



# Early Learning Hub

*of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties*

## Governing Board Packet March 2023

Governing Board  
Early Learning Hub  
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## Please Note

We have no action items or time-sensitive topics to discuss at the March Board meeting. In respect of the best use of everyone's time, we have decided to cancel our regular March meeting. Written program and workgroup updates are included in this packet for your review.

We will have an optional one-hour roundtable discussion at 2 pm on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, for Board members to share legislative updates from their sector and any advocacy work opportunities.

We appreciate your support and will have a full agenda for our April meeting.

## Packet Overview

In your Governing Board packet for March you will find the following information:

1. Fiscal Report – September financials and financial narrative are included.
2. Workgroup Updates - Informational
  - i. Data & Evaluation
  - ii. Health Care Integration
  - iii. P-3 & ECCC
3. Program Updates – Informational
  - i. Business Liaison – Bryan Steinhauser
  - ii. Pollywog Update, LeAnne Trask
  - iii. Family Connects Update, Connie Adams
  - iv. Coordinated Enrollment Update, Antonia Huerta

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## Fiscal Report

### January Financial Narratives



## Finance

January 2023

### MONTH-END DETAILS

#### **Revenue:**

In the month of January, we received \$8,333 for Family Connects and \$32,822 for Coordination. We received \$50,000 for Pollywog. The funding for Pollywog included \$10,000 from IHN-CCO and \$50,000 from Samaritan.

#### **Expenditures:**

Total wages came to a total of \$44,654.37 for the month of January. The benefits total was \$32,195.89. And the total for services and supplies came to a total of \$21,636.83. These expenses come from Pollywog, Family Connects, Coordination, and Coordinated Enrollment.

#### **Other Information:**

## January Financial Summary

### Early Learning Hub of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties Early Learning Hub - 2-Year Budget (7/1/21 - 6/30/23) Governing Board Summary Financial Update as of the end of January 2023

Revenues	Budget	Current Month	YTD	Balance	% Rcvd
<b>Grant Resources</b>					
Pollywog	\$ 362,773.66	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 332,773.66	\$ 30,000.00	92%
Pollywog - IHN-CCO Carryover	\$ 15,313.34	\$ -	\$ 15,313.34	\$ -	100%
Family Connects	\$ 219,799.98	\$ 8,333.33	\$ 158,333.30	\$ 61,466.68	72%
<b>State Resources</b>					
Dept. of Education - ELD - Coordination (carry-over)	\$ 168,287.79	\$ -	\$ 168,287.79	\$ -	100%
Carry-Over Vroom	\$ 3,001.70	\$ -	\$ 3,001.70	\$ -	100%
Carry-Over NWHF	\$ 9,233.17	\$ -	\$ 9,233.17	\$ -	100%
Coordination	\$ 882,391.27	\$ 32,822.00	\$ 667,657.27	\$ 214,734.00	76%
Coordinated Enrollment	\$ 620,250.00		\$ 398,273.61	\$ 221,976.39	64%
Parent Leadership	\$ 30,000.00		\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	100%
<b>Reimbursement Grants</b>					
Dept. of Education - Title IV-B2	\$ 235,788.00	\$ -	\$ 81,391.75	\$ 154,396.25	35%
Dept. of Education - Kindergarten Partnership & Innovation	\$ 623,365.00		\$ 336,740.30	\$ 286,624.70	54%
<b>Total All Resources</b>	<b>\$ 3,170,203.91</b>	<b>\$ 101,155.33</b>	<b>\$ 2,201,005.89</b>	<b>\$ 969,198.02</b>	<b>69%</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Current Month</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>% Used</b>
<b>Grant Expenditures</b>					
Pollywog Program	\$ 378,087.00	\$ 10,594.10	\$ 336,781.45	\$ 41,305.55	89%
Family Connects	\$ 219,799.98	\$ 10,202.03	\$ 169,714.69	\$ 50,085.29	77%
<b>State Expenditures</b>					
Coordination	\$ 1,062,913.93	\$ 58,485.07	\$ 633,688.21	\$ 429,225.71	60%
Coordinated Enrollment	\$ 620,250.00	\$ 19,205.89	\$ 417,479.50	\$ 202,770.49	67%
Parent Leadership	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 0.00	100%
<b>Reimbursement Grants</b>					
Title IV-B2 Funds	\$ 235,788.00	\$ -	\$ 81,391.75	\$ 154,396.25	35%
Kindergarten Partnership & Innovation	\$ 623,365.00	\$ -	\$ 336,740.30	\$ 286,624.70	54%
<b>Total All Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 3,170,203.91</b>	<b>\$ 98,487.09</b>	<b>\$ 2,005,795.91</b>	<b>\$ 1,164,408.00</b>	<b>63%</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ -</b>				

