Partnership. Linn-Benton Community College, Albany, Oregon 1997 to 2002

DIRECTOR, Family Resources and Education, Linn-Benton Community College, Albany, Oregon. 1988-2002

CHAIR, Department of Family Resources, Linn-Benton Community College, Albany, Oregon. 1977 to 1987

PROJECT ASSOCIATE, Community Coordinated Child Care in Dane Co., Inc., Madison, Wisconsin - Family Day Care Home Demonstration Project. 1973 -74.

## **DISSERTATION**

“Measurement of Child Care Arrangement Stability: A Review and Case Study Using Oregon Child Care subsidy Data”

## **TECHNICAL REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS**

Weber, R.B., Grobe, D., & Davis, E.E. Does Policy Matter? (2014). The effect of increasing child care subsidy policy generosity on program outcomes. *Child and Youth Services Review*, 44.,135-144

Grobe, D., Weber, R.B., Davis, E.E., & Scott, E. (2012). Struggling to pay the bills: Using mixed-methods to understand families’ financial stress and child care costs. In S.L. Blair (Ed.). *Contemporary Perspectives in Family Research: Economic Stress and the Family*, 6, 93-122.

Weber, R.B., & Grobe, D. (2011). *Oregon subsidy policy impact research project: Parent survey*. Retrieved on July 21, 2012 from <http://health.oregonstate.edu/sites/default/files/sbhs/pdf/oregon-subsidy-policy-impact-research-project-parent-survey-report-8-22-2011.pdf>

Weber. R. (2011). *Understanding Parents’ Child Care Decision-Making: A Foundation for Policy Making*, OPRE Research-to-Policy, Research-to-Practice Brief OPRE 2011-12. Washington, DC: Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Bromer, J., Paulsell, D., Porter, T., Henly, J.R., Ramsburg, D., Weber, R. B., and Families and Quality Workgroup Members. (2011). Family-sensitive caregiving: A key component of quality

in early care and education arrangements. In M. Zaslow, I. Martinez-Beck, K. Tout, & T. Halle (Eds.), *Quality measurement in early childhood settings* (pp161-190). Baltimore: Paul H. Brookes Publishing Co.

Davis, E.E., Grobe, D., Weber, R.B., (2010). Rural-urban differences in child care subsidy use and employment stability. *Applied Economics Perspectives and Policies*, 32(1), 135-153.

Weber, R.B., Vorpagel, B., & Kruse, D. (2009, June). *Child care in Oregon and its counties*: Accessible through Oregon Child Care Research Partnership, Family Policy Program, Oregon State University at 2008. at <http://www.hhs.oregonstate.edu/hdfs/sites/default/files/StateandCountyProfiles2008.pdf>

Davis, E.E., Li, N.C., Weber, R.B., & Grobe, D. (2009, March). Child care subsidies & child care markets: Evidence from three states (Technical Report). Corvallis, OR: Oregon Child Care Research Partnership, Oregon State University Family Policy Program.

Weber, R.B. & Trauten, M. (2008, October). *Effective investments in the child care and early education profession*. Corvallis, OR: Oregon Child Care Research Partnership, Oregon State University Family Policy Program.

Grobe, D., Weber, R.B., Davis, E.E., Kreader, J.L., & Pratt, C.C. (2008, September). *Study of market prices: Validating child care market rate surveys*. Technical Report. Corvallis, OR: Oregon Child Care Research Partnership, Oregon State University Family Policy Program.

Grobe, D., Weber, R. B., & Davis, E.E. (2008). Why do they leave? Child care subsidy use in Oregon. *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*, 29 (1), 110-127.

Weber, R.B. & Grobe, D. (2007, August). *Tribal Child Care and Development Fund grantees: Market rate surveys and other child care practices and policies*. Corvallis, OR: Oregon Child Care Research Partnership, Oregon State University Family Policy Program.

Weber, R.B, Grobe, D., Davis, E.E, Kreader, J.K., & Pratt, C.C. (2007, May). *Practices and policies: Market rate surveys in states, territories, and tribes*. Corvallis, OR: Oregon Child Care Research Partnership, Oregon State University Family Policy Program.

Elizabeth E. Davis, Deana Grobe and Roberta B. Weber. (2007, February). *Participation and employment dynamics of child care subsidy users in rural and urban Oregon*. RRPC Working Paper No. 07-01. Corvallis, OR: RUPRIS Rural Poverty Research Center.

Weber, Roberta B., Vorpagel, B., & Kujala, B., (2007, January). *Child care and education in Oregon and its counties: 2004*. Accessible through Oregon Child Care Research Partnership, Family Policy Program, Oregon State University at <http://www.hhs.oregonstate.edu/familypolicy/occrp/publications.html#childcaredynamics>

Meyers, M.K., Peck, L.R., Davis, E.E., Collins, A., Kreader, J.L., Georges, A., Weber, R., Schexnayder, D., Schroeder, D., & Olson, J.A..(2006). The dynamics of child care subsidy use: A collaborative study of five states. In N. Cabrera, R. Hutcheson, & H. E. Peters (Eds.), *From welfare to childcare*. Florence, KY:: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.

