

New Partner in Newport: Home Visiting Nurses

We are pleased to announce that in spite of the COVID-19 outbreak, we have a new Pollywog Partner: the Lincoln County Health & Human Services Home Visiting Nurses!

The Home Visiting Nurses provide a variety of services, including “Parents as Teachers” parenting education classes. They have been using the Family Connects Home Visiting model for the last several years, and have been successfully working with all new mothers who are interested in having a nurse visit them at home after the birth of their child.

We have also been in contact with the Maternity Nurses at the Samaritan Women’s Health Center in Lincoln City, and they are currently offering Pollywog materials to new

families and directing them to the Pollywog website to get registered for prenatal classes in Newport. We hope to get them trained and using the Pollywog database for referrals very soon.

We are also pleased to announce that the Community Doulas are now trained on the Pollywog database and you can refer your families to them for doula services.

Updated Pollywog PowToons

Pollywog began operating in January of 2017, and during that first year we established a YouTube Channel and began posting “PowToons” (animated videos) about Pollywog. The PowToons are divided into categories: for parents, for partners, for training, and then some informational PowToons that were created for the Early Learning Hub, using regional data, that we thought might be of interest to our partners.

During the Stay-at-Home order, we have had an opportunity to work on some projects that needed reworking, so we have spent some time updating our PowToons, and adding some PowToons in Spanish. If you have the time, please go out and take a look! The link to our YouTube Channel is: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwW-daTY50dudVli7tYDmttw>

What’s Happening

- ✓ The next Pollywog Partner Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 13, from 9-10:30am. This will be a remote meeting, using the Zoom platform. Meeting log-in information will be available on the Early Learning Hub website, and we will also be sending out a Google invitation.
- ✓ Currently there are 1308 individuals in the Pollywog database, as well as 23 classes, 1 course taught in Spanish, and 115 referrals have been sent through Pollywog. Please note that Fall Term classes will be posted online in the next few weeks, and Fall Registration will begin on August 3. All classes are still being taught remotely.

New On-Line Training Videos

In mid-March, Linn-Benton Community College sent the majority of their employees home to comply with the Governor's Stay-at-Home Order, plus LBCC imposed a "no travel" order on us as well. Since we have been having face-to-face trainings with new partners to get them familiar with the Pollywog database, this presented us with a dilemma, and an opportunity to make training more simple for new partners.

We created a series of three videos: one explaining the process, one detailing the Pollywog Website, and one explaining how to use the Pollywog Database. The videos were created using "Kaltura" software, which is very similar to YouTube, except that you can create your own Channel, and the videos remain your property.

The new videos are currently posted on the "Pollywog Channel" in the LBCC media library. You are welcome to use them for refreshers or for additional training for staff. Please let us know and we'll send you a link so you are able to access the videos.

Pollywog Partner Update

Below is a list of all of the Pollywog Partners, by county, who are trained and ready to receive referrals through the Pollywog database:

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
Community Doulas

Lincoln County:

Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital
Lincoln County Home Visiting Nurses
DHS (Newport) - no incoming referrals

More will be coming soon!

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