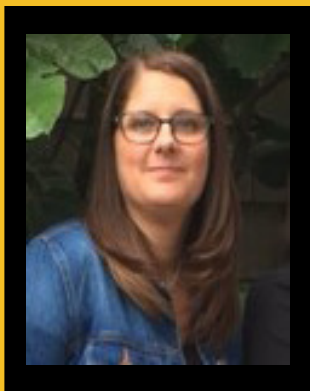


Monthly Director's Report

April 2018



The Early Learning Hub is coordinating efforts for a shared Equity Training for all Early Learning Division contractors in our three county region.

We began discussions with the facilitator regarding the two required components of service equity and educational equity. We are excited that everything is coming together for a high-quality training for all of our regional partners on this important topic.

Our goal will be to set aside priority registration for ELD contractors and then open registration to our community partners until space is filled.

We are working with partners in Lincoln county to live-stream the training so everyone can participate without the additional drive time. This will also greatly increase our capacity.

This collaboration allows us to share the cost of this required training between agencies, reducing the burden on smaller contractors and increasing the quality for one large event.

Currently, our tentative date is August 3, 2018 at Linn-Benton Community College with the Lincoln county location to be determined. Please save the date. We look forward to your participation.

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

Ross Thompson, President of Zero to Three



The Parenting Success Network is hosting a National Speaker event with Ross Thompson, President of Zero to Three.

This event is suitable for a global audience of parents, professionals, and community members.

During his talk, Thompson will build a bridge between knowledge of the brain's explosive development during the first two years and the everyday experience of babies and toddlers. He will explore the practical implications for those who work with children from birth to age five and their families.

The Early Learning Hub plans to provide Vroom and Pollywog information and materials before the event.

The presentation is about 60-75 minutes in length with a Q&A to follow.

Monday, May 21, 2018
6:30 to 8:00PM
Tripp Theater
Linn-Benton Community College

Data & Evaluation Work Group Data Book

At the Governing Board meeting and retreat in March, the Data & Evaluation Work Group presented their current outline for our regional Data Book.

This Data Book will present various health, education, social, and economic factors of our region's children ages 0 – 6 years. This will include census demographic data, kindergarten assessment and 3rd grade reading scores, SPARK/early learning data, and other data related to kindergarten readiness and social determinants of health. In addition, narrative summaries aim to further explain the meaning and significance of the data.

This Data Book is inspired by the Central Oregon Regional Health Assessment and intended to support data informed decision-making by the Governing Board.

Pollywog Parent Blog: The Parent Voice



The Pollywog website has a new feature: *The Parent Voice*, a bi-weekly blog written by our very own Shirley Blake.

Yes, she is back, and we're so excited!

Previously, the Pollywog website offered resources and classes for parents and children. We thought about how to make the website more personable and asked Shirley to contribute her knowledge as a parent in a bi-weekly blog. Topics will mirror content written in the Pollywog Parent Newsletter, but instead of local and national facts, she will offer her own experiences, thoughts, trials, and accomplishments. The blog is also available in Spanish.

Hub Work Group Updates:



WORK GROUP DAY: Our next Hub Work Group Day is scheduled for Thursday, February 8, 2018. Please plan on attending.



P-3 ALIGNMENT WORK GROUP: The P-3 Alignment Work Group met on Friday, April 13, 2018. Gwyn Bachtle, the Preschool Promise Program Coordinator from the Early Learning Division, talked about Preschool Promise. Our next meeting is TBD.



DATA & EVALUATION WORK GROUP: The Data & Evaluation Work Group met on Friday, March 16, 2018. We discussed kindergarten assessment and 3rd grade reading scores and our regional data book outline. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 26, 2018. Please plan on attending.



HEALTH CARE INTEGRATION WORK GROUP: The Health Care Integration Work Group met on Wednesday, March 21, 2018. We discussed drafting the Medical Decision Tree referral and Parent Letter that for guiding physicians in referring children at-risk to community resources, as well as next steps in immunization awareness and implementation. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 25, 2018. Please plan on attending.



EARLY CHILDHOOD COORDINATING COUNCIL: The Early Childhood Coordinating Council met on Friday, March 16, 2018. We discussed Pollywog analytics, the upcoming regional equity training, and the upcoming P-3 Alignment Work Group meeting with Gwyn Bachtle. Our next meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2018. Please plan on attending.



PARENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE: The Parenting Engagement Committee didn't meet in March. The coordinator position is now listed as "open until filled." Please refer any potential candidates to <https://www.jobs.linnbenton.edu/postings/7256>.

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.