Emlen, A., & Weber, R. (February 2007). *Parental use of child care: A guide for constructing parent surveys*. Corvallis, OR: Oregon State University, Family Policy Program.

Grobe, D. Weber, R.B., & Pratt, C.C.. (August 2006). *2006 Oregon child care market rate study*. Corvallis, OR: Family Policy Program, Oregon State University.

Grobe, D. Weber, R.B., & Davis, E.E.. (March 2006). *Why do they leave? Child care subsidy use in Oregon*. Corvallis, OR: Oregon State University Family Policy Program.

Emlen, A.C., & Weber, R.B. (May 2006). *Parental use of child care: A guide for constructing parent surveys*. Corvallis, OR: Oregon Child Care Research Partnership, Family Policy Program, Oregon State University. Accessible through Child Care and Early Education Research Connections at <http://www.childcareresearch.org/location/ccrca7992>

Grobe, D., Pratt, C.C. & Weber, R. B.. (August, 2004). *2004 Oregon child care market rate study*. Corvallis, OR: Family Policy Program, Oregon State University.

Grobe, D., Weber, R.B., Pratt, C.C.& Emlen, A.C. . (2003, September,). *Market rate study guidebook: A guide to implementing a child care market rate study using child care resource & referral data*. Corvallis, OR: Family Policy Program, Oregon State University.

Weber, R.B.& Davis, E.E.. (2003, August). *Continuity and stability: Dynamics of child care subsidy use in Oregon*. NY: National Center for Children in Poverty, Columbia University.

Weber, R. B. & Wolfe, J. (2003, Summer). *Improving child care: Providing comparative information on child care facilities to parents and the community*. Albany, OR: Linn-Benton Community College.

Grobe, D. Weber, R.B., & Davis, E.E.. (2003, March). *Guidebook for implementing a study on the dynamics of child care subsidy use*. Corvallis, Or.: Family Policy Program, Oregon State University.

Grobe, D., Pratt, C.C. & Weber R. B. (2003, January). *2002 Oregon child care market rate study*. Corvallis, OR: Family Policy Program, Oregon State University

Weber, R.B.. (2002, December). *Oregon child care dynamics: Supply, demand, and other estimates*. Albany, OR: Linn-Benton Community College.

Meyers, M.K., Peck, L.R., Davis, E.E., Collins, A., Kreader, J.L., Georges, A., Weber, R., Schexnayder, D., Schroeder, D., & Olson, J.A. (2002, July). *The dynamics of child care subsidy use: A collaborative study of five states*. NY: National Center for Children in Poverty, Columbia University.

Weber, R. B. & Wolfe, J. (2002, Summer). *We can't get there without them: Addressing the barriers to parent participation in building America's child care system*. Albany, OR: Linn-Benton Community College.

Weber, R. B. & Wolfe, J. (2002, Summer). *Creating research that informs state child care policy: Building and maintaining child care research partnerships*. Albany, OR: Linn-Benton Community College.

Davis, E.E., & Weber, R.B. (2001, December). "The dynamics of child care subsidy Use by rural families in Oregon." *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 83 (5), 1293-1301.

Okuyama, K. & Weber, R.B. ( 2001, October). *Parents receiving child care subsidies: Where do they work?* Albany, OR: Linn-Benton Community College.

Pratt, C. C., Ozretich, R., & Weber, R. (2000, October) *Results accountability guidebook: Child care resource & referral*. Corvallis, OR: Family Policy Program, Oregon State University.

Elliot, J., Emlen, A.C., Tvedt, K., & Weber, R.B. (1999, April). *Research and child care policy: A view from the states*. Albany, OR: Linn-Benton Community College.

#### **RECENT NATIONAL AND STATE PRESENTATIONS:**

*Struggling to Pay Bills: Using Mixed Methods to Understand Families' Financial Stress and Child-Care Costs*. Presentation at Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Research Meeting. Baltimore, MD., November 10, 2012

*State Early Learning Councils: The Vision and the Reality*. Presentation at Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Research Meeting. Baltimore, MD., November 10, 2012.

*Child care assistance policy: A national perspective*. Presentation at ACF Regions IV and VI Bi-Regional Meeting. Allen, Texas. May 24, 2011.

*Findings from the child care subsidy policy impact study*. Webinar presentation for ACF Region X session on cost containment. April 14, 2011.

*Child care subsidy policy research: Where are we and where do we need to go?* Plenary panelists at CCPRC 2010 Annual Meeting. Washington, DC. October 21, 2010

*The interface of child care subsidy policies and practices and child care markets*. . Presentation at CCPRC Annual Meeting, Washington, DC., October 21, 2010.

*Child care instability: definitions, context, and policy implications*. Presentation at CCPRC Annual Meeting, Washington, DC., October 22, 2010.

*Implications of behavioral economics research for CCDF Research and Policy*. Plenary panelists at CCPRC 2010 Annual Meeting. Washington, DC. October 22, 2010

*Child care subsidy systems that are child-focused: Continuity & stability.* Presentation at ACF Region X Roundtable. August 17, 2010.

