

Pollywog Update

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Major Changes to Vista-Logic Software Coming

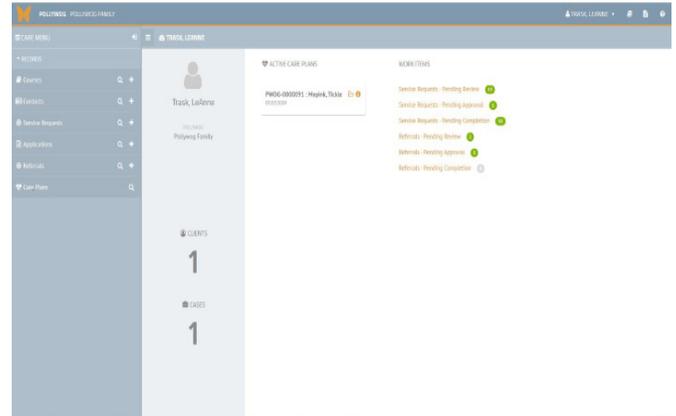
VistaLogic has announced the release of the next generation of “Clara”, the database that Pollywog uses. The Pollywog staff are in the process of testing the basic functionality, and the new options that have been added, and staff will have a major training session next week with VistaLogic.

We currently have nearly 100 users of the Clara software that have been trained, and it would be a nearly impossible job to retrain everyone in a one-on-one or group setting, so, we have decided to create a webinar training format, allowing you to train on your schedule. We are hoping to have the webinar in place the first week of August (on our YouTube Channel), but please give us a little grace as we learn the new software and try to train too.

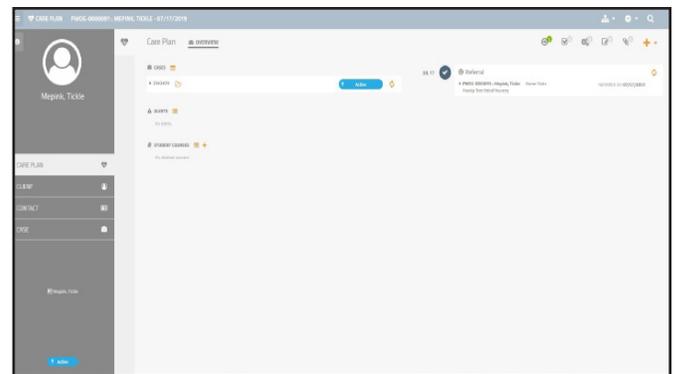
What's Happening

- ✓ The next Pollywog Partner Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, August 8, 2019, from 9-10:30am, in LM-130 at the Luckiamute Center on the LBCC campus. A calendar invitation will be sent out this week to the listserv. At the meeting, we will have a representative from Healthy Families speak to us about what they do and the services they provide. We will also be discussing the changes to the database system, and the new training format.
- ✓ Currently there are 916 individuals in the Pollywog database, 9 prenatal, parenting education, and children's activities available, but none taught in Spanish.

The main menu will look different, but contain the same basic functionality, with many new options.



Some functions have been renamed, to align more closely with the terms used in the industry.



Many of the coming features are things that we have been asking for the last couple of years, and we are delighted to be able to offer them to our partners.

We will try to make this update as painless as possible. More information will be forthcoming as we work our way through the operation and get our staff trained and up on the new processes. Thanks for your patience!

Oregon Community Foundation Grant

At the end of last year, Pollywog was approached by the Oregon Community Foundation, and invited to apply for a grant that would help to bring parenting education to a rural area of Oregon and expand Pollywog. Our partners in Lincoln County have been working to bring parenting education to their region since the loss of the OPEC Hub four years ago, and this seemed like a tailor-made solution.

Our grant proposal was submitted in mid-June, and last week we were told that we “tentatively” have been awarded the grant, contingent upon answering a few more questions about how Pollywog and the Parenting Success Network will work together with Samaritan Health and other Lincoln County partners to expand into their county. All of the pieces are falling into place (as we speak), and we hope to be able to begin the work of training facilitators, establishing relationships with Lincoln County partners to teach parenting education in their facilities, and to begin offering Pollywog training in the very new future.

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
Linn County Health Department (Home Visiting Nurses)
Women, Infants & Children (WIC)

Partners waiting for training:

Community Services Consortium
GAPS/Welcome Center

Partners waiting to sign MOUs:

Early Intervention

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