

# Monthly Director Report

## November 2019



**Early  
Learning Hub**

*of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties*



Until the end of the year, our office will be buzzing. The Early Learning Hub – together with our Child Care Resource & Referral, and Head Start – created and charged the Regional Stewardship Committee at our October Governing Board meeting. This committee is bringing together representation from our three-county region to narrow gaps for families and children to access preschool and high quality care for infants and toddlers under the Oregon Student Success Act.

The Regional Stewardship Committee banded together many community champions to identify priority populations for targeted services and identify supports needed to support providers in delivering high-quality services to inform Preschool Promise, Oregon Prekindergarten, and Early Head Start expansion.

This committee presented their progress at our November Governing Board meeting. They are scheduled to meet in December before final work is approved by the Board and submitted to the Early Learning Division by December 13. We are excited to present our recommendations and progress with you at our forthcoming Governing Board meetings.

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

# Regional Data Book Executive Summary and OSU Community Organization Team Projects

The LBL Hub contracted Madison Avenue Collective to produce a high-quality stand-alone executive summary of our regional data book.

This document is available for wide distribution as a tool in making data informed decisions. As we move forward with community planning, the Regional Stewardship Committee will have this document to utilize in their work.

A high-quality PDF will be available on Basecamp soon.

As well, the Hub is working with grad students in the School of Public Health at Oregon State University to create infographics based on our regional data book and their personal interest, educational needs, and intended audience. A second group will create family surveys that go beyond ECE expansion planning for long term data collection.

## Jumpstart Read for the Record

The LBL Hub first collaborated with Jumpstart in 2015, partnering with 32 agencies and serving 1,151 children with 79 books. In 2019, we invited elementary schools and pediatric clinics to participate. We partnered with 53 agencies and served 5,599 children with 379 books.

## Parenting Success Network

In July 2019, The Oregon Community Foundation funded a multi-year initiative to expand parenting education programs in our region. The OPEC Hubs will work with community partners to build our region's parenting education infrastructure for all parenting education efforts and expand offerings of best practice parenting education programs for parents of children age prenatal to age six. OPEC Hubs will develop a regional framework for parenting education over the next year, identifying needs and gaps, and short-and longer-term strategies to address them.

As a Board member and/or community partner, please consider participating in a survey that will assist our OPEC Hub in identifying availability as well as strengths and gaps in parenting education programming. The survey is available through Aoife Magee, [mageea@linnbenton.edu](mailto:mageea@linnbenton.edu), 541-917-4909.

## Stand By Me Program

Oregon Cascade West Council of Governments released a financial empowerment partnership model to embed financial coaches into childcare agencies throughout the community, inspired by an evidence model based out of Delaware. This model coaches staff and families; staff who complete the program can champion it to parents. Under Jennifer Moore's lead, replication will potentially happen in Benton County with growth into Linn and Lincoln counties.

# 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 work group is currently on hold while members participate in the Regional Stewardship Committee.



**DATA & EVALUATION WORK GROUP:** The Data & Evaluation Work Group met on Wednesday, November 20, 2019. We discussed marketing and publicity for PowToons and a potential data & evaluation newsletter to inform for our community partners of easy-to-digest data facts. We also discussed our timeline for completing the 2nd edition of the regional data book. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 18, 2019.



**HEALTH CARE INTEGRATION WORK GROUP:** The Health Care Integration Work Group met on Tuesday, November 12, 2019. We discussed the Reach Out and Read program, Read for the Record results, our holiday resource guide, and Children First of Oregon's data book. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, 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.



**PARENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE:** The Parent Engagement Committee met on Tuesday, October 29, 2019. We distributed the Family Input Survey and analyzed responses by priority population groups to present to the Regional Stewardship Committee. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 28, 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.