

The Pollywog “Parent Voice” Gains Traction

We are happy to report that the Pollywog Blog, “The Parent Voice”, has been gaining momentum in the last few weeks. To date we have posted five blogs--in English and Spanish--on the Pollywog website. We have also “pushed” the posts to the Pollywog Facebook page as well.

We are happy to report that the blogs have been getting exceptionally good Google Analytics numbers, and we have seen a large spike in our readership on the day's that the blog is published.

If you haven't taken the opportunity to read one of the blog posts, please remedy that! Each blog follows the Parent Newsletter monthly theme, and we are delighted with Shirley Blake's success.

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 has been sent out 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 411 individuals in the Pollywog database, 32 prenatal, parenting education, and children's activities available, and 14 eReferrals have been made.



The Innovation Cafe

On Tuesday, June 12, members of the Pollywog staff and Julie Manning, from Samaritan Health Services, will be attending the “Innovation Cafe” as presenters. We will be giving three 27-minute presentations entitled “Pollywog - Prenatal and Parental Support”.

The Oregon Health Authority is hosting the event, and we were invited to participate. Those attending the event are a mix of individuals and agencies from around the state, and the focus of the event is “Strategies for Improving Children's Health.” -- Wish us luck!

Changes to Pollywog Friday Update

Since March 1, 2017, the Pollywog staff have been sending out a bi-weekly "Friday Update" to keep the Pollywog partners current on what is happening, where we are headed, and who is at the table with us. This is issue #27.



At our last Pollywog Management Meeting we discussed cutting back on these Updates, to once a month instead of twice. Things are not changing as fast as they were initially, and it is a very time-consuming process to create each newsletter. So, the next Friday Update that you receive will be on July 12 (LBCC is closed on Friday's for the summer). We still intend to be forthcoming and transparent, but we also need to recognize our capacity.

Pollywog Training Update

In order to help our partners keep up-to-date with the status of other partners, we have decided to create a section in each Friday Update that gives a quick rundown on where partners are in the on-boarding process, and who is available to refer to right now:

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
Linn County Health Department
Family Connections
Kidco Head Start

Partners waiting for training:

Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital

Partners waiting to sign MOUs:

Women, Infants & Children (WIC)
Community Services Consortium
Early Intervention
OR Department of Human Services
GAPS/Welcome Center

We will be making this information a regular offering to our readers.

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