

## Pollywog Updates

So much is happening with Pollywog and our partners lately that we decided that in this version of the Friday Update, we will be updating you on the status of several of our various projects:

The Pollywog Parent Newsletter - At the beginning of each month, our staff creates and distributes a parent newsletter. The subject of each newsletter is based on the "National Whatever" month. For example, August was National Immunization Month and June was National Summer Safety Month. We have tried to create a format that is family-friendly as well as informative, without being preachy. We try to include local, state-wide, and national references, and to present ideas rather than mandates.

We are also pleased to report that we now have a member of our staff who can trans-

### What's Happening

- ✓ The next Pollywog Partner Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, October 18, 2018, from 9-10:30am, in LM-130 at the Luckiamute Center on the LBCC campus. A calendar invitation will be sent out soon to the listserv. We will be discussing: how the referral process is going, the status of the ASQ/RHIC Collaboration Pilot, a review of the expansion plans into the Lebanon community, and a special partner presentation about their services.. Please plan on joining us.
- ✓ Currently there are 505 individuals in the Pollywog database, 46 prenatal, parenting education, and children's activities available, and 45 eReferrals have been made.

late into Spanish, so our newsletters are also available in Spanish!

Past issues of the newsletter may be accessed on the Pollywog website, <https://pollywogfamily.org/resources-for-families/>.



The Pollywog Blog, "Parent Voice" - In April we began a new service, a parent blog, published in English and Spanish on the Hub Website. Our newest staff member, Shirley Blake, is our blog writer, and she re-emphasizes the topic presented in the parent newsletter, from the perspective of a young parent with two small children.

Since it's inception, we have had a very positive response from Pollywog families, and we see sharp spikes in "pageviews" on those days that the blog is published.



The Pollywog Friday Updates - The Friday Update was devised as a way to keep Pollywog partners (and other interested parties) in the loop about what is happening. This is issue 29, and while we were initially publishing every other Friday, we have since cut that back to once a month. We continue to provide information about training, events, Google Analytics, Pollywog Resources, and a host of other tidbits that will help the reader to understand our methods and decisions.

If you wish to sign up to receive the newsletter, please contact LeAnne Trask at [leanne.trask@linnbenton.edu](mailto:leanne.trask@linnbenton.edu).



## 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  
Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital  
Linn County Health Department  
Family Connections  
Kidco Head Start

### Partners waiting for training:

OR Department of Human Services  
Community Services Consortium  
Women, Infants & Children (WIC)

### Partners waiting to sign MOUs:

Community Doulas  
Early Intervention  
GAPS/Welcome Center

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