

Healthy Beginnings and Healthy Communities One-Year Work Plan (12/3/2014)

Activities	Timeline	Person/Partner Responsible	Documentation	Completion Date	Estimated Cost
<p>1. Review available qualitative data to better understand local needs of diverse communities, including recent community needs assessments and improvement plans (United Way and county and CCO community health assessment (CHA) and community health improvement plan (CHIP)</p>		<p>Benton County Health Department and the IHN CCO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IHN CCO CHIP 2014 		
<p>2. Inventory and update partners with demonstrated and credible capacity to engage parents/families in services and/or program planning and evaluation activities</p>		<p>Lynn</p>			
<p>3. Convene these parent/family liaisons through a Family/Community Engagement Leadership Team to oversee and provide input into project activities, facilitated by the EL Hub Coordinator with technical assistance provided by the EL Hub Data and Evaluation Team</p>		<p>Kristi</p>			
<p>4. Conduct needs assessment among target communities (focus groups, surveys, parent cafes, community input sessions) facilitated by parent family liaison partners. Provide stipends to support integration of new assessment activities into existing outreach and reduce barriers to participation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Contact Marion County Early Learning Hub, Inc. (Lisa Harnisch) regarding shared towns: Mill City, Gates and Idanaha b. Work with Benton County Health Department regarding the current CHA/CHIP c. Consider Community Assessment Mapping process 		<p>HB+HC Scoping Committee (Name?)</p>			

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d. Check with Data & Evaluation Committee for further suggestions					
5. Review best practices for parent/family community engagement and leadership development and identify models that align well with local and regional needs, assets and partner capacity		Family/Community Engagement Leadership Team			
6. Identify strategies that increase input and engagement of parents/families through a variety of mechanisms in EL Hub planning, decision making, implementation and evaluation activities		Family/Community Engagement Leadership Team			
7. Develop a 5-year training and capacity building plan that identifies strategies for engaging and retaining parent/family leaders and addresses geographic, cultural and linguistic barriers		Family/Community Engagement Leadership Team			
8. Begin identifying parents for leadership roles across partner agencies and in the EL Hub governance structure to inform implementation of the EL Hub strategic plan		?			
9. Summarize and share recommendations and capacity building plan with key stakeholders, including EL Hub governance Committee and Backbone Alliance, IHN-CCO Community Advisory Council(s), Regional Healthy Communities Steering Committee, and Health Equity Alliance, among others		Kristi			

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LBCC Part of Healthy Communities Grant Initiative

The Northwest Health Foundation has awarded \$750,000 in grant funds to 25 communities in Oregon and Southwest Washington as part of its Healthy Beginnings+Healthy Communities Initiative.

Launched in 2014, the initiative will support community-led efforts to improve health from birth to high school by 2020.

The Linn Benton Lincoln Early Learning Hub, coordinated by Linn-Benton Community College, will receive \$30,000 from the initiative to help create an accessible and collaborative system of support and care for families and children in Linn, Benton and Lincoln counties.

“Birth, kindergarten readiness, and high school readiness are critical stages in building lifelong health and family prosperity,” said NWHF President and CEO Nichole June Maher. “Through the Healthy Beginnings+Healthy Communities Initiative, NWHF will help communities improve health during these crucial years.”

Through their partner organizations, the Linn Benton Lincoln Early Learning Hub is working to develop capacity and infrastructure to help local parents and families most impacted by educational and health inequities in our communities.

Early Learning Hub partners include: Casa Latinos Unidos de Benton County and Organización Latinas Unidas; Corvallis MultiCultural Literacy Center; Old Mill Center; Iglesia Emanuel; St. Mary’s Catholic Church and Strengthening Rural Families; (Linn County) Greater Albany Public School District’s Welcome Center/Centro de Bienvenida; Oregon State University-Extension’s Poder Comunitaria/Familias Activas Program; Harrisburg Actively Reaching Together Family Resource Center; St. Mary’s Catholic Church and the Family Tree Relief Nursery; and (Lincoln County) Centro de Ayuda; Coastal Families Together; Yachats Youth and Family Activities Program; and Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians.

The grant also will support activities for communities to apply for a multi-year partnership in late 2015.

The Northwest Health Foundation seeks to advance, support and promote health in Oregon and Southwest Washington by providing grants for initiatives, forming partnerships with health and community leaders, and advocating for policy change. More information can be found at www.northwesthealth.org.

For more information on the Linn Benton Lincoln Early Learning Hub, visit the web site at <http://lblearlylearninghub.weebly.com/>.