## Data & Evaluation Workgroup Update



### Data & Evaluation Workgroup

The workgroup met at LBCC on February 17, 2023, to review the draft, unformatted Data Book with cross-sector partners and are continuing to collect feedback.

Ensure that the Early Learning Hub has the data it needs to make decisions informed by an understanding of the target populations and progress toward outcomes.

## Health Care Integration Workgroup Update



### Health Care Integration Workgroup

Update 3/2/2023

- 1) The Health Care Integration Workgroup (HCI) meets the second Tuesday of each month, from 9:30-11:00am, via Zoom. We used to rotate between the three counties to hold meetings, but we have found that we have MUCH better attendance by holding our meetings remotely. Our average attendance is between 25-30 people.
- 2) Our Committee Chair is Deanna Barkley from Family Tree Relief Nursery, and our Co-Chair is Katie Walsh from Samaritan Health Plans, and the Pollywog staff facilitate those meetings.
- 3) Due to an internet/cable/phone outage in Linn and Benton counties, we were unable to have our February 14 HCI meeting as planned. All participants were notified (as best we could), and we have shifted all meeting plans to our March 14 meeting.

## P-3 & ECCC Workgroup Update



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# P-3 & ECCC

P-3 and ECCC meet back-to-back (at the request of partners) on the third Wednesday of each month from 9:30 – 12:00, via Zoom. Our last meeting was on 2/15/2023.

- The first portion of the meeting was specific to P-3 work and currently we've focused on KPI. Specifically, requested feedback on the reporting and evaluation tools from the ELD.
- We then shifted to shared content for Regional Stewardship Committee work. We reviewed the ECSA deliverable and progress made on completing the Regional System Assessment.
- Finally, we shifted our focus to the work of the Early Childhood Coordinating Council. Our February meeting focused on legislative updates and current funding opportunities.

Staff from the Hub and CCR&R are meeting prior to our March meeting to work on theming the Ecosystem Conditions related to RUO objective 2 that this group identified at a previous meeting. This activity is the final step to completing our Regional System Assessment that we plan to share with the Board at our April meeting.



