

# Healthy Eastern Oregon Consortium

## **Project Team:**

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and Early Childhood Partners

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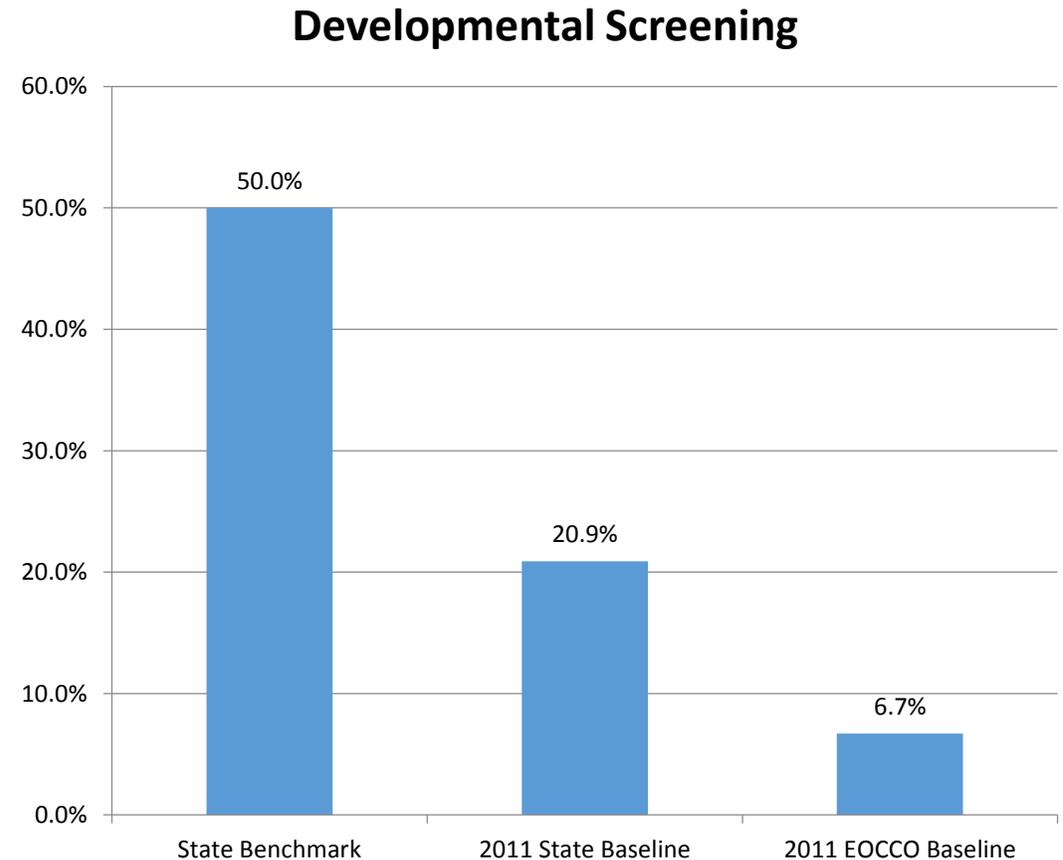
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# Background

- The early identification of developmental delays in young children is a priority for both health care and early learning transformation efforts.
- The EOCCO region baseline for developmental screening rates for children under 36 months of age was much lower than the state baseline.
- A large number of EOCCO counties demonstrate disparities related to low birth weight and maternal risk factors.



# Project goals

**Goal:** Improve Maternal and Child Health Outcomes throughout the region served by the Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization (EOCCO)

## **Objectives:**

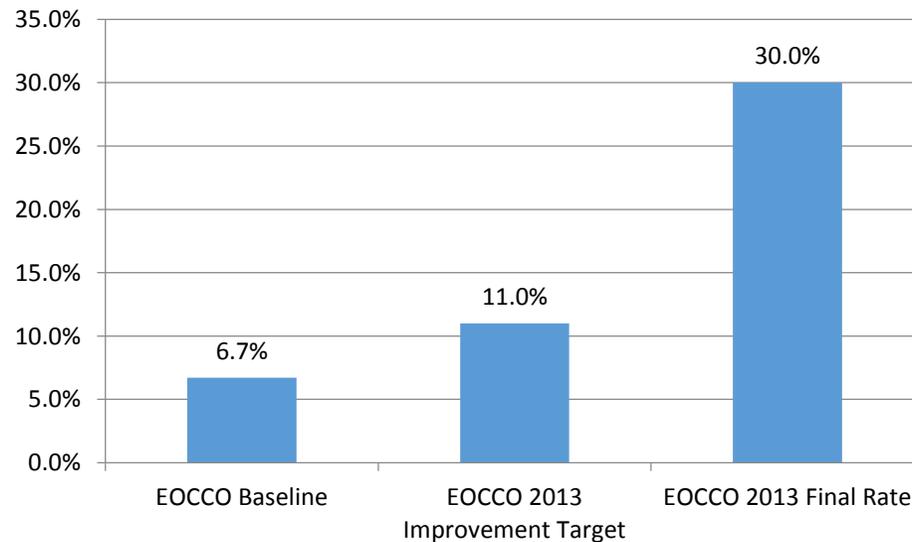
- Increase developmental screening in the first 36 months of life in health systems and community settings to reach the state benchmark of 50% by September 30, 2016
- Establish systems that increase the availability of evidence-based home visiting services for pregnant women and their families by September 30, 2016

# Implementation

- Conducted individual and group outreach to public health, early childhood programs, and medical providers to identify current practices for developmental screening of young children
- Reviewed data to identify counties and medical settings with the lowest developmental screening rates in order to provide targeted support, training and resources
- Identified opportunities to enhance relevant community services
- Convened Public Health Administrators, EOCCO leadership, and key liaisons from the Oregon Health Authority and the Office of Public Health to explore opportunities to enhance nurse home visiting services for medically high risk young children and pregnant women

# Project measures

- Developmental screening rates for children less than 36 months of age as measured by Oregon Health Plan billing data
- EOCCO exceeded 2013 Improvement Targets\*



\*Reflects improvement efforts by EOCCO prior to project implementation.

# Next steps

- Target training and resources for individual community programs and medical providers to reach EOCCO's 2014 Improvement Target of 32% and state benchmark
  - Oregon Pediatric Society consultation
  - Community training and outreach about tools, strategies and resources
- Coordinate local and statewide efforts to enhance developmental screening systems
  - Shared data, workforce development, community services capacity, service integration to address risks correlated with developmental delays
- Identify best practices and enhance capacity of nurse home visiting throughout the region for medically high risk pregnant women and young children through partnerships between public health and EOCCO