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Parent Education Grant Applications for 2026-2027

Below are the links to the 2026-27 Parenting Education Grants

The 2026 2027 Parenting Ed grants are open for applications. You will notice some changes.

- Each series, workshop, or activity will need to have its own application.
- The applications are broken up between Q1-2 and Q3-4
- There are 6 applications to choose from
    - Series Q1-2
    - Series Q3-4
    - Workshop Q1-2
    - Workshop Q3-4
    - Activity Q1-2
    - Activity Q3-4
- Each application will be open from now, February 2026 until the end of their second quarter
    - Q1-2 February 2026 through December 2026
    - Q3-4 February 2026 through May 2027
        - Your greatest opportunity for funding will be to apply now. The grant will stay open for future collaborations and in-the-moment programming. It is important that we meet the families where they are at and when they need us the most. Keeping the grant open allows us to pivot, grow, listen, and respond.
- Funding opportunities have changed
    - DHS is unable to fulfill the second half of the biennium agreement. This has dramatically reduced funding.
        - We will not slow down. We will find a way to support you. Please apply.
        - This will mostly affect families with specific needs and children ages 8-18.
        - Again, this is not to deter you. Those of you who have received DHS funding in the past, your application will look different. We will walk you through it.

- Budgets must be detailed
    - There will be a lesser margin for overhead and materials. The Oregon Parenting Education Collaboration funding is designed for parenting support and not operational support. Parenting support includes materials and facilitation for those who are attending and facilitating.
- Two new requirements have been added to the 2026-2027 grant application
    - Schedule and complete a working meeting with Georgia gsmith@earlylearninghub.org
        - Time slots are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12-4:30 for the entire year.
            - This one-on-one is designed to resolve any issues, snags, barriers, and guarantee you receive a successful award. We can even fill the application out together.
    - Read the OPEC statements of support on their website and acknowledge that you read and understand them
        - Identity and Culture | Oregon Parenting Education Collaborative | College of Health | Oregon State University

I am excited for this year's opportunities. It has been a pleasure meeting all of you. I look forward to spending time creating, celebrating, and learning with you. Please reach out to me and collaborate. I am here to answer your questions and support your teams. gsmith@earlylearninghub.org, 971-718-6330.

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Q1-2

Quarter 1 July-September 2026

Quarter 2 October-December 2026

Q3-4

Quarter 3 January-March 2027

Quarter 4 April-June 2027

Links to the 2026-27 Parenting Education Grants

SERIES/CLASSES

Parenting education series include multi-week programs using a specific parenting education curriculum. The curriculum needs to be known parenting education curricula and should be implemented in its entirety as specified by the creator of the curricula. Examples of series include Make Parenting A Pleasure, Active Parenting, Circle of Security, Nurturing Parenting, Abriento Puertas, Effective Black Parenting, and many others. Feel free to reach out and explore options and ideas.

PARENTING EDUCATION GRANT series Q1-2 2026 – 2027

https://form.jotform.com/260335815348156

PARENTING EDUCATION GRANT series Q3-4 2026 – 2027

https://form.jotform.com/260476101071143

WORKSHOPS

Parent workshops are one time or short-term events targeted at parents that contain an educational component covering special topics or guest speaker presentations.

PARENTING EDUCATION GRANT workshop Q1-2 2026 – 2027

https://form.jotform.com/260476810264154

PARENTING EDUCATION GRANT workshop Q3-4 2026 – 2027

https://form.jotform.com/260476180869165

ACTIVITIES

Parent support activities (no kids) are recurring programs that bring parents together around a common topic or activity. This could include: a series of classes or workshops that have an educational component, play groups, parent/child interaction groups, book clubs, booster sessions, etc. Series that were cancelled or not conducted as specified by curricula creator would also be reported here.

Family activities (kids and community) are one-time social, recreational, or educational events that OPEC sites plan, sponsor, and/or facilitate on behalf of their parenting education and outreach goals. Family Activities are typically targeted at the whole family.

PARENTING EDUCATION GRANT activity Q1-2 2026 – 2027

https://form.jotform.com/260476788493172

PARENTING EDUCATION GRANT activity Q3-4 2026 – 2027

https://form.jotform.com/260476294503156