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Greetings from Oregon AEI!

Dear friend,

Welcome to the redesigned newsletter of the Oregon Alliance for Early Intervention! We hope you like it.

As YOUR go-to source for advocacy opportunities, news, and resources related to the current state of early intervention/early childhood special education [EI/ECSE] in Oregon, our hope is that families, providers, and advocates find all the information they need on our [newly-updated website](#). We're also sharing more information over social media, so go ahead and [Like us on Facebook](#) and [follow us on Twitter!](#)

As you know, Oregon AEI is a grassroots organization that works to connect EI leaders with families so that together, they can advocate on behalf of young children experiencing disability. **2017 promises to be a busy legislative session, with a lot at stake for our families and providers.** We'll be looking to each of you to lend your voice in the coming months. Stay tuned!

Have a resource suggestion? Want to get involved? [Please let us know.](#)



2017 Advocacy Days at the Capital

Oregon AEI will be teaming up with The Oregon Intellectual/Developmental

Disability Coalition's [GO! Project](#) to make the voices of EI/ECSE advocates and families heard. **Save the date! The EI/ECSE Advocacy day will be on Monday, April 10.** Advocates are gearing up to request additional funds to bring EI/ECSE services up to adequate levels.

We'll need your help in advocating on behalf of Oregon families throughout the winter and spring. Feel a little nervous about getting involved? Not sure where to start? We'll be sharing tips, strategies, and other helpful information in our January 2017 newsletter! In the meantime, you can see all the dates of upcoming Advocacy Days, read about the Governor's Recommended Budget, and learn what it means for developmental disabilities services in the [December GO! Bulletin](#).

We encourage you stay informed! **Sign up for the GO! Bulletins** [by clicking here](#) and then selecting "Join the Oregon Disability Network."

Early Intervention - It Works!



Video: [High Quality Early Learning is Essential](#)

Have a success story of your own? [We'd love to hear from you!](#) We'll be featuring stories about how EI/ECSE programs have positively impacted families in upcoming issues.

Oregon News

Recently, the U.S. Departments of Health and Human Services [HHS] and Education (ED) [released a report](#) that explored how states used integrated data from early childhood programs to improve their services. Oregon is one of the states highlighted for its development of an expanded registry for the early learning workforce.

Before this expanded workforce registry was launched in 2012, Oregon did not have reliable basic demographic data on the early childhood workforce, such as how many people worked in early childhood programs, what jobs they held, their education level, how much training they received, their race, gender, ethnicity and primary language, etc.

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The goals of the Oregon Association for Early Intervention are twofold: to increase public awareness about the critical need for early diagnosis and care for children with disabilities, and to advocate on behalf of early intervention.

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