

Monthly Director's Report

August 2017



The end of the Hub fiscal year was June 30, 2017, and we were very pleased to be able to provide funding to a large number of agencies and districts in the three counties who used those funds to finance some wonderful projects that are of great value to the families of our region.

An example of the innovative funding concept was the preschool at Waverly Elementary School in Albany. The Albany School District used Hub funding to create the preschool and to fund a bilingual

Family Liaison in the classroom. Lebanon and Sweet Home also opened new preschools, with the help of the local Boys & Girls Club. Other funded partners expanded their home visiting services, began Foster Grandparent programs, helped child care providers to get licensed and work on their star ratings, offered parenting education classes, and trained local physicians on the use of the ASQ. We are so pleased by all of these efforts, and we know that the families of Linn, Benton and Lincoln counties benefitted greatly.

***Thank you for all of your continued good work,
Kristi May, EL Hub Director***

ELC Approves Changes to Hub Metrics

On June 22, 2017, the Measuring Success Committee submitted a recommendation to the Oregon Early Learning Council regarding adopting a new set of “Roles & Indicators” to better reflect the true work of the Early Learning Hubs.

As of August 2, 2017, a draft version of the proposed new Roles and Indicators has been distributed to Hubs, for their review and comment, and then during the 2017-2019 biennium, the ELD will work closely with Hub leaders to develop and establish measurable indicators and data sources that are consistent across all Hubs.

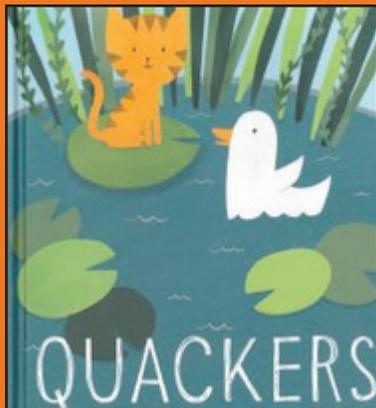
Vroom Case Study

The Oregon Early Learning Division recently featured our Hub as one of two case studies that the State of Oregon would be submitting to the Bezos Family Foundation (Vroom). The case study highlights our local work and results. To view the case study, [click here](#).



JumpStart Read for the Record 2017

The 2017 JumpStart “Read for the Record” campaign will be held on Thursday, October 19, 2017. This year’s book is entitled *Quackers*, a delightful story about a kitten who grows up believing he’s a duck, until the day he meets another kitten.



If you would like to sign up to participate in this year’s reading campaign, please [click here](#), and we will notify you as soon as we have materials and books become available to us.

New EL Hub Program Assistant Hired

The Early Learning Hub has added a new person to their staff: Jennifer Hartsock. Jennifer will be taking over responsibilities from LeAnne, including meeting preparation and administration, Vroom program management, the Jumpstart Read for the Record campaign, and more.

Jennie comes to us from Beaver Beginnings, a preschool in Corvallis, and is eager to meet our partners in the region. If you need to get a hold of Jennie, she can be reached at: jennifer.hartsock@linnbenton.edu or (541) 917-4914.





FIRST ANNUAL EARLY LEARNING HUB CONFERENCE

CONFERENCE INFORMATION:



Friday, Oct. 20, 2017
9:30-3:30pm
LBCC Forum, Albany



Free to Hub partners
Food available on-site
Lots of free parking



Speakers include:
Megan McClelland, OSU
Elizabeth Tremaine, PSU

SUBJECT MATTER:

The Data & Evaluation Work Group will be hosting the First Annual ELH Conference at Linn-Benton Community College in Albany, OR. Based on the Collective Impact Model, this conference strives to create a common understanding of self-regulation, the importance of children's self-regulation skills to their success in kindergarten, and to highlight activities that support the development of self-regulation happening in our region.

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Hub Work Group Updates:



WORK GROUP DAY: The next Hub Work Group Day is scheduled for Thursday, November 9, 2017, at the Newport Public Library. Please plan on attending.



DATA & EVALUATION WORK GROUP: The Data and Evaluation Work Group met on Tuesday, July 11, 2017, at the OSU Extension Service Offices in Newport. The group discussed the upcoming Early Learning Conference (Friday, October 20 on the LBCC Campus), the creation of the first Hub Annual Report, the proposed changes to the Hub Metrics (Roles & Indicators), and a review of the latest 211 quarterly reports.



HEALTH CARE INTEGRATION WORK GROUP: The Health Care Integration Work Group met on Wednesday, July 26, 2017, at the Western Title Building in Newport. The group discussed the ASQ Training and Tracking Initiative and the Pollywog/MailChimp opportunity for communicating health information to families.



EARLY CHILDHOOD COORDINATING COUNCIL: The Early Childhood Coordinating Council met on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at the OSU Extension Service Offices in Newport. The group discussed the need for two new Chairpeople for this committee, the absenteeism problem in our local schools, the HB 3106 Senate Bill, and the new Hub metrics (Roles & Indicators).

Have questions?

Visit the Early Learning Hub website at: <http://lblearlylearninghub.org/>

Early Learning Hub Mission and Vision Statements:

Mission: The Early Learning Hub of Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties brings partners together to increase family stability, improve kindergarten readiness, and ensure service coordination that is equitable and culturally and linguistically competent.

Vision: Our communities provide an easily accessible and collaborative system of support and care for families that help children to grow up safe, nurtured, healthy, and ready for school and life.