

Linn Benton Lincoln Home Visiting System and Healthy Families Agenda

April 24th, 2:00-4:00pm, Newport Public Library, McEntee Room, 35 NW Nye Street, Newport, OR

Meeting goals:

- Develop a shared understanding of parameters and expectations from the state.
- Identify the strengths and needs of Lincoln County and the home visiting system.
- Identify collective strategies to support children, families and partners in Lincoln County.
- Outline questions and next steps to address going forward.

Topic
Welcome, introductions and agenda review
Identify questions and areas for clarification and discussion with Erin <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How can new H.F. mandates co-exist with the broad ways that we already serve vulnerable families?• What are the gaps identified in Lincoln for 0-3 and Kindergarten readiness.• What is the referral community process and coordination with community partners?



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- Is H.F. a mandate? *Yes, if there are state funds and there currently are state funds.*
- If a mandate, does Parents as Teachers fulfill the mandate? *No.*
- How is Pollywog involved – what is this timeline and how does it integrate with the timeline of H.F.?
- Do parents feel like they have multiple choices?
- How can Lincoln realize full benefit of H.F. program?
- State’s view of the role of the EL Hub in H.F.?
- What are the set in stone mandates vs. flexibility for H.F.?
- Is there now or concern in future for duplication for the home visiting system?
- Will H.F. consider changing some requirements? Are the enrollment requirements? If not, can we have a concerted effort to ensure families are served throughout home visiting network?
20% of children can be enrolled after the 3month requirement.
- If H.F. is to be sustainable, how many families does it need to serve in Lincoln? *Community informs this and generally 1 caseworker serves 20 families.*
- What was the perspective of the state when relinquishing contract of Lincoln?
- What happened during the end of the contract? *The state wanted and wants H.F. in Lincoln, the National accreditation occurring at the time reduced flexibility. The state mandates in statute to have services in every county if funds are available and funding is available. If old Mill can’t serve region, DAS has said that they will need to reopen the RFP.*



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- Data shared about Lincoln HV:
 - in 15/16 there were 423 births and 285 served by at least 1 home visit for a 69.7% penetration rate
 - in July-Feb of this year there were 247 births to date and 186 women served for a 75.3% penetration rate.
 - The goal is 80% penetration rate.
 - Parents as Teachers has a 50 caseload per caseworker. Currently 40 families are being served. PAT is still building up data.

Discussion with Erin Deahn regarding parameters and expectations from the State

Assets/strengths if H.F were in Lincoln

- Broad array of services
- Multiple choices for Latino families
- Many doors to enter home visiting system
- High level of services for families

Risks:

- H.F. is more restrictive
- Pressures and requirements – competition for families and fragmented services



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- Too many options – service burnout
- Old Mill contract for Linn/Benton county at risk
- Can't get enough families for home visiting/ more services offered than needed
- Is it cost effective

Next steps:

- Erin will follow up if there is any flexibility for a waiver to the mandate
- Rebecca and/or Cheryl will reach out to the ELD Director to assess if a waiver to the mandate is possible
- The EL Hub agreed to organize the group again once information is confirmed from the State. If HF is required, the question above will be worked through with a focus on identifying how the referral and home visiting system will work in the county.



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