

Pollywog Update

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Baby Blast 2018

Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital hosted its 4th Annual Baby Blast on Thursday, February 22, 2018, from 1-3:00pm. The event is intended to combine the fun of a baby shower with free health checks for your baby, as well as prizes and snacks. There were giveaways and opportunities to meet representatives from numerous service organizations throughout Linn County, such as Family Tree Relief Nursery, the Lebanon Public Library, Kidco Early Head Start, the Early Learning Hub, Linn County Public Health, WIC, the Parenting Success Network, Samaritan Health Services, Capitol Dental, and many more!

Pollywog had a table at the event, and handed out stuffed Pollywog frogs, pens, and materials related to the program. In addition, those new mothers who signed

up for Pollywog were given a Pollywog onesie and refrigerator magnet. We were very pleased when eight new moms signed up at the event! This is an ideal event for us to demonstrate what we can do for a new family, and we were pleased to be invited to participate.



What's Happening

- ✓ The next Pollywog Partner Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, April 19, 2018, from 9-10:30am, in LM-115 at the Luckiamute Center on the LBCC campus. A calendar invitation will be going out soon. We will be discussing: how the referral process is going, the status of a HIPAA/FERPA PowToon, the training schedule, and a review of the expansion plans into the Lebanon community. Please plan on joining us.
- ✓ Currently there are 268 families in the Pollywog database, and over 30 prenatal and parenting classes a month are available for registration.

Pollywog Expanding into East Linn County

We are nearing the completion of our pilot roll-out at Samaritan Albany General Hospital, and that means that we will be moving on to the next hospital on the list: Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital (SLCH). The Maternity Care Coordinator at SLCH is Laurie Barajas, and we have received a list from her of agencies that she regularly refers to, so we will be starting to contact those agencies in the next few weeks.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with agencies that we are not very familiar with, and we are looking forward to making some new friends and strengthening our bonds with those old friends that we have been worked with in the past.

Please let us know if you would like to meet with us, if you don't hear from us directly. We welcome any opportunity to add partners to Pollywog.

Pollywog Presentations

On Thursday, March 8, Pollywog staff were invited to make a presentation at

the Samaritan Coordinated Care meeting held at Samaritan Albany General Hospital. The group consisted of Care Coordinators from across the three counties, from a large variety of medical specialties.

The group was very attentive and interested in our subject matter, and most of the attendees had never heard of Pollywog, or what we have to offer their patients. We handed out Pollywog literature and materials, and offered to provide additional information to anyone interested.



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