

Monthly Director Report

September 2019



Early
Learning **Hub**

of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties



The Early Learning Division released the Early Care and Education Sector Plan Phase I Toolkit, which will guide our community planning work through the Student Success Act.

Early Learning Hubs will lead the planning process with support from their Child Care Resource and Referral and Head Start programs. Members came together at our September 20th ECCC and P-3 Alignment combined work group meeting to volunteer for our

Regional Stewardship Committee. The Governing Board will review the committee roster at our October meeting. This community planning will incorporate the voices of families (especially from historically underserved populations) and engage diverse providers across our region.

We are excited to bring community partners together. It's going to be a busy next few months but very exciting! Please reach out if you have any questions.

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

Regional Data Book Releases!



Rich Waller and Jennie Hartsock presented the regional data book at our September Board meeting.

Rich highlighted content changes made from Board feedback and

suggestions, including the need for a stand-alone executive summary/ contextual factors regarding areas that need improvement and areas already doing well, one pagers for editorial guidance, and highlights from each section that is not simply repeated information. As well, poverty and neglect needs more emphasis.

Jennie highlighted design work. She adhered to the Early Learning Hub Identity Guide created by Madison Ave. Collective, utilized the National Center for Biotechnology Information to create the Executive Summary. As well, the Executive Summary will become branded by the MAC as a standalone document.

Moving Forward, Lynn Hall is creating a timeline for completing our second edition due February 2021, while our OSU epidemiologist completed a Strategic & Investment Recommendations document, which analyzes the data in our regional data book using Raise Up Oregon as a lens.

The Regional Data Book is available on the LBL Hub website.

Projects Moving Forward

As we move into the rainy season, Hub staff and community members are buckling down to propel several powerful projects.

With the expansion of Pollywog into Lincoln County, we welcome Connie Adams who will serve as the Pollywog half-time program assistant. Connie comes to us from Old Mill Center, where she works as a home visitor through the Healthy Families program.

The Family Connections department at LBCC is pleased to announce the hiring of Jose Hernandez, who will spend 50% of his time serving families through Pollywog and 50% working with child care providers as part of the CCR&R. His focus will be Lincoln County and he will be located at the Compass Center in Newport.

As well, LeAnne and Kristi will present on Pollywog at the Zero to Three annual conference in Florida.

OSU Community Planning Partnership

Starting this Fall, graduate and Doctoral students enrolled in a Community Engagement course at Oregon State University will have the opportunity to volunteer with our Hub on various upcoming projects, such as Jumpstart *Read for the Record* and community planning for Early Care and Education expansion over the next several months.

Hub Work Group Updates:



P-3 ALIGNMENT WORK GROUP: The P-3 Alignment Work Group met on Friday, September 20, 2019. We discussed the ECE Expansion Planning Toolkit released by the Early Learning Division and supported by the Student Success Act. This workgroup is currently on hold while members participate in the Regional Stewardship Committee should they choose to volunteer.



DATA & EVALUATION WORK GROUP: The Data & Evaluation Work Group celebrated a year of collaborative efforts toward the regional data book and brainstormed marketing strategies, community outreach, and future presentations on the data book. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16, 2019. This workgroup is now open for new members.



HEALTH CARE INTEGRATION WORK GROUP: The Health Care Integration Work Group met on Tuesday, September 10, 2019. We discussed House Bill 2267, the CCO 2020 New Metrics, and congratulated our current co-chair on her retirement. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8, 2019.



EARLY CHILDHOOD COORDINATING COUNCIL: The Early Childhood Coordinating Council met on Friday, September 20, 2019. We discussed the ECE Expansion Planning Toolkit released by the Early Learning Division and supported by the Student Success Act. This workgroup is currently on hold while members participate in the Regional Stewardship Committee should they choose to volunteer.



PARENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE: The Parent Engagement Committee met on Tuesday, June 25, 2019. We discussed potential parent engagement co-chairs, parent cafe sessions, and future blog topics. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 30, 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.