



APANO CHILD CARE PROGRAM CASE STUDY

How does investment into child care benefit both providers and families?

Oregon faces a shortage of licensed child care providers, with the number of children surpassing available resources. In Multnomah County, the most populous county in Oregon, only 34% of children have access to a child care seat. This is slightly above the 33% threshold used to designate a child care desert. However, every other county in Oregon is classified as a child care desert. There is an urgent need for more culturally relevant child care options.

According to the [Early Learning Map of Oregon](#), only about 4% of early learning providers identify as Asian and 17% speak a language other than English.

The APANO Child Care Program was created to address this challenge, ensuring the community has access to affordable, safe, and high-quality child care that reflects its cultural diversity.

OBJECTIVE

Address Shortage

To highlight the impact of the APANO Child Care Program in addressing the shortage of culturally relevant child care seats.



APPROACH

Two program tracks

- Cohort Track: 5-week licensing training
- Expansion Track: growth and scaling

Curriculum Development

- Child care curriculum development and multi-language dissemination of material (English, Mandarin, Cantonese, and Vietnamese)

"By participating in the APANO Child Care Cohort, I was able to access guidance, support, and funding opportunities that made a real difference."

Delaney Farve, Owner and Founder of Tiny Travelers Play Place

RESULT

Increased Number of Child Care Seats

- 8 newly licensed child care providers, allotting up to 10 children, adding up to 80 new seats
- 1 upgraded license, increasing current capacity from 10 children to 16, adding up to 6 new seats

49*
COHORT
PARTICIPANTS

8
NEW LICENSED
PROVIDERS

1
UPGRADED
LICENSE

**Not everyone who took part in the cohort trainings intended to become licensed. Our program was open to the public, and individuals who obtained their license qualified for a grant.*

CONCLUSION

The APANO Child Care Program, established in 2023, has improved access to resources, streamlined the licensing process, and allowed individuals to become licensed more quickly, which has increased the number of child care seats in Oregon. This program relies on your support to continue, and there is still much work ahead.

Here are some ways you can help invest in future generations: Child care providers and families need sustainable funding and improved resource allocation. Advocating for policy changes at the state level is crucial to support child care initiatives throughout Oregon, including efforts for universal childcare and consistent, secure funding for child care providers.



"APANO has been a true friend helping improve our school's physical environment to meet licensing requirements...supported staff stabilization...and last but not least, APANO has helped with teaching materials as well as marketing...which have really helped my program build a great reputation."

Rongrong Wang, Owner and Founder of Music Mandarin School

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