Statewide Training and Certificate Scholarship Program

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Purpose: The overall goal of the Oregon Statewide Scholarship Program for Child Care Provider Training and Certification (Scholarship Program), made possible through Oregon Community Foundation’s Ready to Learn Program, is to support the continued improvement of quality child care in the state of Oregon. The Scholarship Program is guided by the following objectives in pursuit of that goal: 1) To increase professional knowledge and skills of eligible providers who avail themselves of scholarship awards through accessible professional development; 2) To encourage participants to exercise intentionality in planning and pursuing their professional development; and 3) To collaborate with partners and agencies to more firmly establish the Scholarship Program as an ongoing and effective strategy in the growth of Oregon’s professional development system for childhood care and education. The outcomes for the Scholarship Program include enhancement of the professional attitude of providers, an increase in the amount of sustained and intensive professional development they receive, and ultimately an improvement in the quality of services they provide for Oregon’s children and families. The Scholarship Program provides financial support for professional development goals that lead to certification, credentialing and degrees plus training and education leading to completion of those goals for Family Child Care, Center-Based Child Care, Head Start and School Age professionals.

Methods: Scholarships are provided to providers working with young children to attend conferences, participate in training cohorts, complete community college classes and/or pay for credentials.

Impact on Community: This project impacts early childhood and afterschool providers across Oregon. It encourages providers to participate in increased levels of professional development.