

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

MEETING COMMENCED	9:30 am, November 12, 2024 Online Via Zoom
MEETING CALLED BY	Deanna Barclay
PRESENTERS	Tony Scott, ODHS Family Support & Connections Coordinator
WORKGROUP MEMBERS PRESENT	Menna Alamia, Deanna Barclay, Andrea Bartell, Carolyn Black, Amy Bliege, Mandy Clark, Nilly Livsay, Tammi Martin, Georgia Smith, Miranda Tasker, Candace Tawiah, Karen Weiner
STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT	Kristi Collins, 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	Family Support & Connections, ODHS
<p>Tony introduced himself and discussed the work of Family Support and Connections (FSC). FSC is a free voluntary program that contracts with community-based organizations for services to help families with parenting challenges, financial stressors, and other common struggles that families experience. Families can self-refer or be referred by an organization. Once referred, a family advocate will reach out and offer services.</p> <p>If the family accepts services, a family advocate from a local community-based organization will meet with the family to discuss their experiences, strengths, and challenges and then offer services that match those needs.</p> <p>Family Support and Connections can support families who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have at least one child under the age of 18 in the household • Have incomes below 300% of the Federal poverty level • Are not enrolled in active Child Welfare services <p>Family Advocates support families with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to food, clothing, diapers, baby items, and furniture • Connection to healthcare, substance dependency, and mental health treatment and resources • Connection to housing resources • Support to help children be successful at school 	

- Family and relationship health, safety, and well-being resources
- Parenting support, parenting education, childcare, and family activities
- Support with budgeting, meal planning, and household organization
- Connection to employment and education assistance
- Other supports include self-care and recreation, life skills, legal support, volunteer opportunities, healthy lifestyle activities, and more!

The program aims to increase protective factors: parental resilience, nurturing and attachment, knowledge of parenting, and child development. Providing early supports before higher levels of intervention are needed to help keep families out of the child welfare system.

Tony clarified that this program is part of Self-Sufficiency programs, not Child Welfare.

Workgroup members requested a copy of the slide presentation so they could share this information with their organizations.

Young Roots Oregon is a provider for FSC. Andrea shared about their Parent Mentor program and other supports they offer. Family Tree Relief Nursery is also an FSC provider. The workgroup asked about Old Mill Center, which is not currently an FSC provider.

Young Roots and Family Tree Relief Nursery have a steering committee for their FSC work that meets quarterly. Andrea invited any workgroup member who is a part of the system of prevention to join that committee.

Discussion Item	Project Updates
LeAnne gave an Asset Mapping project update.	
Sam shared about Pollywog's Holiday Resource Guide. This year, it includes 103 local resources across the region.	
Sam gave an update on the Jumpstart Read for the Record project. This year, 45 organizations participated, with over 174 adults and almost 800 children reading.	

Discussion Item	HCI Business
The 2025 HCI schedule was shared with the workgroup. Deanna asked for volunteers for a new committee chair or co-chair.	

Next Meeting	9:30 am, December 10, 2024 Online Via Zoom
Meeting Adjourned	10:05 am am