

## **Need Help Paying for Child Care?**

To learn more about resources for parents contact Family Care Connection. Call 541-265-2558 or 800-603-2728. Or email [familycareconnection@oregonstate.edu](mailto:familycareconnection@oregonstate.edu).

### **Child and Dependent Care Tax Credits**

You may be able to deduct part of your child care expenses from your federal & state taxes. You must file federal & state tax returns to receive these benefits.

### **Earned Income Tax Credits**

Low-income, working families may be eligible for these credits, even if no taxes are owed. You must file federal & state income tax returns to apply.

### **Employment/Education-Related Day Care Fund (ERDC)**

Low-income, working families may be eligible for help to pay for their child care. You can apply for assistance through the Department of Human Services.

### **Employer-supported benefits**

Federal & state tax incentives are available to employers that offer help with child care. These might include: subsidies, on-site child care or Dependent Care Assistance Plans (pre-tax dollars set aside for child care).

### **Co-Operative Preschools**

Some preschools offer lower costs to parents who help with program activities.

### **Sliding Fee Schedules/Scholarships**

Families may be eligible for lower fees based on a sliding fee scale which depends on your income, or if you have more than one child in child care. Families may also be eligible to apply for scholarships.

### **Head Start or Other Government funded programs**

Families may be eligible for free or reduced cost child care programs that receive federal or state funds.