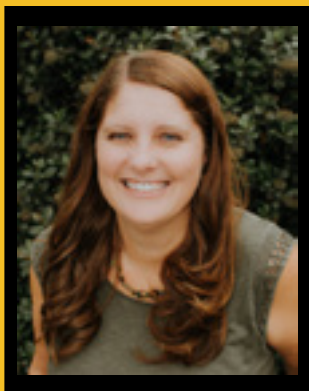


Monthly Director's Report

October 2018



I hope everyone is enjoying the fall weather and sunshine that we have for another few days.

There has been a lot happening in the world of early learning. I recently shared with our Governing Board the *Children's Agenda: Pathways Out of Poverty for Children to Achieve Their Full Potential* and Governor Brown's Education Policy Agenda that acknowledge the importance of public investments in the early learning system.

As well, the Early Learning Council has been engaging with agency directors, parents, providers, advocates and more between March and September in an effort to create a strategic plan that is cross-sector and supports the three goals of the full early learning system. Simultaneously, the Council's Measuring Success Committee works to develop a cross-sector early learning systems dashboard to track our success over time. I look forward to sharing more about this as the work continues.

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

Jumpstart Read for the Record



October 25th will be the third year our Hub region will participate in the national *Jumpstart Read for the Record* campaign. *Read for the Record* brings together millions of people each year in classrooms, libraries, community centers, and homes across the US.

This annual campaign was launched over a decade ago to highlight the importance of building early literacy and language skills for EVERY child, so that all children have the opportunity to enter kindergarten prepared to succeed.

This year's book, *Maybe Something Beautiful*, celebrates the magic that can happen when a community comes together to create something beautiful and bring about change — a fitting metaphor for a campaign that features thousands of events in communities across the world each year.

Currently, we have distributed 276 books in both English and Spanish to 40 partner organizations that have registered to read to approximately 3402 children. This is our highest level of participation since beginning our participation in this event.

We are grateful for the agencies participating this year. We anticipate having a few extra books in English and Spanish once the event is complete. If your agency would like a few to hand out to families at upcoming events, please contact jennifer.hartsock@linnbenton.edu.

Lincoln County Child Care Crisis Meeting/Discussion

On September 27th, the Newport Public Library hosted the monthly meeting of the Central Oregon Coast Chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW).

The focus of this meeting was a panel and community discussion concerning the "Crisis in Child Care in Lincoln County."

Participants ranged from expectant parents to providers to elected officials and the two hours scheduled for the meeting only allowed for us to touch the surface of the reality families in Lincoln County are experiencing in regards to childcare.

The Children's Development Network plans to host addition meetings to continue this important community discussion and ensure the opportunity for all interested parties to participate, so... more to come.

Preschool Development Grant

The Early Learning Division (ELD) held a stakeholder engagement meeting on October 3rd regarding an exciting grant opportunity that has been announced by the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

The grant applications are due November 6, 2018. The new PDG B-5 grant seeks to empower State governments to lead the way in leveraging Federal, State, and local early care and learning investments. Funds are for States to help coordinate early care and learning programs and services that already exist based on identified needs. This ACF is targeting these funds to assist States in the coordination of their existing early care and learning services and funding streams for the purpose of providing equal access to more children birth through five in a mixed delivery model.

The ELD plans to work with its partners, stakeholders, and external consultants over the next month to identify the most effective strategy in applying for this grant opportunity.

Hub Work Group Updates:



WORK GROUP DAY: The Hub Work Groups Day met on Thursday, August 9, 2018. We discussed completed and ongoing work in each work group. Our next Hub Work Group day is scheduled for Thursday, February 14, 2018.



P-3 ALIGNMENT WORK GROUP: The P-3 Alignment work group met on Friday, September 14, 2018 to discuss child care licensing of Pre-K programs in K-12 settings and KPI projects. Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 29, 2018. This is a combined meeting with the Early Childhood Coordinating Council.



DATA & EVALUATION WORK GROUP: The Data & Evaluation work group met on Thursday, September 11, 2018 to review and analyze data for our regional data book. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 22, 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, September 26, 2018 to discuss the upcoming Boost Oregon training. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 24, 2018.



EARLY CHILDHOOD COORDINATING COUNCIL: The Early Childhood Coordinating Council work group was cancelled on Friday, September 21, 2018. Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 19, 2018.



PARENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE: The Parenting Engagement Committee work group met on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 to discuss the State Early Learning Collaborative, our regional data book, and Parent Cafes. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 30, 2018.

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.