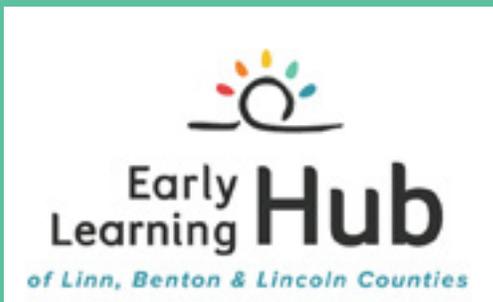


# Monthly Director's Report

## June 2018



Summer term is here at Linn-Benton Community College, and we are loving the warm weather and three-day weekends.

Pollywog representatives are currently training partner agencies on ASQ Online, the database system for uploading ASQs and referring children. So far, LeAnne and Jennie have trained Old Mill Center and their Relief Nursery; they will work with Family Tree Relief Nursery next.

The East Linn County Pollywog Community Partner Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 26th, and we are thrilled that several agencies and community members that serve early childhood needs will be attending. Pollywog representatives will be discussing the details of the program, how the pilot project has worked in Albany, what we have been able to accomplish, and our goals for expansion into East Linn county. If you are interested in connecting with other agencies in the early learning field, we invite you to RSVP.

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

# Shirley Blake returns as Parent Engagement Coordinator



The Hub is excited to welcome back Shirley. She believes in high quality living for all, and she is passionate about education and health prevention.

She is grateful to be a part of the Hub to continue the work of sustaining creating opportunities for every community throughout the region.

Shirley is fluent in English and Spanish.

When not working, Shirley enjoys family time, running, reading, and the outdoors. She lives in rural Benton County with her husband, two sons, and their dogs.

# Service and Educational Equity Trainings

All ELD contractors are required to complete either a Service Equity or an Educational Equity training prior to August 31, 2018.

The Hub is hosting these trainings on August 3rd in the Commons Cafeteria at Linn-Benton Community College.

The trainer is Javier Cervantes, the Director of Institutional Equity and Student Engagement at LBCC. Javier has provided equity training for Hub staff in the past.

Several food trucks will offer morning coffee and treats, a variety of lunch options, and afternoon refreshments. We look forward to you attending.

# Bill Bouska Presents CCO 2.0

Bill Bouska, the Director of Government Affairs and Community Solutions, presented CCO 2.0 to the EL Hub Governing Board, which intends to improve health care coverage for Oregon Health Plan clients.

Governor Kate Brown identified four priority improvement areas that informed the CCO policy options:

- Maintain sustainable cost growth.
- Increase value-based payments that pay for performance.
- Focus on social determinants of health and equity.
- Improve the behavioral health system.

The Oregon Health Policy Board will adopt final recommendations this fall.

# Innovation/Planning Grants

The Hub received the following applications for the targeted investment strategy allocation:

- United Way
- SMART
- Old Mill Center
- Neighbors for Kids
- Yachats Youth and Family Activities Program
- The Olalla Center for Children and Families
- Hearts with a Mission

In June, the Board voted unanimously to approve these letters of interest. We are excited about these new and innovative projects and look forward to their fruition.

# Hub Work Group Updates:



**WORK GROUP DAY:** The Hub Work Group Day met on Thursday, May 10, 2018. We discussed completed and ongoing work in each work group. Our next Hub Work Group day is scheduled for Thursday, August 9, 2018.



**P-3 ALIGNMENT WORK GROUP:** The P-3 Alignment Work Group met on Friday, June 8, 2018. We discussed Preschool Promise, KPI projects, and State updates, including ELC strategic planning, the community engagement session, and the Hub site visit. Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 14, 2018.



**DATA & EVALUATION WORK GROUP:** The Data & Evaluation Work Group met on Tuesday, July 10, 2018. We discussed KA/3rd grade reading scores and moving forward with our regional data book. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 23, 2018. For the next several months, this work group is focusing on completing the regional data book.



**HEALTH CARE INTEGRATION WORK GROUP:** The Health Care Integration Work Group met on Wednesday, June 27, 2018. We discussed strategies to improve immunization rates, ideas for immunization education, and the OPIP medical decision tree and parent letter. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 25, 2018.



**EARLY CHILDHOOD COORDINATING COUNCIL:** The Early Childhood Coordinating Council met on Friday, June 15, 2018. We discussed sub-committee updates, the regional equity training, OCCC ECE certification, and ELD/ELC updates. Kristi will send out a doodle poll to determine our summer meeting schedule.



**PARENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE:** Shirley Blake is reaching out to schedule forthcoming work group meetings. She plans to schedule the first meeting in the Fall. Please plan on attending.

# 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.