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| **Potential Priority Populations** | **Quantitative Data Analysis** | **Geographic Areas** | **Family Engagement Efforts** | **Findings From Family Engagements** |
| **Children under**  **age 3** | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | # Children Birth to 3: Jackson Co: 7,890 Josephine Co: 2,687 (Source: PDG Data) | | # Children Served: Jackson: 732 (9%) Josephine: 306 (11%) Publicly-Funded 100% FPL: Jackson: 171 (8%) Josephine: 115 (16%) (Source: PDG Data) | | Disparities Observed: Our region lacks access to slots for infant/toddler, regardless of ability to pay, in both counties. When income is considered, access is much more limited.  Given that expansion for 2020-2021 is focused on preschool expansion rather than an emphasis infant/toddler expansion, our region would like state that infant/toddler care is very needed in our region and we hope to see funding expansion prioritized in the near future. | | | There is very limited access to publicly-funded early learning opportunities in all regions of Southern Oregon.  Given that ACS child population data do not separate 0-2 and 3-5, we cannot determine reach rate by city for this population. However, the low percentages of children served per county as represented by the PDG data, demonstrates high need across our region.  Currently, there are only a few cities with access to publicly-funded 0-3 slots: Ashland, Cave Junction, Grants Pass, and Medford. Many of our more rural locations with high poverty rates lack access. | WE RECEIVED 398 FAMILY ENGAGEMENT SURVEYS INCLUSIVE OF ALL PRIORITY POPULATIONS, REPRESENTING MAJORITY OF CITIES ACROSS THE REGION: So many of our partners serve several of our priority populations, so we sent electronic and paper surveys to: Addictions Recovery Center Children's Advocacy Center Choices Community Works Early Head Start and Head Start  DHS SS and CW Bridging Communities Perinatal Task Force Members EI/ECSE in both counties FACT Oregon Family Nurturing Center Family Solutions Jackson County Mental Health Jackson County Foster Parent Association Kaleidoscope Facilitators Preschool Promise Programs  **List Cont. From Prev. Page:**  LISTO Maslow Project Nurse Family Partnership Oasis Oregon Child Development Council  OnTrack Options of Southern Oregon Siskiyou Community Health Center  The Family Connection Grants Pass Treatment Center Women's Crisis Support Team Young Parent Group Facilitators  Rogue Challenge UCAN | **Priority Population Response:** 53% of the 398 family respondents have at least one child under age 3. 15% are enrolled in EHS. 12% receive EI services. 26% report not being connected to any publicly-funded programs for children under 3.  Only 5 families stated they do not want or need child care. **The top three preferences for child care include:**  1. quality of staff/child interactions 2. clean environment with variety of materials  3. hours that meet the families needs    **Other factors:** Families from 10 of the 15 cities listed cost as a driving factor. Families from 7 of the 15 cities cited proximity to home or work as very important and all of these responses were from rural communities.  **Open ended comments listed:** Long waitlists (2+years) for EHS Limited options in all 0-2 programs Feeling forced to select a lower quality program because that is what was available  A need for evening and weekend hours to accommodate work schedules. |
| **Children without early learning opportunities prior to kindergarten in areas of high poverty with low reach rates, especially in rural communities** | |  | | --- | | **# Children under 5:**  **Jackson Co: 12,033**  Under 200% FPL: 7,915 (65%) **Josephine Co: 4,079**  Under 200% FPL: 2,882 (71%) (Source: PDG Data) | | **# Children Served:**  **Jackson: 3,079** (26%) **Jackson Publicly-Funded:** 100% FPL: 813 (26%) 101-200% FPL: 72 (2%) **Josephine: 1,113** (27%) **Josephine Publicly-Funded:**  100% FPL: 365 (33%) 101-200% FPL: 46 (4%) (Source: PDG Data) | | **Disparities Observed:** Our region lacks access to slots for 0-5, regardless of ability to pay, in both counties. As noted in the next column, 9 of our 22 cities lack publicly-funded programs. | | Reach Rate for publicly-funded programs for children 0-5, by city (cities with at least 20% of families with children 0-5 at or below 100% FPL are highlighted in red):   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **City** | **# Slots** | **# Pop under 5** | **% Served – Reach Rate** | | Ashland | 206 | 619 | 33% | | Butte Falls | 0 | 31 | 0% | | Cave Junction | 77 | 75 | 102% (CJ child population may be underrepresented due to community under responding to census survey) | | Central Point | 95 | 1,176 | 8% | | Eagle Point | 74 | 748 | 10% | | Gold Hill | 18 | 73 | 25% | | Grants Pass | 371 | 2,403 | 15% | | Jacksonville | 0 | 47 | 0% | | Medford | 583 | 5,802 | 10% | | Merlin | 20 | 41 | 49% | | Phoenix | 88 | 136 | 65% | | Rogue River | 25 | 184 | 14% | | Ruch | 0 | 75 | 0% | | Shady Cove | 0 | 475 | 0% | | Talent | 0 | 347 | 0% | | Trail | 0 | 24 | 0% | | White City | 59 | 650 | 9% | | Williams | 20 | 108 | 19% |   NOTE: O'Brien, Prospect, Selma and Wimer have 0 listed in ACS for child population under 5, although they exist. Opportunities are needed in these communities.  (Sources: ACS 2017 and 2019 Public-funded program data from PSP, HS, OPK from local programs) | **Priority Population Response:** 23% of respondents report their children are not in an early learning program. When asked what prevents them from using child care or preschool, 71% cited cost as at least one of the top reasons.  **The top three preferences for child care include:**  1. Quality of staff/child interactions 2. Clean environment with variety of materials  3. Cost |
