

## 2019 Pollywog Parent Newsletters and Blog

The Pollywog Parent Newsletter has become a very popular offering each month, and with the help of partners, we have set-up our schedule and content for 2019:

January - International Creativity  
February - Children's Dental Health  
March - Music in our Community  
April - Volunteerism  
May - Foster Care  
June - Healthy Homes  
July - Outdoor Activities  
August - Children's Vision and Learning  
September - Back to School  
October - Book Month and JumpStart Read for the Record  
November - Holiday Resource Guide  
December - Low-Cost Activities

### What's Happening

- ✓ The next Pollywog Partner Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, February 7, 2019, from 9-10:30am, in LM-130 at the Luckiamute Center on the LBCC campus. A calendar invitation was sent out a few weeks ago to the listserv. At the meeting, we will have a representative from 211 to speak to us, and answer all your questions, plus we will have a presentation by Old Mill Healthy Families, giving us a brief overview of what they do and the services they provide.
- ✓ Currently there are 687 individuals in the Pollywog database, 49 prenatal, parenting education, and children's activities available, including 4 taught in Spanish.

In an effort to be consistent and to reinforce the theme of the month, The Parent Voice blog is also mirroring most of those same themes in 2019:

January - Start the New Year Refreshed  
February - Dental Health  
March - Music in our Community  
April - Financial Literacy  
May - Summer Outlook & Activities  
June - Healthy Home  
July - Foster Care  
August - Vision/Learning  
September - Back to School  
October - Book Month/Reading  
November - Housing  
December - Safe Toys and Gifts

This year we are also going to do a little experimenting with some different ideas: vlogs (video logs instead of written blogs), podcasts, and setting up interviews with different parents and professionals. The Parent Voice is very well received, and we are grateful for the way that the community has received it, but we also hope to expand and try new things to keep it fresh and interesting for our readers.

If you have any additional ideas that you would like us to look into, please contact Shirley Blake (blog) or Jennifer Hartsock (parent newsletter):

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## 211 Seeking new Community Engagement Coordinator for LBL Area

Back in November, the newly hired 211 Community Engagement Coordinator resigned her position, which has left us without anyone to give us hands-on assistance with the 211info system.

211 has the Community Engagement Coordinator position advertised on their website at this time, and we have been advised that one person has applied and expressed interest in the position. We will keep you apprised of the situation with that.

In the meantime, we are pleased to report that Cara Kangas of 211info will be attending our next Pollywog Partner Meeting on February 7, and will be able to answer your questions and give us some insight into how to make our individual 211 listings more relevant and searchable. Hopefully she will have some secrets to share with us! (We appreciate Cara's willingness to attend -- and I have promised her that we will be very nice to her!)

## 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 Pollywog Update that gives a quick run-down 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:

Old Mill Center / Healthy Families  
Old Mill Center / Preschool & Counseling  
Samaritan Albany General Hospital  
Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital  
Family Connections  
Kidco Head Start  
Community Doulas  
Oregon Department of Human Services (Family Coaches - no incoming referrals)  
Family Tree Relief Nursery

### Partners waiting for training:

Community Services Consortium  
Women, Infants & Children (WIC)  
GAPS/Welcome Center  
Linn County Health Department

### Partners waiting to sign MOUs:

Early Intervention

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