

Child Care Providers

Visit www.oeonline.org/ehcc to download a checklist. Call **503.222.1963 x119** to ask questions about how to become an Eco-Healthy Child Care provider.

Parents

Visit www.oeonline.org/ehcc to find an Eco-Healthy Child Care provider or to download a checklist and encourage your current provider to go eco-healthy.

Our Mission

The **Eco-Healthy Child Care** (EHCC) program helps child care settings be healthy, safe and green. EHCC supports child care providers as they make simple choices that benefit the health and well-being of all children in their care. This program offers free trainings, marketing and an endorsement for child care providers. Learn more today!

The Eco-Healthy Childcare program was developed by the Oregon Environmental Council. The program was the recipient of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's *2006 Children's Environmental Health Excellence Award*.



Eco-Healthy Child Care

For healthier children
and a happier earth.



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Go Green! Be Eco-Healthy.

Child care settings are a home-away-from-home for many children. Providers can take simple steps to make this home happy, healthy, safe and green.

Products such as cleaning supplies, weed killers and certain toys contain chemicals that are linked to health concerns, including asthma, learning disabilities and even cancer. Children are uniquely vulnerable because their bodies and immune systems are still developing. They eat, breathe and drink more pound for pound than adults and also have habits, such as putting objects in their mouths, that increase their exposure to potentially harmful chemicals.

As a child care professional, you play a very important role in keeping kids healthy by preventing their exposure to toxins.



It's simple. Here's how it works:

The Eco-Healthy Child Care program endorses providers who comply with at least 20 of 25 best practice techniques. We offer child care providers free training and free marketing via our website, newsletters and other media outlets. We work hard to get you the credit and support you deserve. We also encourage parents to choose Eco-Healthy Child Care facilities.

Follow these easy steps to get started:

- 1 Request a checklist.**
Call 503.222.1963 x119 or download one at www.oeconline.org/ehcc.
- 2 Review the checklist.**
Call 503.222.1963 x119 to ask questions.
- 3 Complete the checklist.**
Comply with at least 20 of 25 checklist items, including the two required items necessary for endorsement.
- 4 Verify your completed checklist.**
Ask a non-employee witness to confirm the completion of the tasks on your checklist, including the two required items. Make sure the witness co-signs your completed checklist before returning it for endorsement.
- 5 Submit for endorsement.**
Send your verified checklist to:
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Once endorsed, you will receive materials to display your commitment to maintaining an eco-healthy child care facility, including a placard, informative poster and an official letter of endorsement. Endorsed providers are listed on our website, which is visited by thousands of parents each year.