



Parent Café Regional Pilot

Overview

The Early Learning Hub of Linn, Benton, & Lincoln Counties supports underserved children and families in our region to learn and thrive by making resources and supports more available, more accessible, and more effective. The EL Hub is a collection of program and service providers who believe that by working collaboratively, we can better serve children and families.

Early Learning Hubs have three goals:

1. The early childhood systems is aligned, coordinated and family-centered.
2. Children are supported to enter school ready to succeed.
3. Families are healthy, stable and attached.
 - **3.1 The role of the hub is to work with early learning programs and other partners to ensure children and families from focus and priority populations have access to culturally responsive family support services.**
 - **3.3 The role of the hub is to work with community partners to increase protective factors and reduce childhood experiences of abuse or neglect.**

To support goal 3, The Early Learning Hub is accepting applications from partner agencies to provide Parent Cafes through a Parent Café Pilot. Selected agencies will receive a training on the Parent Café model, Parent Café materials, and a stipend allocated for each Parent Café event held within the contract period.

Parent Café Description

Parent Cafés are physically and emotionally safe spaces where parents and caregivers talk about the challenges and victories of raising a family. Through individual deep self-reflection and peer-to-peer learning, participants explore their strengths, learn about the Protective Factors, and create strategies from their own wisdom and experiences to help strengthen their families.

Carefully designed, cafes are structured discussions that use the principles of adult learning and family support. They are highly sustainable with training reinforcement, institutional support, and a commitment to an approach that engages and affirms parents as leaders. Participants leave Parent Cafés feeling inspired, energized, and excited to put into practice what they have learned.

Application Due Date

Submit an application for funding for the 2019 Parent Café Pilot, to elhub@linnbenton.edu by 5:00 pm, on Friday December 20th, 2018 (see Attachment 1).

Contracting Period

Selected agencies begin work after the Parent Café Training on January 17th, 2019 and continue through July 15th, 2019. A minimum of three and a maximum of five parent cafes must be held during the January-July time period.

Timeline: Process



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Applications posted (Attachment 2)	12/11/2018
Applications due	12/20/2018
Review and select applicants	12/21/2019
Parent Café Partner training	01/17/2019
Host Parent Cafes	January- July 2019
Report forms and stipend requests due	Due following each session; final deadline 07/15/2019



Attachment 2:

Application

1. Applicant Organization:		2. Contact Person:	
3. Phone Number:		4. Email:	
5. Mailing Address:			
6. Statement of capacity: Ex. Describe your agencies capacity to implement Parent Cafes?			
7. Describe target population:			
8. Indicate the specific demographics who will be impacted by your service (check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Communities of color <input type="checkbox"/> Children with disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Families in poverty <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> English Language Learners			
9. How do Parent Cafes align to your agency's mission?			
10. Indicate the number of Parent Cafes you plan to host? (\$200 stipend per Parent Café event)			
11. Which Parent Café in a box would you like to receive?		<input type="checkbox"/> Original Parent Café in a box (English and Spanish)	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent Café in a box for Dads (English and Spanish)
12. Would your agency host Parent Café(s) in Spanish?			YES / NO
13. Would your agency host Parent Café(s) for Dads?			YES / NO
14. Does the agency currently have existing parent groups?			YES / NO
15. Are staff member(s) in your agency available to attend the Parent Café Training (01/17/2019) to learn about the Parent Café model?			YES / NO
16. Anticipated number of parents in group?			