

# Oregon's Contracted Child Care



# Types of Contracts

- Contracted Slots – Oregon Programs of Quality (OPQ)
- Head Start – Full day full year
- Special Populations – teen parent, alcohol and drug treatment, migrant seasonal farm worker, inclusive care
- Early Head Start Child Care Partnerships, Focused Family Child Care Networks (new)

# OPQ Contracted Slots

- Certified facilities with the Oregon Program of Quality (OPQ) designation
- Children ages 0-6
- Must maintain OPQ designation for the duration of the contract year

# Early Challenges with OPQ Contracts

- ❑ State procurement rules
- ❑ Programs advertising reduced copay
- ❑ Federal requirements for faith based organizations



# Head Start Contracts



- Used with full day, full year Head Start Programs
- Sub contracts to cover extended day (before and after program hours) and program closure dates.
- Children ages 0-5
- Submit monthly invoice for all contracted slots.

# Challenges with Head Start Contracts

- Maintaining minimum hour requirement
- Program in-service dates and closures
- Small number of full day, full year Head Start sites.
- Invoicing payment process creates a disconnect with system data



# Special Populations Contracts



- Contracts with School Districts for Teen Parent
- Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker program child care contracts
- Residential and out-patient alcohol and drug treatment programs
- Inclusive child care supplemental payments

# Challenges with Special Populations

- Highly transient populations
- Very high risk, high need
- Frequent contractor staff changes; continuous training on eligibility, determination, application process
- Quality improvements difficult to monitor

# Continued Challenges

- Licensing compliance issues
- Expulsion policies
- Moving from OPQ to QRIS
- Minimum hours for Head Start
- Frequent contractor staff changes; continuous training on eligibility, determination, application process

# EHS CCP

- Early forum with grantees last year
- Contracts directly with child care partner
- Must be QRIS 3, 4, or 5 star rated
- Designated staff at DHS to work with grantees and child care partners

# Other Tidbits

- Staff intensive – more initial technical assistance for state agencies
- Evaluation study on Contracted Slots



# Questions?

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