

New Partner in Lebanon: Obria Medical Clinic

We are delighted to announce that we have a new Pollywog Partner in Lebanon: the Obria Medical Clinics!

For those of you who are unaware of their services, Obria are fully-licensed medical clinics providing professional medical consultations, well woman care, pregnancy testing, health education, parenting education classes, referrals, and many other services that are so necessary for the women in our community. Services are at no cost to patients.

We are grateful to have another option for referral services in the Lebanon area, and we appreciate Obria's willingness to become a partner in the Pollywog organization. Please make them feel welcome!

What's Happening

- ✓ The next Pollywog Partner Meeting has been cancelled, due to the risk of infection from the COVID-19 virus. We are looking at the possibility of holding the meeting on-line, using Zoom or some other remote access software, but as of now, the Thursday, April 16 meeting is canceled.

- ✓ Currently there are 1252 individuals in the Pollywog database, as well as 80 classes, and 6 courses taught in Spanish, and 113 referrals have been sent through Pollywog. Please note that all prenatal classes are currently canceled; however, LBCC's parenting education classes will be held as scheduled but in an on-line format.

We are also pleased to announce that there is a new Home Visiting Nurse at the Linn County Health Department, Monica Boyland. Monica (and her partner, Rui Lund) are both trained and able to give and receive referrals through Clara.

Also, Katey Bosworth at WIC has been retrained and is also ready to give and receive referrals through Clara.

We are also working with several Lincoln County partners--until the COVID-19 virus caused some pretty substantial disruptions. We will return to the Lincoln County Health Department, the Olalla Center, and the CSC as soon as we are able.

Family Connects and Pollywog

As many of you are aware, the State Legislature adopted Family Connects as the new universal home visiting program, and home visits are expected to begin as soon as January 2021. Our three health departments and the Early Learning Hub have partnered together to bring Family Connects to our region, and have approached Pollywog about acting as the "Community Alignment Coordinator". Since we are already basically doing exactly what they need, it is looking like Pollywog might be adding Family Connects as a partner.

Partner Updates

All of LBCC Parenting Education classes are in the process of moving to an on-line format, and classes will begin on 4/13, with 10 weeks of classes. Because of this change, the lines are now open to Lincoln County residents as well!! Tuition Assistance is available. Please call to enroll.

Family Connections is ready and able to help families find emergency child care. Child care is available for 0-5 and for school age children through Pollywog. The school districts are working with other local agencies to make this happen, and we can help you sort through the new requirements.

Samaritan has canceled all of its prenatal and birthing classes for the time being. They are trying to find a way to offer the classes on-line, but it is not happening quite yet.

Strengthening Rural Families and the Greater Albany Public Schools are both continuing to run their early education classes in an on-line format, and LBCC will be assisting with registration. Please call to enroll and for additional information.

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 of which partners are able to accept referrals right now:

Linn County:

Linn County Home Visiting Nurses
Kidco Head Start
Samaritan Albany General Hospital
Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital
Obria Medical Clinic
Family Tree Relief Nursery
DHS (Albany & Lebanon) - no incoming referrals
Family Connections
WIC
Old Mill Center / Healthy Families

Benton County:

Old Mill Center / Healthy Families
Old Mill Center / Preschool & Counseling
DHS (Corvallis) - no incoming referrals

Lincoln County:

Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital
DHS (Newport) - no incoming referrals

More will be coming soon!

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