

Pollywog Partner Meeting held at LBCC

On Thursday, October 10, the bi-monthly Pollywog Partner Meeting was held at LBCC. There were some new items on the agenda to cover, as well as the usual review of Parent Newsletters, Parent Voice Blogs, Friday Updates, a review of Pollywog call volume and any Family Connections issues. Our presentation at the meeting was given by Brooke Jackson from the OSU Extension Service, "Food Hero" program.

We were also able to give a brief demonstration of the VistaLogic version that was released to us in late August. We are still working to learn all of the ins-and-outs of the new version of Clara, but it was valuable for our partners to see how it's coming along and what the new version offers to our partners.

What's Happening

- ✓ The next Pollywog Partner Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, December 12, 2019, from 9-10:30am, in LM-131 at the Luckiamute Center on the LBCC campus. A calendar invitation will be sent out in November to the listserv. At the meeting, we will have a presentation by the Early Learning Hub Intern, Katy Berns, from Oregon State, talking about the data and research that she is working on for the Early Learning Hub, and presenting some PowToons based on her research.
- ✓ Currently there are 1005 individuals in the Pollywog database--we have reached the 1000 milestone!! This is a very exciting moment for Pollywog and its partners!!

In addition, we were pleased to introduce the three new employees who are working to help us expand the Pollywog Program into Lincoln County:



Connie Adams was just hired as the new Pollywog Assistant, and she is currently working closely with LeAnne to take over database responsibilities and help with the day-to-day tasks.



Jose Hernandez was just hired to work for Family Connections with the local childcare providers in Lincoln County, and also answer Pollywog calls and respond to partner needs.



Sommer McLeish is not technically a member of Team Pollywog, but she is a new and valuable addition to the Lincoln County expansion efforts. Sommer works for Samaritan Health and is the new "Community Health Improvement Coordinator". She will be working to get parenting education classes up and running in Lincoln County.

We are excited to have these wonderful new people working with us to increase our ability to meet the needs of our Lincoln County partners.

Timeline of Expansion into Lincoln County

In July we were given a grant from the Oregon Community Foundation to expand Pollywog into Lincoln County, and to make parenting education available to the residents of the county.

As part of that grant proposal, we were asked to submit a timeline of how and when we were going to make that happen. We presented the following timeline:

July-September 2019:

- Hire Family Connections/Pollywog Consultant
- Hire Pollywog Assistant
- Get all staff trained and oriented

October-December 2019:

- Meet with Samaritan Hospital Staff about expansion
- Meet with Community Partners
- Initiate MOUS with new partners
- Populate expanded Pollywog database

We are happy to report that we met our first quarter timeline goals, and are working on the second quarter.

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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