

# Monthly Director Report

## December 2019



**Early  
Learning Hub**

*of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties*



We did it! I'm excited to share that our Governing Board approved the Early Care and Education Sector Plan at the December Board meeting. Board members were grateful for the diligent work from our partners, work groups, and Hub staff. They provided valuable contemplation on additional opportunities for serving children and families that will be discussed in future meetings. The Regional Stewardship Committee submitted our plan a week before the deadline to the Early Learning Division for review! Due to previous constructive feedback from the ELD that we incorporated into this plan, we anticipate a positive response. We are appreciative of the partnerships and collaboration in this initiative.

Please be aware that our office closes December 23rd through January 2nd. We plan to jump right into Phase 2 of our Sector Plan with the RFA process and coordinated enrollment. We will know more about this process soon. Have a wonderful holiday season, and we will see you next year!

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

# PowToons on ACEs

Data from our region indicates that many children experience Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) including abuse and neglect, domestic violence, and other distressed family environments.

The Data and Evaluation Work Group worked with our Oregon State epidemiology Intern, Katy Berns, to develop videos that illustrate data for our region and recommend strategies.

Katy consulted with EL Hub Governing Board member, Kelly Locey at Benton County Health Department, to create two video presentations.

One video explains ACEs and the need in our region. The second video gives important information about prevention and describes Raise Up Oregon's framework to address it.

Please follow the link to view the videos. For more information about ACEs:

- Trauma Informed Oregon: [traumainformedoregon.org](http://traumainformedoregon.org)
- The ACE Study: [cdc.gov/violenceprevention/acestudy](http://cdc.gov/violenceprevention/acestudy)
- Center on the Developing Child: [developingchild.harvard.edu](http://developingchild.harvard.edu)



Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Childhood Trauma

ACEs

# Parent Cafes Continued Funding

The Governing Board of the Early Learning Hub of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties approved continued funding for previously approved Parent Cafés series in our region. Continued 2020 funding was approved for organizations that participated in the 2019 Parent Café Pilot.

Parent Cafés were successful in engaging parents and caregivers. We are excited to continue Parent Cafés in our region! Continued funding is based on previous approved funding.

The Parent Café contract period is January 1, 2020 through July 30, 2020.

There is a tentative training for staff, Governing Board members, and limited seats for the public if space permits.

# Pollywog Expansion

Pollywog staff met with the Oregon Community Foundation and Oregon State University to discuss collecting data as we expand Pollywog into Lincoln County. They are interested in how health care and parenting education might work together.

This is an opportunity for Pollywog staff to determine meaningful data to include in a quarterly report. This will further demonstrate the closer integration and connection between the health care sector and parenting education.

Please read our Pollywog Friday Updated scheduled to come out on Friday, December 20 for more information on forthcoming projects.

# 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.



**DATA & EVALUATION WORK GROUP:** The Data & Evaluation Work Group met on Wednesday, December 18, 2019. We discussed marketing and publicity for PowToons. We also discussed our timeline for completing the 2nd edition of the regional data book. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, 2020. We are currently recruiting new members.



**HEALTH CARE INTEGRATION WORK GROUP:** The Health Care Integration Work Group met on Tuesday, December 10, 2019. We discussed the Access to Health Services Survey and the Student Success Act infographic. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 14, 2020.



**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 work group is currently on hold.



**PARENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE:** The Parent Engagement Committee met on Tuesday, November 26, 2019. We discussed the Parent Input Survey results and next steps for engagement, as well as topics of discussion for 2020. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 28, 2020.

## 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.