

Preschool For All

Preschool for All will give 3- and 4-year-olds in Multnomah County access to free, high-quality, developmentally appropriate, culturally responsive preschool experiences.

The Preschool For All Plan

The [Preschool for All Plan](#) reflects more than two years of engagement with community members including parents, educators, culturally specific organizations, policy makers and early childhood specialists. Preschool for All:

- Allows families to choose the type of preschool experience that is right for their child.
- Increases wages and provides professional development for early educators.
- Ensures community-based oversight through a Preschool for All Advisory Group.

Preschool for All will grow over time, increasing the number of children and families that it serves each year until it is universally available.

All families in Multnomah County will be eligible to apply and families who currently have the least access to high-quality preschool will be prioritized for the first-available slots. Children who currently experience barriers to preschool include Black, Indigenous, and all children of color, children whose families live under the [Self-Sufficiency Standard](#) and children with developmental delays and disabilities, [among others](#).



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Preschool For All Ramp-Up Timeline

Voters in Multnomah County overwhelmingly supported Measure 26-214 in November 2020, extending early childhood education to children across the County. The measure directs the Department of County Human Services to implement Preschool for All. The number of slots will increase every year and Preschool for All will grow to a universal program in 2030. Key implementation milestones include:

The Department of County Human Services will hire staff and plan for implementation.



Implementation Planning

Winter/
Spring 2021

Providers can apply for Preschool for All slots. The number of slots and providers will grow each year.



Providers Apply for Preschool Slots

Fall 2021

Families will choose the preschool providers that are the best fit for their children.



Families Matched with Preschools

Spring 2022

Pathways Program Application Open



The Pathways Program helps providers get ready to apply for slots.

Families Apply for Preschool for All Slots



While capacity is limited, families who currently have the least access to high quality preschool will be prioritized.

Children Start Preschool!



Preschool for All will serve 500-1000 children in the 2022-23 school year.