| **Children experiencing a delay or disability** | |  | | --- | | **# Eligible Children:** Prevalence of disability, per county, for total population:  Jackson County: 3,403 out of 203,206  Josephine County: 1,355 out of 87,393  (Source: US Census estimate 2018 and prevalence rate of 1.55% as accepted by The Community of Practice) | | **# Children Served Jackson County**: EI- 258 (3.8%) ECSE- 413 (5.6%)  **# Children Served Josephine County:**  EI- 90 (4.1%) ECSE- 134 (5.2%) (Source: PDG Data) | | **Disparities Observed:** The biggest disparity is that so few children have access to state-funded programs that are required to assess children and are more likely to refer families to EI/ECSE services. | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Percentage of children 0-5 on IFSP being served in publicly-funded programs, by city:** | | | | | **City** | **# IFSPs** | **# Children** | **% IFSP** | | Ashland | 26 | 207 | 13% | | Butte Falls | NA |  |  | | Cave Junction | 6 | 77 | 8% | | Central Point | 5 | 95 | 5% | | Eagle Point | 4 | 74 | 5% | | Gold Hill | 2 | 18 | 11% | | Grants Pass | 27 | 371 | 7% | | Jacksonville | NA |  |  | | Medford | 67 | 583 | 11% | | Merlin | 4 | 20 | 20% | | O'Brien | NA |  |  | | Phoenix | 10 | 88 | 11% | | Prospect | NA |  |  | | Rogue River | 2 | 25 | 8% | | Ruch | NA |  |  | | Sams Valley | 0 | 18 | 0% | | Selma | NA |  |  | | Shady Cove | NA |  |  | | Talent | NA |  |  | | Trail | NA |  |  | | White City | 9 | 59 | 15% | | Williams | 0 | 20 |  | | Wimer | NA | 207 | 13% | | (Sources: 2019 Public-funded program data from PSP, HS, OPK from local programs) NOTE: if city does not have publicly-funded early learning, NA is noted. | | | | | **The partners above include:**  EI/ECSE  FACT Oregon  Kairos  Options  Bridging Communities.  These partners focus exclusively on supporting families with children experiencing a delay or disability. Additionally, many programs already have families with children experiencing disability. | **Priority Population Response:** 21% of respondents have at least one child with a disability or delay. 9.9% have at least one child with a mental health condition.  **The top four preferences for child care include:**  1. Quality of staff/child interactions  2. Clean environment with variety of materials  3. Cost 4. Accommodations for child's disability needs.  **Open-ended comments:** Staff at early learning programs need training on how to better support children with delays or disabilities.  Environments need to focus more on inclusion and accommodating needs so all children can play outside on playgrounds and play in all activities.  One parent suggested a parent conference helping parents navigate the complexities of the respite care system would be helpful. |
| **Spanish-speaking families** | |  | | --- | | **# Children 5-17:**  Jackson 4,085  Josephine 811  (PDG Data) | | **# Children Served: Preschool Promise:** **Jackson:** 67/148 (45%) children being served who have Spanish as home language **Josephine:** 0/54 children being served who have Spanish as home language  **Head Start/OPK: Jackson/Josephine:** 97/1,134 (9%) children being served who have Spanish as home language. (Source: ODE, ELD 2017-18, PDG Data) | | **Disparities Observed:** Children in Josephine County who are Spanish speaking are not being served by Preschool Promise. Due to data limitations, it is unknown at this time how many children in HS/OPK are Spanish speaking in Josephine County. | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Percentage of Spanish speaking providers compared to percentage of families with Spanish as home language, by city.** | | | | **City** | **% Spanish as Home Language** | **% SP Providers** | | Ashland | 2% | 0% | | Butte Falls | 3% | 0% | | Cave Junction | 3% | 0% | | Central Point | 6% | 11% | | Eagle Point | 1% | 0% | | Gold Hill | 1% | 0% | | Grants Pass | 6% | 0% | | Jacksonville | NA |  | | Medford | 11% | 11% | | Merlin | 1% | 0% | | Phoenix | 2% | 0% | | Rogue River | 1% | 0% | | Ruch | 2% | 0% | | Shady Cove | 3% | 0% | | Talent | 10% | 14% | | Trail | 0% | 0% | | White City | 24% | 14% | | Williams | 0% | 0% |   Sources: CCR&R Data Report November 2019 and ACS 2017 | In the larger outreach, we shared electronic and paper surveys with LISTO, a culturally specific family literacy program. | **Priority Population Response:** 14.6% report Spanish as home language.  **The top three preferences for child care include**:  1. Quality of staff/child interactions  2. Clean environment with variety of materials  3. Hours that meet the families’ needs.  **Open-ended comments:**  When asked what prevents them from accessing care, 48% said cost, 38% said long waits lists, and 24% said transportation. |