

Portland Issues

- Parent Co-pays too high/subsidy reimbursement to child care providers is too low
 - Raise income eligibility level for parents to qualify for subsidized child care
 - Lag time in payments for new clients
 - Need higher reimbursement rates for children with special needs
- Lack of Health insurance
- Lack of child care for children with special needs, Infant/Toddler care and weekend and evening care
- Local city or county fees to start new child care sites

Success

- Passage of HB 2999
- Family Child Care Networks, Unions, R&R's, Nurse Consultants, Cares, Provider and Parent relationships (families are more informed)
- Pride in programs and child outcomes

Changes

- Professionalism – recognized as educated professionals (compensated)
- Raise income eligibility for subsidy
- Cultural outreach, increase multi-lingual opportunities
- Higher subsidy reimbursement to child care provider
- Insurance support for child care providers