

Early Learning Hub of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties

Pollywog Partner Meeting Minutes

MEETING COMMENCED	9:00am, Thursday, October 10, 2019 Linn-Benton Community College, Albany
MEETING CALLED BY	LeAnne Trask
WORK GROUP MEMBERS PRESENT	Paul Adent, Sheri Branigan, Jose Hernandez, Juana Estrada, Sommer McLeish, Mary Jackson, Connie Adams, Shannon Rose, Deanna Barclay, Cheryl French, Kendra Meshnik
STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT	Shirley Rubio Blake, Jennie Hartsock
VERSION	Final
RECORDED	No

Agenda topics

DISCUSSION ITEM	Pollywog Parent Newsletters – Jennie
Jennie presents the analytics for Creating Classroom Community and Stories Matter.	
Jumpstart’s Read for the Record brings together millions of adults and children around the world each year to read the same book on the same day in order to raise awareness about the critical importance of early literacy. This year, Jumpstart is celebrating our 14th anniversary of Read for the Record on November 7, 2019, with the book <i>Thank You, Omu!</i>	
Jennie updates the Holiday Recourse Guide every November that includes low-cost and free resources for Thanksgiving and Christmas, including food boxes, food pantries, clothing, electricity assistance, and meals.	

DISCUSSION ITEM	Pollywog Parent Voice Blog – Shirley
Shirley presents the analytics for her August and September blogs.	
She plans to interview Pollywog staff in forthcoming blogs.	

DISCUSSION ITEM	Pollywog Friday Update – LeAnne
LeAnne presents the latest Friday update.	

DISCUSSION ITEM	Family Connections – Sheri and Juana
Open registration for Parenting Education classes was consistently busy over the summer. Many parent/child classes are filling up.	
Calls are broad in terms of assistance needed. Many topics and resources are discussed.	
Spanish-speaking calls are lower, possibly due to the fearful climate of the country. This is a real concern for the immigrant population and potential Pollywog clients.	
DHS is having a training on public charge.	

DISCUSSION ITEM	Pollywog (and Parenting Success Network) Positions
LeAnne welcomes Jose Hernandez (Family Connections/Pollywog), Connie Adams (Pollywog Program	

Assistant), and Sommer McLeish (Community Education Consultant).
Parenting Education classes in Lincoln County should begin in the spring.

DISCUSSION ITEM	OSU Extension Services "Food Hero" Presentation – Brooke Jackson
	Snap-Ed cannot list culturally diverse recipes without the culturally appropriate language.
	Not all families on SNAP receive SNAP education. However, Food Hero can be spread farther through partners.
	Brain break bags only go to SNAP-ed schools at this time, limited to schools with the most at-risk children. Other schools can purchase the bags.
	Harvest for Healthy Kids offers similar information as SNAP-ed for physical activity and food nutrition in the classroom.
	Consider creating a walk-through video of the Food Hero website that can be looped in waiting rooms, etc.
	All documents can be printed in-house except for the newsletter; that should be printed at a print shop to ensure quality.
	It's okay to forward Food Hero newsletters to families.
	Next Steps:
	Brooke agrees to find contact information for the food educator in Lincoln County.
	She will look into grants or reduced pricing for agencies who want to sponsor a nutrition event.

DISCUSSION ITEM	VistaLogic (Clara) Updates – Sheri and LeAnne
	LeAnne presents the new version of VistaLogic, released in August.
	Clients can now select multiple races and ethnicities.

NEXT MEETING	Thursday, December 12, 2019
MEETING ADJOURNED	10:30am