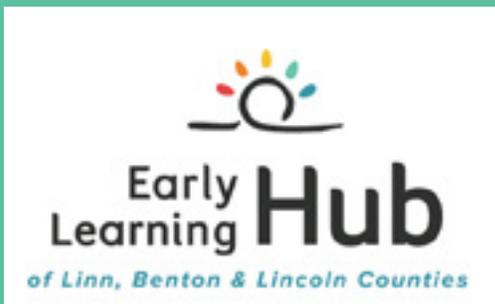


Monthly Director's Report

December 2017



As discussed at the December Governing Board meeting, we're excited to get our Annual Reports and Fact Sheets into the hands of partner agencies and Oregon representatives. We're very grateful for all the hard work everyone has put forward and believe this report represents that work well.

We published our holiday resource guide on Pollywog, the Parenting Success Network, and the corresponding Facebook pages so children and families in-need can enjoy Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner, gifts, and food baskets.

Please keep in mind that most Hub staff are traveling the week before Christmas (December 18th — 22nd), and our office is officially closed December 25th — January 1st for winter break.

We're excited to return and get to work in the new year. This includes our Governing Board full-day retreat in Newport, of course! See you all after the holidays.

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

Work Group Day Recap

At the November Work Group meeting, representatives presented updates from each of the Hub Work Groups.

The ECCC continues to draft a joint application to provide parents with all preschool opportunities, as well as discuss models/approaches that support children's social and emotional development.

Health Care and Integration continues to draft the Medical Decision Tree referral and Parent Letter that incorporates ASQ results in guiding physicians toward referring children at-risk to community resources.

Data & Evaluation is creating a Targeted Funds Equity Assessment Tracking document that includes all four quarters for Hub sub-contracts and regional demographic data.

Our next Hub Work Group Day is scheduled for Thursday, February 8, 2018. We hope to see you

Parent Engagement Coordinator Position

As you know, Shirley Blake's resignation as the EL Hub PEC was announced at our last board meeting.

When this partnership was created, we felt that being able to offer full-time employment for two part-time shared positions would be more desirable.

However, after careful discussion with Shirley and Old Mill Center, we determined that a part-time (.51) position, with benefits at LBCC is more desirable than a full-time position without those same benefits.

As we move forward, Hub staff and the Governing Board will reevaluate the position in order to include travel benefits that allows the employee to connect with similar positions throughout our region.

Vroom Wraps Up with Great Success!

The Hub has worked with Vroom and the Early Learning Division for two years, first as a pilot and now as their information hub for our region.

Vroom and the Hub provided partner agencies and businesses with tip cards, flyers, stickers, posters, etc. that primarily targeted new parents. Many families love the Frisbees, teddy bears, and reusable bags we personally created.

We distributed about 12,000 materials and served over 2,000 families over the duration of our contract.

We are very excited about the new text tip cards that allow parents to easily access Vroom without an app.

With the new text tip cards, we gained the attention of more partners who requested at least 150 text tip cards (English and Spanish).

Annual Report and Fact Sheets

We are excited to present our first Annual Report for the Early Learning Hub of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties.

Inside, you will find data and narratives highlighting the coordination between our early learning partners in the areas of health, safety, and education in the FY 2016-2017.

We value our funded partners that continue to excel in serving young children and families furthest from opportunity. We're excited to present our combined efforts and successes in this annual report.

Please feel free to suggest contacts to Hub staff. Also, please let Hub staff know if you need reports and fact sheets. We will provide reports and fact sheets at the Board retreat.

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: Our next P-3 Alignment Work Group is scheduled for Friday, February 9, 2018. Please plan on attending.



DATA & EVALUATION WORK GROUP: The Data & Evaluation Work Group met on Tuesday, November 14, 2017. We discussed updating the Hub website with unambiguous document titles, creating a data book specific to our region that can be updated annually, and wrapping up the first annual conference surveys.



HEALTH CARE INTEGRATION WORK GROUP: The Health Care Integration Work Group met on Wednesday, November 29, 2017. 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.



EARLY CHILDHOOD COORDINATING COUNCIL: The Early Childhood Coordinating Council didn't meet in November; however, the Joint Preschool Application Sub-group and Early Childhood Workforce Training Coordination Sub-group met on Thursday, November 16, 2017. We discussed designing a models/approaches matrix to help community partners support children's social and emotional development.



PARENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE: The Parenting Engagement Committee didn't meet in November. Moving forward, the Board voted unanimously to reclassify the full-time shared position between the Hub and Old Mill Center as a part time (.51) position with benefits at LBCC.

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.