

Program Structure, Facilities and Equipment

OESD 114 implements more than one program option: center-based, home-based and family child care. These program options were chosen to meet the needs of children and families based on the community assessment and deliver a full range of services that meet Head Start Performance Standards.

	Center-Based Option	Home-Based Option	Family Child Care
Setting	134 Head Start <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 32 Community Child Care • 20 Olympic College 28 Early Head Start <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 Olympic College • 12 Discovery Alternative High School Teen Parent Program Part Day Preschool: Each classroom has a lead teacher, assistant teacher and 3 rd person when numbers demonstrate a need.	129 Early Head Start	44 EHS Child Care Partnership The family child care program option delivers the full range of services in the home or other family-like setting.
Ratios and group size / Caseload	4 and 5 year olds: no more than 20 children enrolled in any class. No more than 17 children enrolled in any double session class 3 year old: no more than 17 children enrolled in any class. No more than 15 children enrolled in any double session class. Under 3 year old: no more than 8 or 9 children enrolled in any class, depending on the number of teachers. * we consider the age of children who participate in our center based classes on Sept. 30 th .	12 Early Head Start Home Visitors with average caseloads of 10-11 families. A maximum of 12 families for any home visitor.	1 family child care provider: max group size of six children and no more than two of the six under 24 months. When there is an assistant the groups size can increase to twelve with no more than four of the twelve under 24 months. One family child care provider may care for up to four children younger than 36 months of age with a maximum group size of four children, and no more than two of the four children may be under 18 months of age.
Safety Requirements	See Health and Safety Procedures	See Health and Safety Procedures	A program must maintain appropriate ratios during all hours of program operation. A program must ensure providers have system to ensure the safety of any child not within view for any period.
Service duration	Part Day Preschool: 128 days per year, 4 days per week. Classes operate for a minimum of 3.5 hours per day The year is planned using a reasonable estimate of number of days and takes into account possible inclement weather and makeup days. Full Day Head Start (OC): 1020 annual hours. 4 days per week and more than 6 hours per day. Early Head Start: 1,380 annual hours*	Provides one home visits per week per family that last at least 90 minutes. Provides a minimum of 46 visits per year. Provides, at a minimum, 22 group socialization activities distributed over the course of the program year.	1,380 hours per year.

	* Discovery Alternative High School Teen Parent Program and Olympic College are programs that is designed to meet the needs of young parents and operates on a schedule the follows the school year – summer services are provided.		
Licensing and square footage requirements	Olympic College and Discovery Alternative High School must be licensed by the state and must follow most stringent provisions. Center-based program must have at least 35 square feet of useable indoor space per child and 75 square feet of useable outdoor play space per child.		Must be licensed by the state and must follow most stringent provisions.
Child Development Specialist			An educator (coach or child development specialist) conducts regular visits of each family child care home, some of which are unannounced, not less than once every two weeks. The educator supports compliance of contract requirements, facilitates communication and provides training and technical assistance.