

Pollywog Contact List

During a recent Pollywog training session, one of the participants asked if we had a Pollywog Contact List, so that they could know who to contact. No one had ever asked for it before, but it really is something that we should have put together long ago.

So, there is now a Pollywog Contact list available on the Pollywog website and on the Pollywog database, available to download as a .pdf or to view. It includes all of the members of our staff, and contains a simple description of their duties--so you know who to email. The Contact List also contains our office phone numbers, but please remember that we are working from home because of COVID, so only the main Pollywog number--(541) 917-4884--and the Lincoln County number--(541) 574-7636--are working right now. To get to the website version, scroll down to the bottom of the page

What's Happening

- ✓ The next Pollywog Partner Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 10, 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 1375 individuals in the Pollywog database, as well as 19 prenatal and 21 parenting education classes, 5 courses taught in Spanish, and 119 referrals have been sent through Pollywog. Fall classes are currently in progress, but the Winter term catalog of classes will be available soon, and Winter term starts on January 4, 2021.

and click on "Outreach Materials". All of the documents are sorted by English and Spanish, and all can be downloaded, viewed or printed. If you wish to download or print it, click on the menu item in the upper right-hand corner of the screen. There is also a copy of the current version of the Database User's Manual.

On the Pollywog Database, at the main menu, click on the "Notebook" icon in the upper right-hand corner of the screen, and then select "Documents". All of the outreach materials can be viewed, downloaded or printed from here.



Pollywog has signed a contract with DHS to work with "culturally sensitive" families in Lincoln County for the rest of the fiscal year. These families need help with the language, with finding jobs, getting some education, and with understanding how our systems work.

Our Lincoln County Pollywog/Family Connections Consultant, Jose Hernandez, will be working with these families and mentoring them, and he is the perfect person to do this work! We anticipate great things with these families in the next few months.

Preschool Promise is coming to our Region

For the last several years, we have been watching as other regions worked through adding Preschool Promise to their childcare system. Now it is finally time for Linn, Benton and Lincoln Counties to experience Preschool Promise.

For more information, please go to the Early Learning Hub website and read through the description of the program. (See the "What's New?" section on the Main Menu.) If you would like more information or want to apply for the program, please email Shirley Blake at preschoolpromise@linnbenton.edu. We would like to see as many families as possible benefit from this new program.

Bright by Text

Bright by Text is now available to Pollywog families in our region. Texts come directly to your phone--no more than twice a week--and all you have to do is sign up! To enroll, go to: <https://bbtxt.org/3iwrUkl>. Sign up and start receiving texts from Zero to Three, BBC Kids, Sesame Street, and news about community events in our region!

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
Good Samaritan Regional Medical Ctr.
DHS (Corvallis) - no incoming referrals
Community Doulas

Lincoln County:

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

More will be coming soon!

- Olalla Center
- Welcome Center at GAPS

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