

**Early Learning Council Priority Area: Home Visiting
Strategies and Action items from *Raise Up Oregon*
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SYSTEM GOAL 1: The early childhood system is equitable: integrated, accessible, inclusive, anti-racist, and family centered.
OBJECTIVE 2 - Multi-agency partnerships are developed at the state and local levels to systematically support improved outcomes and streamlined access for all young children and families.
Strategy 2.2 - Coordinate supports for young children and their families across agencies in support of ODHS' Family Preservation Initiative.
2.2.4 Engage home visiting and relief nurseries in the statewide expansion of Family Preservation demonstration sites.
Strategy 2.6 - Implement a locally developed, state-supported system to coordinate home visiting services.
2.6.1 Address barriers to statewide and regional coordinated home visiting systems.
2.6.2 Develop local systems capacity for home visiting coordination.
OBJECTIVE 4 - The business, philanthropic, and non-profit communities champion and support the development of the early childhood system.
Strategy 4.2 - Support services that promote families' well-being, e.g., paid leave, health insurance, apprenticeships, family wage jobs, and home visiting.
4.2.1 Conduct outreach and raise awareness about services.

SYSTEM GOAL 2: All families with young children are supported to ensure their well-being.
OBJECTIVE 5 - Families with young children are supported in knowing about and accessing a full range of services that meet their needs and are culturally and linguistically responsive.
Strategy 5.1 - Create or strengthen coordinated, family-centered intake and referral processes into home visiting, and from home visiting into other desired services.
5.1.1 Establish Family Connects Oregon in every community to provide referrals to home visiting programs and other desired services.
5.1.2 Include key referral partners, including hospitals and prenatal providers, in the development of coordinated home visiting intake and referral.
5.1.3 Provide guidance and policy for consistent coordinated home visiting intake.
5.1.4 Determine if there are referral gaps from Healthy Families Oregon to other services and close them.
Strategy 5.4 - Support Connect Oregon statewide.
5.4.1 Support linking home visiting to the Connect Oregon referral system where available.
OBJECTIVE 7 - All families have access to support for their physical, social, emotional, behavioral, and oral health.
Strategy 7.4 - Improve utilization of community health workers and doulas.
7.4.3 Integrate community health workers and doulas into home visiting services to extend the home visiting workforce.

OBJECTIVE 8 - Families have expanded access to culturally and linguistically responsive and specific family preservation strategies, resources, and programs focused on the prenatal-to-five population.

Strategy 8.1 - Continuously consult and coordinate with tribal nations to collaborate on creating and funding family preservation services that meet the culturally specific needs of tribal communities and inform potential evidence-based practices for implementation.

8.1.1 Consult with the Oregon Tribal Early Learning Alliance to adopt culturally responsive and supportive home visiting services that meet the needs of tribal communities.

OBJECTIVE 10 - All parents and families are supported and engaged in enabling their children to thrive.

Strategy 10.1 – Expand parenting and family education.

10.1.8 Establish coordination and collaboration between the coordinated home visiting system and parenting education system.

Strategy 10.2 - Increase access to home visiting, prioritizing culturally responsive programs.

10.2.1 Establish Family Connects in all communities.

10.2.2 Invest in the expansion of home visiting programs, such as Families First’s Parents as Teachers and Nurse-Family Partnership and DELC’s Healthy Families Oregon.

10.2.3 Provide supports through TANF home and community family coach visits.

10.2.4 Ensure communities are impacting the array and organization of home visiting services.

10.2.5 Integrate home visiting into other existing early learning and care programs.

10.2.6 Develop systems to gather input from families to inform the approach to building a coordinated home visiting system.

10.2.7 Increase coordination between Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education (EI/ECSE) and home visiting system.

Strategy 10.3 - Build or strengthen regional structures that ensure family leadership in the co-creation of policies, recommendations, and strategies that guide home visiting coordination.

10.3.1 Use best practices from ODHS’ Regional Demonstration Projects community and family engagement.

10.3.2 Family Leaders participate in the development of an amendment to the Oregon Title IV-E Prevention Plan.

10.3.3 Coordinate family and parent engagement across DELC and partner agencies.

10.3.4 Build capacity at the community level to develop the system of family and parent engagement.

10.3.5 Leverage the current community engagement approach of Maternal and Child Health Title V to inform the home visiting system.

10.3.6 Support the State Interagency Coordinating Council for the ongoing development of statewide Early Intervention/ Early Childhood Special Education (EI/ECSE) services for young children and their families.

10.3.7 Leverage Local Interagency Coordinating Councils (LICCs) to inform the home visiting system.

Strategy 10.4 - Increase equitable access for the professional development of home visitors.

10.4.1 Expand opportunities for all supervisors to be trained in reflective supervision across the home visiting system.

10.4.2 Expand home visiting workforce development and training opportunities related to children with special health needs and children experiencing intellectual or developmental disabilities.

10.4.3 Expand opportunities for supervisors and home visiting workforce related to family violence.

10.4.4 Expand home visiting workforce development and training opportunities related to cultural competency and mental health.

Strategy 10.5 - Increase collaboration among home visitors, home visiting leaders, and cross-sector partners.

10.5.1 Establish and support a sustained and coordinated home visiting system at the state and regional level.

SYSTEM GOAL 3: All children are thriving in early childhood and beyond.

OBJECTIVE 13 - Young children with developmental delays and disabilities are identified early and provided with inclusive services to reach their full potential.

Strategy 13.5 - Strengthen the alignment of early childhood special education, Early Intervention (EI) services, early learning and care, health, and home visiting through coordinated governance.

- 13.5.1 Develop shared expectations and strategies for serving children in child care programs, including center- and home-based.
- 13.5.2 Leverage the Oregon Early Childhood Inclusion (OECI) State Leadership Team as a mechanism to advance cross-agency partnerships.
- 13.5.3 Strengthen the connection between the State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) and the Early Learning Council.
- 13.5.4 Develop agreement and protocols between DELC and ODE to address issues including data sharing.
- 13.5.5 Establish a coordinated home visiting system linked to local systems of services and care.
- 13.5.6 Develop an ODDS and OHA five-year plan inclusive of health equity.