

Pollywog Update

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Zoom Bombing

At last month's Pollywog Partner Meeting, we were the victims of a particularly nasty "Zoom Bombing". A police report has been filed, my laptop is in evidence lock-up, the State Early Learning Division was notified, and all of those in attendance were shocked and disgusted by what we saw and heard. We want to again express our apologies that this has happened, and our intentions to never let it happen again.

To that end, we will be making the following changes to the way that we conduct all Early Learning Hub/Pollywog remote meetings:

- 1) All meeting will include a "wait room", and no one who is unknown to us will be allowed into the meeting without prior approval.
- 2) Zoom meeting information will no longer be published on the EL Hub web-

site, but the meetings will continue to be advertised there. Zoom meeting details will be included on the Google Meeting Invite.

3) Any members of the public wishing to be heard at our meetings will need to notify us in advance. We will continue to try to follow public meeting laws, but we need to modify our practices for security reasons.



Referrals vs Service Requests

Some of our new Pollywog partners are confused by the wording used in our system. Below is a definition for each, as used by Pollywog:

Service Request: A request from another agency for you to provide a service to their client.

Referral: A request by you to another agency to provide a service to your client.

If you are still confused, please attend the weekly Pollywog Drop-in held each Wednesday, from 1-2:00pm. Please contact Connie Adams if you wish to attend, and she will forward you an invitation for the meeting.

What's Happening

- ✓ The upcoming Pollywog Partner Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 12, from 9-10:30am. This will be a remote meeting, using the Zoom platform. Meeting log-in information will be available on the Google meeting invitation or you can email us for details.
- ✓ Currently there are 1,814 individuals in the Pollywog database, as well as 14 prenatal and 16 parenting education classes, 4 courses taught in Spanish, and 256 referrals have been sent through Pollywog. All prenatal and parenting education classes are still being held remotely, through at least Summer term.

Changes to Pollywog Website in Progress

The Pollywog website is undergoing some updates to include new programs and new functionality:

Family Connects – a new page is being added to the menu bar, explaining the Family Connects Program, links to the County Home Visiting nurses, and information about how to sign up.

Preschool Promise – a new page is being added to the menu bar to help local families get their preschool-aged children signed up for free preschool slots available for families who qualify. The Early Learning Hub is now working directly with families and this page will walk you through the process.

Links to Sign-up – a series of buttons is being added to help families easily sign up for services, such as Bright by Text, the Parent Newsletter, and Vroom.

We expect to have all of the updates completed in the next month. Also, a number of new resources have been added in the last few months. Please visit the site soon!

Pollywog Partner Update

Below is a list of all current 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
Options Pregnancy Center
Old Mill Center / Healthy Families

Benton County:

Old Mill Center / Healthy Families
Old Mill Center / Preschool & Counseling
Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center
DHS (Corvallis) - no incoming referrals
Community Doulas
Benton County Home Visiting Nurses
Community Outreach

Lincoln County:

Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital
Samaritan Health Center – Newport
The Olalla Center
Lincoln County Home Visiting Nurses
DHS (Newport) – no incoming referrals
CSC (Newport)

More coming soon!

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