

**FAMILY, FRIEND AND
NEIGHBOR CARE KEEPS
OREGON MOVING**

For many parents in Oregon, Family, Friend and Neighbor (FFN) caregivers are the preferred type of care. Families feel good about the close relationships their children are developing with their caregivers.

Families need this support from friends, family, and neighbors to get to work each day.



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DO YOU CARE FOR THE
CHILDREN OF A FAMILY
MEMBER, FRIEND OR
NEIGHBOR?



**Support is available to help you do
this important job.**

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THANK YOU FOR CARING FOR CHILDREN WE'RE HERE TO HELP

WHO ARE FAMILY, FRIEND, AND NEIGHBOR CAREGIVERS?

You are a large and important group called Family, Friend and Neighbor Caregivers because you care for children who are a part of your extended family, neighborhood, or circle of friends.

Even if you do not get paid for the work you do, you are a part of this group. The time you spend with children everyday is important to the children you care for, their families and our community as a whole.

Your work plays a key role in preparing children for success in school and life.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

Child Care Information Service in partnership with the Department of Human Services is here to help you do your best as a caregiver and to help the children in your care do well. Call CCIS for assistance which may include information on:

- Caring for young children
- Understanding the payment process from DHS—Get your payment faster!
- Working to get your point across to family and friends
- First aid and safety
- Training sessions
- Welcome gift packages

For more information on services available in your area:

**CALL CCIS AT 503-585-2491
OR 1-800-289-5533**

IDEAS FOR ACTIVITIES AND TEACHING TOOLS

Play time helps children learn and gets them ready for success in school. Here are a few tips to help you make the most of your time together.

Infants

Talk to them during diapering and feeding. Visit the library for simple books with bright, colorful designs.

Toddlers

Stack blocks or other toys together, counting as you go. Read together often—ask the children to point to familiar objects such as the baby, house, or dog in the story.

Preschoolers

Read books. Ask the children to guess what will happen next in the story. Have un-lined paper and crayons/markers for creative expression.

School Age Children

Visit libraries. Libraries offer storytelling, live music and kids' movies. It's Free!