

Early Learning Hub of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties Health Care Integration Work Group Meeting Minutes

MEETING COMMENCED	9:30 am, November 8, 2022 Online Via Zoom
MEETING CALLED BY	Deanna Barclay
PRESENTERS	Andrea Bartell, Young Roots
WORKGROUP MEMBERS PRESENT	Amy Shumate, Belit Burke, Bettina Schempf, Deanna Barclay, Karol Elizondo, Mike Jerpbak, Miranda Miller, Monica Boylan, Nicole Kalita, Pam Collier, Sommer McLeish, Valentina Soares
STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT	Connie Adams, Kristi Collins, Matt Grams, Antonia Huerta, Jinguang Lin, Sam Rounsavell, Carmen Santacruz, Kelly Schell, Leanne Trask
RECORDED	Yes

Agenda Topics

Discussion Item	Welcome and Introductions
Workgroup members introduced themselves.	

Special Presentation	Young Roots, Andrea Bartell
<p>Andrea is the executive director of the Young Roots program. She explained that Young Roots is a community-based non-profit formed in Albany to create systemic change through equitable pathways of opportunity for young families to grow into their fullest academic and social potential. She gave an overview of the systemic inequities and disparities that teen parents face and how her program works to support those families. Their multi-generational vision is to give pregnant and parenting adolescents through age twenty-four and their children equitable opportunities for growth through a collaborative approach of resource partnership and innovative services in partnership with the Greater Albany public school district.</p> <p>The workgroup asked about where the program was housed. Andrea explained that they don't have their own facility and are currently using space at Hub City Church twice a week.</p> <p>The workgroup shared their experience working with Young Roots. It was noted that they offer and foster a safe sense of community for the parents they serve. Young families have felt comforted and grounded by Young Roots.</p> <p>The workgroup expressed appreciation for the work of Young Roots in the community.</p>	

The workgroup discussed pregnancy rates in Linn and Benton counties and the difficulty of getting data on this topic during the pandemic.

Andrea shared her email address and encouraged workgroup members to contact her with questions or opportunities for collaboration.

andreab@youngrootsoregon.org

Discussion Item	Family Connects Update
Connie shared the Family Connects updates, including regional data, recent provider and partner outreach efforts, and an update on commercial insurance billing	
The Family Connects nurses mentioned their hurdles with insurance billing. They also shared that they are ready to meet scaling goals and are currently visiting all families regardless of insurance.	

Discussion Item	Pollywog Update
LeAnne shared the Pollywog updates and analytics for the database, website, newsletter, and social media. She introduced Kelly, the new Pollywog Family Resource Specialist.	

Discussion Item	HCI Business
The 2023 HCI meeting schedule has been added to the Hub website calendar.	
Sam shared about the 2022 Holiday Resource Guide. It is available in English and Spanish on the Pollywog website.	
LeAnne told the workgroup that we will soon be working on an Asset Mapping Project in this group.	
LeAnne shared about the Early Learning Hub's Child Care Voices project, asking parents to share their experiences looking for child care in our region.	
LeAnne discussed the Pollywog Parent Satisfaction Survey and asked workgroup members to encourage their clients to participate.	
Antonia reminded the workgroup that Preschool Promise has spots available in all three counties.	
Sommer mentioned the Healthy Moms curriculum presentation from Rebecca Kobal. It is childbirth education for moms with little to no English.	

Next Meeting	9:30 am, December 13, 2022 Online Via Zoom
Meeting Adjourned	10:35 am