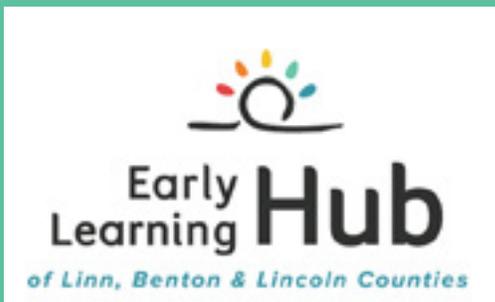


Monthly Director's Report

March 2018



The Hub office is getting busy! We just had our Governing Board retreat and meeting in Newport where we prioritized capacity building and technical assistance as criteria for defining an investment approach and grant application process for potential new sub-contractors. The Funding Committee is excited to present our next steps to the Governing Board in April.

We are also excited about the RHIC going live on March 20th. At that point, our partners will get their ASQs into the hands of medical providers, which will then be stored in our Pollywog database, and Pollywog will move to Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital (SLCH) and out of our pilot roll-out stage.

In addition, Hub staff have scheduled several Pollywog presentations throughout Oregon. We are presenting to the Central Oregon Hub about replicating the Pollywog model, presenting to Department of Human Services in Newport and Albany on inputting clients and utilizing referrals, and providing Pollywog and Vroom materials at the Annual Regional Community Health Summit in Lebanon. Stay tuned – things are moving fast!

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

Governing Board Retreat + Meeting

The March Governing Board Retreat + Meeting was held on March 1st at Clearwater Restaurant in Newport. We enjoyed coffee while discussing our regional Data Book outline presented by the Data & Evaluation Work Group, criteria to guide our investment approach, and determining an investment approach and policy process.

During lunch, Board members had a chance to network and visit before Neighbors for Kids presented their after-school and summer programs for Lincoln County children and youth. We heard about the LBL-ESD Data Work Group, moved forward in discussion items, and had some time to visit before heading home.

We are grateful to the Board and our facilitator, Heidi McGowan, for such a productive gathering.



ECCE + P-3 Work Group Meeting

The Early Childhood Coordinating Council and the P-3 Alignment Work Group will meet to discuss becoming Preschool Promise ready should additional funding come available.

Gwyn Bachtle, the Preschool Promise Program Coordinator from the Early Learning Division, will talk about Preschool Promise requirements, community readiness, and lessons learned from the first year of implementation.

If Board members have specific questions they would like to ask during Gwyn's presentation, please email Hub staff with the subject: Preschool Promise Questions.

Please plan to join us April 13th. Location TBD.

Baby Blast! Success

The Hub participated in The 6th Annual Baby Blast at Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital. This year, we handed out Vroom and Pollywog materials (including our beloved plush bears and frogs) to local families and their babies.

We also networked with agencies in our region, gathered resources for future Pollywog parent newsletters, and enjoyed browsing the many great resources, supports, and services across our three counties.



Hub Work Group Updates:



WORK GROUP DAY: Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 10, 2018 at Philomath City Hall, Philomath. Please plan on attending.



P-3 ALIGNMENT WORK GROUP: The P-3 Alignment Work Group met Friday, February 9, 2018. We brainstormed challenges in our work experience. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2018 in the LBCC Luckiamute Building, LM-115, Albany. Please plan on attending.



DATA & EVALUATION WORK GROUP: The Data & Evaluation Work Group met on Friday, February 16, 2018. We discussed kindergarten assessment results and our regional data book outline. Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 16, 2018. Please plan on attending.



HEALTH CARE INTEGRATION WORK GROUP: The Health Care Integration Work Group met on Wednesday, February 28, 2018. We discussed the OPIP Medical Decision Tree and Parent Referral page, as well as immunization awareness materials. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 21, 2018. Please plan on attending.



EARLY CHILDHOOD COORDINATING COUNCIL: The Early Childhood Coordinating Council met on Friday, February 16, 2018. We discussed sub-committee reports, equity training, and ELD updates. Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 16, 2018. Please plan on attending.



PARENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE: The Parent Engagement Committee didn't meet in February. Please share the open position listing with your colleagues.

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.