

**LWVOR Caring for Our Children
Consensus form**

**Caring for Our Children:
An update and expansion of the 1988 LWVOR study. Update study LWVOR
Board Approved January, 2023.**

Name of League/Unit:

Contact Person:

Number of Members Participating:

Contact phone:

Email:

Note: The consensus process is essential to the development of League position statements that reflect the views of our members. Local Leagues should form committees or hold a general meeting to guide members in discussion of the consensus questions. Discussion leaders should summarize member responses and include comments. Consensus means a general agreement by members, not a strict voting process, but including any vote taken in the comments is useful. Please include the number of League members participating in the consensus meetings. This is important in developing a final position statement for use in action. For Leagues with multiple units, a committee should combine the results and forward them to the LWVOR office.

A. Administration and Organization

1. Oregon should establish a coordinating organization to provide overall planning for care and enrichment for children and youth during non-school time.

Agree
 Disagree
 No Consensus
 Other: _____

2. Oregon should conduct an in-depth cost/benefit analysis that includes economic benefits to the economy vs. cost to taxpayers for the public and for the Legislature.

Agree
 Disagree
 No Consensus
 Other: _____

3. Oregon should provide subsidized funding for afterschool and summer programs that include education, enrichment, and experience.

Agree
 Disagree
 No Consensus
 Other: _____

4. Oregon should specify a proportion of Student Success Act Funding to go to afterschool and summer programs. _____ Agree

_____ Disagree

_____ No Consensus

_____ Other: _____

5. Oregon should provide startup funds for out of school time programs

_____ Agree

_____ Disagree

_____ No Consensus

_____ Other: _____

B. Licensing

6. Oregon should provide licensing and oversight for all programs involving children and youth 0-18 yrs.

_____ Agree

_____ Disagree

_____ No Consensus

_____ Other: _____

7. Oregon should provide a clear, comprehensive licensing process.

_____ Agree

_____ Disagree

_____ No Consensus

_____ Other: _____

C. ERDC Program (Oregon Employment Related Day Care)

8. The ERDC should improve their reimbursement system to remove barriers to participation for parents and providers. _____ Agree

_____ Disagree

_____ No Consensus

_____ Other: _____

D. Evaluation of Program Quality

9. Oregon should fund measures of accountability.

_____ Agree

_____ Disagree

_____ No Consensus

_____ Other: _____

Evaluation results of programs (not individual children) should be made public.

_____ Agree

_____ Disagree

_____ No Consensus

____ Other: _____

E. Space -

11. Buildings that are publicly funded should provide space for childcare

____ Agree

____ Disagree

____ No Consensus

____ Other: _____

12. Facility requirements should be clearly defined to help providers understand and meet regulatory requirements. ____ Agree

____ Disagree

____ No Consensus

____ Other: _____

13. Coaching and technical assistance regarding licensing and certification should be made available to providers.

____ Agree

____ Disagree

____ No Consensus

____ Other: _____

F. Curriculum -

14. Depending on the age of the children served by a program, the Department of Early Learning and Care or the Oregon Department of Education should provide oversight to ensure goals are met.

____ Agree

____ Disagree

____ No Consensus

____ Other: _____

15. Equity, respect, and the needs of diverse cultures should be incorporated into curriculum planning to benefit all children.

____ Agree

____ Disagree

____ No Consensus

____ Other: _____

16. Older youth need to be involved in planning to help them develop independence and responsibility.

____ Agree

____ Disagree

____ No Consensus

____ Other: _____

17. Programs should have a parent advisory council or committee.

- Agree
- Disagree
- No Consensus
- Other: _____

G. Staffing -

18. Licensing of providers and certification of provider staff should be in one state office.

- Agree
- Disagree
- No Consensus
- Other: _____

19. Background checks should be conducted by one state office with an emphasis on efficient and prompt responses. Agree

- Disagree
- No Consensus
- Other: _____

20. Provider staff should be compensated by the provider for training time due to the requirements needed to maintain employment.

- Agree
- Disagree
- No Consensus
- Other: _____

21. Training for provider staff should be offered at a variety of times, at accessible locations or online, and be available in a variety of languages.

- Agree
- Disagree
- No Consensus
- Other: _____

22. Training for provider staff should be free or subsidized.

- Agree
- Disagree
- No Consensus
- Other: _____

23. Oregon should maintain a centralized database of staff applications and records online and accessible to providers statewide.

- Agree
- Disagree
- No Consensus

____ Other: _____

24. When the latest research on curriculum and procedures are available to programs, it should be disseminated to provider staff.

____ Agree

____ Disagree

____ No Consensus

____ Other: _____

25. Credit for certification should be given for work experience comparable to that of care staff who have received a formal education

____ Agree

____ Disagree

____ No Consensus

____ Other: _____

26. There should be equity in salaries between non-school and school employees with the same experience and responsibilities.

____ Agree

____ Disagree

____ No Consensus

____ Other: _____

27. The state of Oregon should provide forgivable loans for students in education majors who work in underserved or high poverty areas.

____ Agree

____ Disagree

____ No Consensus

____ Other: _____