*Child care subsidy systems that are family friendly: Parental child care decision making.* Presentation at ACF Region X Roundtable. August 17, 2010.

*Subsidy police, markets, and providers: Challenges in meeting family's needs.* Presentation at 2010 NACCRRRA Policy Symposium, Washington D.C. March, 2010.

*Oregon EQUIP (Education and Quality Investment Partnership: A quality improvement umbrella.* Presentation at 2010 NACCRRRA Policy Symposium, Washington D.C. March, 2010.

*Identifying thin child care markets: A conceptual and empirical approach to describing communities with atypical forces on child care supply and prices.* Presentation at Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Research Conference. 2009, November.

*Outside forces affecting child care markets.* Child Care Policy Research Consortium meeting, October 2009.

*How parents use child care information: The known and unknown.* Child Care Policy Research Consortium meeting, October 2009.

*Understanding parental decisions about children's care: Theoretical, methodological, and practical insights.* Child Care Policy Research Consortium meeting, October 2009.

*Subsidy policies: What we know about effects on continuity of care.* Child Care Policy Research Consortium meeting, October 2009.

*Child care supply and costs in a time of economic recession.* Presentation at State and Territory Child Care Administrators Meeting, Washington, D.C., July 2009.

*Effective strategies to support early childhood professionals.* Presentation at State and Territory Child Care Administrators Meeting, Washington, D.C., July 2009.

*Using longitudinal data to improve early childhood outcomes.* Presentation at University of Missouri P-20 Conference on Creating Longitudinal Data to Inform Education Policy. June 2009. Columbia, Missouri.

*Effective investments in the child care and early education workforce.* Presentation at Professional Development Consortium, Washington Department of Early Learning. April 2009. Tacoma, Washington.

*Effective investments in the child care and early education workforce.* Presentation at Region X Head Start Association Annual Leadership Conference. Olympia, Washington, April 2009.

*Effective investments in the child care and early education workforce.* Presentation to the Multnomah County Early Childhood Committee, Commission on Children, Families, and Communities, Portland, Oregon, February 2009.

*Effective investments in the child care and early education profession.* Presentation at Region X Child Care Bureau Professional Development Roundtable, Seattle, WA, January 2009.

*Building child care research capacity and culture: One state story.* Presentation at Office of Policy Research and Evaluation Meeting on Child Care Research Partnerships. Washington, DC. January 2009.

*Market rate surveys and tribes: strategies for meeting the special challenges faced by Tribal CCDF Grantees.* Presentation ACF Region V Child Care Bureau Market Rate Strategies for Tribes, Traverse City, MI., December, 2008.

*A Conceptual model of parental child care decision-making.* Presentation at Office of Policy Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services. Working Meeting on Child Care Decision Making, Washington D.C., December 2008.

*Parental child care decision making.* Presentation at Child Care Policy Research Consortium Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, July 2008.

*Conducting market rate surveys.* Presentation at the State and Child Care Administrators' Meeting, Washington DC, July, 2008.

*Parents child care decision making and how to measure R&R support for it.* Presentation at NACCRRRA Policy Symposium, Washington, D.C. April, 2008.

*Supporting parent choice and access: State strategies to support families, Balancing access and quality in payment policies.* Panelist in two sessions at State Child Care Administrators Institute, August, 2007

*Challenges of conducting and using policy-relevant research, Defining and measuring professional development, Web of supports: Child care subsidies and the use of work supports, and State child care subsidy rate-setting policies.* Panelist in two sessions and facilitator in two other sessions at Annual Meeting of the Child Care Policy Research Consortium. Silver Spring, MD. April 2006.

*Making it work: Moving to performance-based contracting.* Presentation at Administration for Children and Families Region VIII State Child Care Administrators Meeting. Denver, CO. April, 2006

*The R&R role in market rate surveys: Findings from a survey of states, territories and tribes.* Presentation at NACCRRRA Symposium, Washington, DC, February, 2006

*Child care subsidies: Why do they leave?* Presentation. Willamette Poverty Research Forum. February 2006.

*Emerging approaches to measuring early childhood professional development..* Panelist. Annual Conference. National Association for the Education of Young Children. December, 2005.

*Understanding the effects of child care on the development of children from low-income families: Policy lessons from a cross-disciplinary approach.* Discussant. Annual Research Conference, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management. November 2005.

*Building accountability and measurable results into performance-based contracts and stability of*

*subsidized care arrangements: Issues of measurement and meaning.* Two presentations at State Child Care Administrators Management Institute, Washington DC, August, 2005.

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:**

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management  
National Council on Family Relations  
National/Oregon Association for the Education of Young Children

**SERVICE**

Child Care and Early Education Research Connections Advisory Committee, National Center for Children in Poverty, Columbia University and ICPSR, University of Michigan.

Early Childhood Matters Advisory Council, Oregon Governor's Office.

Childhood Care and Education Coordinating Council, Oregon Child Care Division

Child Care Advisory Committee, Oregon Department of Human Services

Steering Committee, Child Care Policy Research Consortium