

Pollywog Partner Update

In the past few weeks, the Pollywog Staff have been very busy meeting with potential new partners, giving presentations to agencies and committees that have an interest in Pollywog, getting Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) and Pollywog Protocols signed, and training staff members of our new partners. We are very pleased with how this is going, but realize that we haven't been as forthcoming as we should have been with the status of all of these activities with our partners. So, the following is a breakdown of where we are with our partners and potential partners:

Partners who have signed MOUs and have staff trained to work in Pollywog:

Family Tree Relief Nursery
Old Mill Center / Healthy Families
Old Mill Center / Preschool & Counseling
Samaritan Albany General Hospital

What's Happening

- ✓ The next Pollywog Partner Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, June 21, 2018, from 9-10:30am, in LM-130 at the Luckiamute Center on the LBCC campus. A calendar invitation will be sent out this week to the listserv. We will be discussing: how the referral process is going, the final version of the HIPAA/FERPA PowToon, the status of the ASQ/RHIC Collaboration Pilot, and a review of the expansion plans into the Lebanon community. Please plan on joining us.
- ✓ Currently there are 389 individuals in the Pollywog database, and 40 prenatal, parenting education, and children's activities are available for registration.

Linn County Health Department
Family Connections
Kidco Head Start

Partners waiting to sign MOUs:
Women, Infants & Children (WIC)
Community Services Consortium
Early Intervention
OR Department of Human Services

Partners waiting for training:
Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital

Potential Partners to meet with:
Helping Hands
Hope Center
Sweet Home Pregnancy Center
Lebanon Pregnancy Alternative Center
River Center

We are currently working to set-up a Community Meeting at Samaritan Lebanon General Hospital, with the help of Laurie Barajas, to introduce Pollywog to the community and to solicit partners.



Upcoming Pollywog Events

The Pollywog staff has had our brand in front of the public at every event possible in the last few weeks, and we are happy that we are down to the last few scheduled, at this point.

On June 12, we will be attending the "Innovation Cafe: Strategies for Improving Children's Health" at the Salem Convention Center. Several months ago we were invited to submit a presentation proposal, and we were one of the lucky few selected to present. Kristi Collins, Julie Manning (from Samaritan Health), and LeAnne Trask will be making three presentations, each 27 minutes long.



Update on The Parent Voice Blog

The new Parent Voice blog is gaining momentum and lots of new readers. In Shirley's latest blog, she talks about feeding her family and trying to combine the styles and tastes of each family member, while still serving nutritious and appropriate menus—something that all parents can relate to!

Her latest blog, posted on May 21, has some VERY good Google Analytics: 88 views on Facebook with 1 share, 21 views on the Pollywog website. Good work, Shirley!

Pollywog Parent Newsletter

The next version of the Parent Newsletter is scheduled to be released on Friday, June 1. June's topic is "National Summer Safety Month", and the newsletter will address summer safety issues that occur in our area, such as water safety, sunscreen dos and don'ts, and "Safety Towns" that are being held in your area. These are important topics, and we hope that our families are able to make use of the many local resources that are available to them..

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