

Monthly Director Report

March 2019



Early
Learning **Hub**

of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties



Early Learning Hub staff are excited to be back in the office after a hectic week of campus closures due to snow at the end of February. We have many important and exciting projects needing our attention back at the office!

The Oregon Early Learning Council just published their 2019-2023 *Raise Up Oregon* plan. Since “housing” is an identified sector in the early learning system, the Board voted to revise the Charter to include a housing representative from each county.

I asked the Board where they saw themselves in the plan. Most members believe they are working toward most (if not all) of the strategies. We all appreciate the cross-sector participation.

Please reach out if you would like me to present on *Raise Up Oregon*. We are very excited to brainstorm and implement this plan into our work.

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

Regional Data Book

At the February Board retreat, the Data & Evaluation subcommittee presented their regional data book.

The work has been collaborative with cross-sector representation on the team. The drafting stages include: create the outline, collect data, analyze and interpret that data, and draft narratives. A rubric was created for filtering which data was included.

The Board offered feedback, such as including a glossary of terms, approaching the data for collaborative grant writing, tracking generational poverty, and including hyper-links for jumping to data.

The final data book should be complete and ready to use by May 2019. We are excited to move forward with this resource.

Early Learning State Collaborative

Hub staff attended the Early Learning State Collaborative where Oregon hubs come together to celebrate their individual and collaborative efforts in early learning.

This time around, Head Starts and CCR&Rs came to the table with hubs to discuss community planning and program alignment within our regions.

Kristi attended the *Raise Up Oregon* launch/legislative breakfast, as well as a presentation by our early learning system director, Miriam Calderon, to the new early education sub-committee of the joint student success committee.

Parenting Education in Lincoln County

The Hub is partnering with the Parenting Success Network on an OPEC expansion grant to expand the Pollywog program to Lincoln County

In addition, the Hub allocated funds awarded by IHN-CCO to create a Parenting Education Coordinator position.

Hub staff worked with Lincoln County partners to identify the appropriate agency to house this position. Ultimately, Samaritan Health Services was selected and approved by the Hub Governing Board.

Parent Engagement Takes Off

Parent Engagement has a lot to look forward to! Shirley Rubio Blake and her review committee selected 5 agencies and 8 projects to fund in implementing the Parent Cafe pilot.

This has propelled multi-agency collaboration. Old Mill Center is hosting a Spanish parent cafe series in partnership with Organizacion Latinas Unidas. They invited Shirley to co-present with the OLU at the Linn Benton Health Equity Alliance Coalition meeting.

As well, Kidco Head Start asked Shirley to train their staff on hosting cafes. She will also participate in a Train-the-Trainer course through Portland State University with support through the Benton County Health Department.

Hub Work Group Updates:



WORK GROUP DAY: The Hub Work Group Day met on Thursday, August 9, 2018. We discussed completed and ongoing work in each work group. Our next Hub Work Group day is not yet scheduled.



P-3 ALIGNMENT WORK GROUP: The P-3 Alignment Work Group met on Friday, September 19, 2018. We discussed Baby Promise, child care licensing, KPI project updates, the ELC strategic plan, preschool development grant application, and the COSA conference. Our next meeting is not yet scheduled.



DATA & EVALUATION WORK GROUP: The Data & Evaluation Work Group met on Friday, February 8, 2019. We analyzed data in order to write a Summary and Indications section for the regional data book. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20, 2019.



HEALTH CARE INTEGRATION WORK GROUP: The Health Care Integration Work Group met on Tuesday, March 12, 2019. We discussed parent-focused Boost Oregon trainings, as well as the Early Learning Council Strategic Plan and 2019 CCO Incentive Measures Benchmarks. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, 2019.



EARLY CHILDHOOD COORDINATING COUNCIL: The Early Childhood Coordinating Council met on Friday, January 18, 2019. We discussed ECCC work group priorities and Oregon's Preschool Development Grant. Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 19, 2019.



PARENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE: The Parent Engagement Committee met on Tuesday, January 29, 2019. We discussed Parent Cafe budget, timeline, and participating agencies. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 26, 2019.

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.