

# Monthly Director's Report

## November 2017



Early  
Learning **Hub**

of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties



Here at the LBCC campus, all the trees are changing colors. As we get closer to Thanksgiving and Christmas, we're paying close attention to children and families who might need some extra help this holiday season.

We compiled a resource guide for the holidays for Linn, Benton & Lincoln counties. This includes free Thanksgiving and Christmas meals, as well as free food and gift baskets. The resource guide is posted on the Early Learning Hub, Parenting Success Network, and Pollywog Facebook pages. Linn-Benton Community College is also hosting a food drive until

November 16 for in-need staff and students. We encourage you to donate money or food if you can. We are excited that so many people in our community are dedicated to helping children and families in-need have good company and a full belly during the holidays.

We want to remind you that the Hub office is closed Thursday and Friday, November 23rd and 24th, for Thanksgiving. We will reopen on the following Monday, November 27th.

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

# EL Hub Conference Success!

We are excited to say that our First Annual Early Learning Hub Conference was a huge success! We had nearly 200 people attend the conference and six wonderful speakers who shared informative presentations and ideas to take back to our partner agencies and schools.

We are very grateful to the Data & Evaluation Work Group that turned this vision into a reality; the many departments at LBCC for the wonderful venue, food, and parking; the many volunteers who gave up their time to assist with registration and a bunch of other needed supports; and finally the EL Hub staff who always come together at crunch time to make sure we provide the best possible experience for our partners.

Our post-conference survey offered key information for planning our next annual conference. We appreciate your feedback and look forward to seeing you next year.

# JumpStart Numbers Rolling In

As numbers continue to roll in from the 35 partner agencies that participated in this year's *Read for the Record* campaign, we distributed a total of 179 books in both English and Spanish to 125 classrooms throughout our three county region.

Partner's estimated reaching approximately 1832 children this year. We are excited awaiting to know if the world record was broken this time around.



JUMPSTART'S READ FOR THE RECORD®  
— THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2017 —

Join us on October 19, 2017 to be part of the world's largest shared reading experience—bringing together over 2 million people each year across the United States! If you wish to participate, please contact the Early Learning Hub at (541) 917-4914. Deadline to participate is 10/17/17.



# Funded Partners Meeting

We scheduled a mandatory meeting for November 3rd for all funded partners due to the difficulty with deadlines and reporting during the last biennium. This will be an opportunity for all contractors to ask questions and to learn more about their contracted obligations.

We asked each agency to bring up to three representatives including a fiscal representative, a program representative, and the signing authority.

All funded agencies sent representation, and we appreciate your dedication and participation.



# Pollywog Updates

We had a Partners' meeting October 27th, and the partners discussed how the closed loop referral process will work, and provided suggestions for topics for additional information campaigns to Pollywog families.

We have sent out several information campaigns to Pollywog families. Topics covered include Into to Vroom, Live and Learn with your Baby and Library story times. We have asked partners for suggestions for future topics.

We will also be using the Pollywog referral system as a resource used as a part of a new state grant we have aimed at supporting pregnant and parenting students at LBCC, or planning to start at LBCC.

We are reviewing the protocols and permissions to make sure they are compliant with HIPAA and FERPA.

# Hub Work Group Updates:



**WORK GROUP DAY:** The Hub Work Group met on Thursday, November 9, 2017 to discuss individual work group updates, including the 2017-2019 Work Plans and publication of the Annual Report & Fact Sheets. Our next Hub Work Group Day is scheduled for Thursday, February 8, 2018. Please plan on attending.



**DATA & EVALUATION WORK GROUP:** The Data & Evaluation Work Group met on Tuesday, October 10, 2017, and presented the Targeted Funds Equity Assessment Tracking document, and reviewed Risk Analysis for Below Average Kindergarten Assessment Scores (by elementary school) and the 2-1-1 Data Review for EL Hub Application.



**HEALTH CARE INTEGRATION WORK GROUP:** The Health Care Integration Work Group met on Wednesday, October 25, 2017. The group welcomed Madeleine Sprague to the Co-Chair Position and revised the OPIP Medical Decision Tree, Early Childhood Decision Tree, and Parent Referral page for medical providers.



**EARLY CHILDHOOD COORDINATING COUNCIL:** The Early Childhood Coordinating Council didn't meet in October. The Joint Preschool Application meeting and Early Childhood Workforce Training Coordination meeting will be held on November 16, 2017, at the City Council Chambers at Philomath City Hall. Please plan on attending.



**PARENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE:** The Parenting Engagement Committee met on Tuesday, October 24, 2017. The group discussed the National Governors Association (NGA) and the Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP) community consultation in Lincoln County and immunizations adopted from Health Care Integration. We said farewell to Shirley Blake.

## 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.