CHILD CARE SUBSIDY IN OREGON

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In Oregon, children on subsidy are integrated in all types of child care facilities

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How do Oregon's child care facilities meet the needs of children across income levels?

Oregon Child Care Subsidy *What is it?*

A program that helps eligible low-income families pay for child care when they are working by covering a portion of the total cost of child care. For more information on eligibility and application, visit the Oregon Department of Human Services Child Care Assistance Site.

Integration *Why?*

Integration of children from all income groups in early learning programs is more likely to meet the needs of all children, especially those from low-income families.
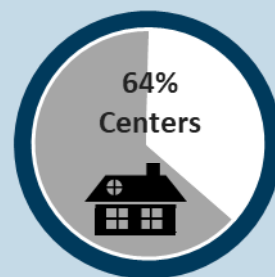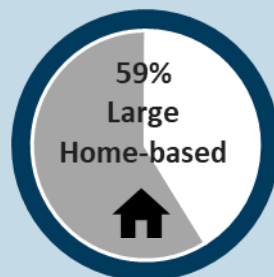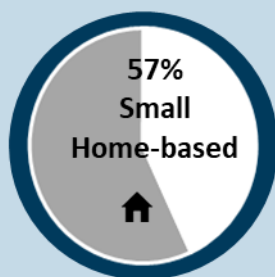
Child Care Facilities *What types are there?*

- Small Home-based: Serve up to 10 children in provider's home
- Large Home-based: Serve up to 16 children in a single-family home
- Centers: Typically located in commercial buildings. The number of children served is license-dependent

Facilities that Serve Children on Subsidy *What is the Status?*

In December 2022, there were over 15,300 children whose parents received a child care subsidy. Findings below highlight how the needs of these low-income families are being met through subsidized child care.

*In 2022, what percent of child care facilities served at least one child whose family receives a subsidy?

57% Small Home-based

59% Large Home-based

64% Centers

*In 2022, what percent of facilities predominantly served children on subsidy? Only a minority of facilities have more than 50% of the facility's desired capacity filled by subsidized children.

- 21% of Small Home-based facilities
- 26% of Large Home-based facilities
- 2% of Centers

See full report for details and trends over time:
https://health.oregonstate.edu/early-learners/affordability

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