

# Early Learning Hub of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties

## Early Childhood Coordinating Council Work Group

### Meeting Minutes

<b>MEETING COMMENCED</b>	9:30am, September 25, 2018 Old Mill Center, Corvallis
<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	Shirley Blake
<b>WORK GROUP MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	Aoife Magee, Lynn Hall, Cori Mieike, Julie Chick, Julie Lovell, Kathy Feser, Laura Lundeen (remotely)
<b>VERSION</b>	Final
<b>RECORDED</b>	Yes

### Agenda topics

<b>DISCUSSION ITEM</b>	State Early Learning Collaborative
At the state collaborative, a speaker presented on Parent Engagement.	
The state respects and supports that parent engagement is different in every region.	
Not all early learning hubs in Oregon have parent engagement coordinators; we are one of the EL hubs that do.	
Our Parent Board members represent each county in our tri-county region.	
The mission of this committee is to focus and engage parents	

<b>DISCUSSION ITEM</b>	Data & Evaluation Work Group, Pollywog
Pollywog began as a support for maternity health at Samaritan.	
It aligns prenatal education with parenting education.	
Pollywog connects families and children to prenatal and parenting classes, as well as community resources.	
Parents can sign up through the online portal or by calling Family Connections at Linn-Benton Community College.	
Pollywog is a closed-loop system.	
Shirley writes the Parent Voice blog, which includes personal stories and advice from a parent's perspective.	
Jennie writes the parent newsletter, which includes local and national resources.	
Lynn Hall leads the Data & Evaluation work group, which is currently creating a regional data book to guide the Board in strategic decision making. This book focuses on children furthest from opportunity across our region.	

<b>DISCUSSION ITEM</b>	Parent Cafes
Shirley presents the PowerPoint presentation on Parent Cafés.	
Shirley is a member of several parent groups, which provides Shirley with many parent voices.	

Jennie continues the PowerPoint presentation on how a Parent Café works.
Shirley agrees to brainstorm with Aiofe about Spanish-speaking parents attending PSN classes taught in Spanish.
Consider reaching out to parents with children who have disabilities. This extends to other personal characteristics.
This region doesn't have a Family Engagement system.
Consider incorporating into PTA/PTO in the K-12 system.
Consider incorporating into the kindergarten/parent transition.
Julie Lovell has hosted similar parent groups through Kidco Head Start. Consider finding volunteers who will lead Parent Cafés until parents/teachers feel more comfortable with leadership roles.
There needs to be consistency to build trust and relationships.
Shirley received the book The Deepest Well by Nadine Burke Harris through a free resource.
She shares the free resources, <a href="http://tfff.org">tfff.org</a> , for parents and other field workers for ordering free books. There are also books in Spanish.

<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	TBD
Linn County	
<b>MEETING ADJOURNED</b>	10:30am