## Business Liaison



### Business Liaison

#### February 2023 Progress Update

##### Accomplishments:

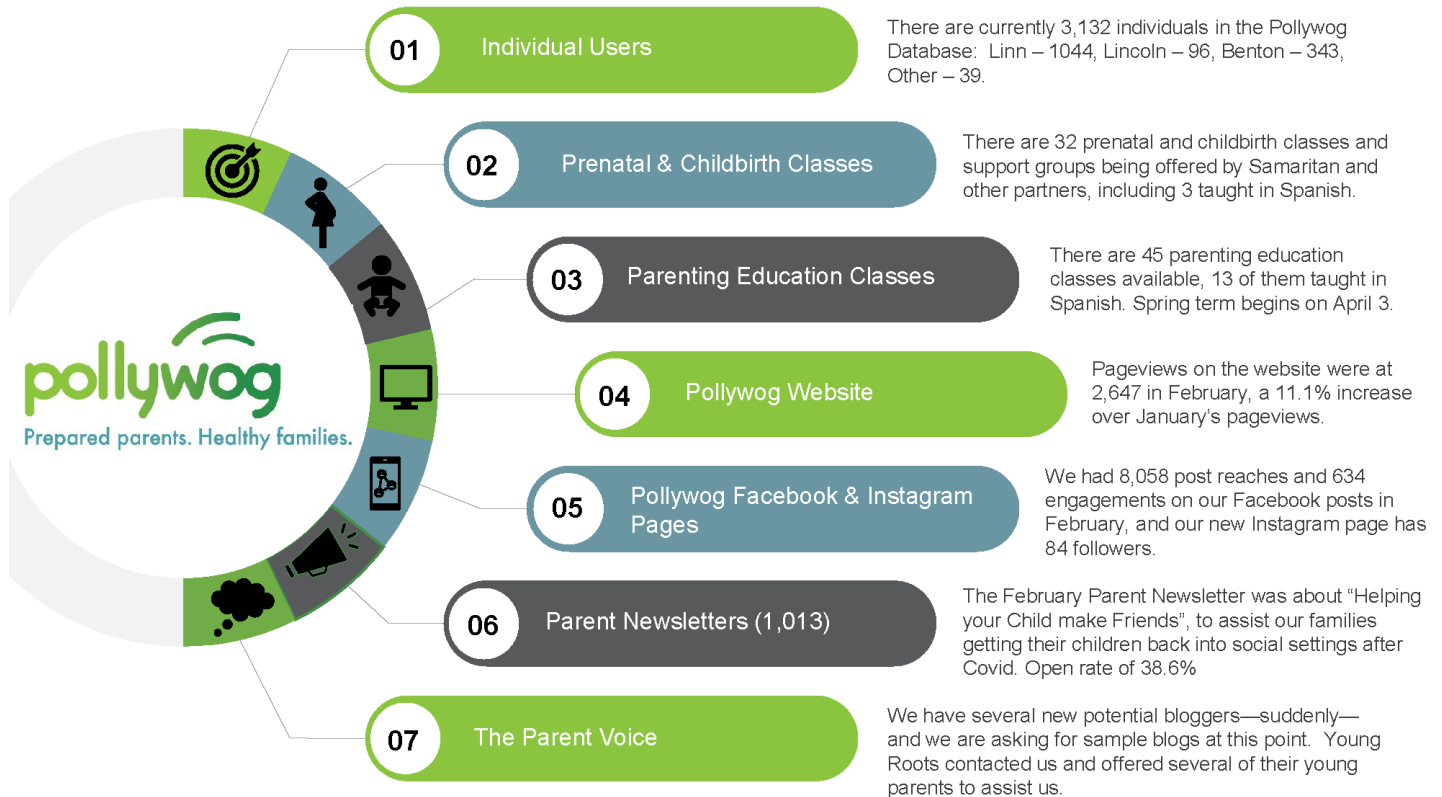
- Registered Family Home-Based Child Care Expansion Project:
  - Continued partnering coordination with Lincoln County stakeholders for Spring 2023 rollout of the recruitment campaign
  - Coordinating details with Madison Avenue Collective for the contract signing for marketing/recruitment
  - Developed commitment by United Way to assist with a large-scale grant proposal to use in conjunction with the expansion project for start-up funding
  - Conducted grant presentation to the City of Albany's Community Development Community as part of the 2023 CDBG grant proposal
- Completed BOI presentation for Hollingsworth and Vose employees and union representatives

##### Near term goals:

- Perform BOI presentation with Lowe's Distribution and Entek in Lebanon, Target in Albany, and both public school networks
- Meet with Benton County commissioners to discuss child care issues and solutions
- Continue developing home-based expansion project for tentative rollout in early spring 2023
- Explore Linn County and city potential for "media buy" funding for expansion project marketing

## Pollywog Update

2 March 2023



**28** Database Floating Users

**7** Database Dedicated Users

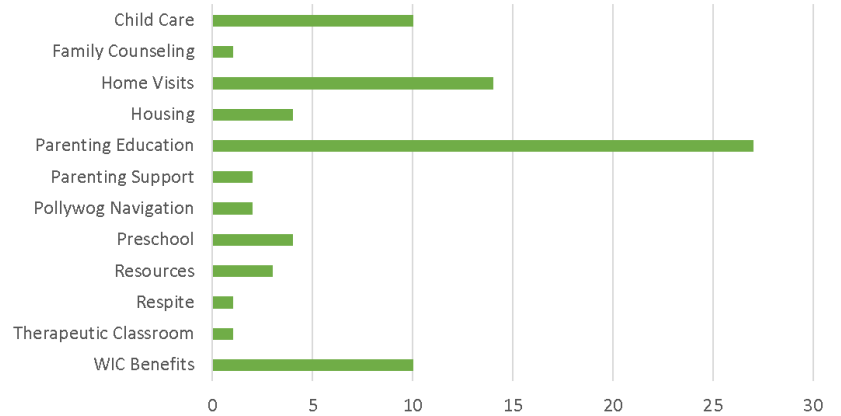


**34** Linn County Partners

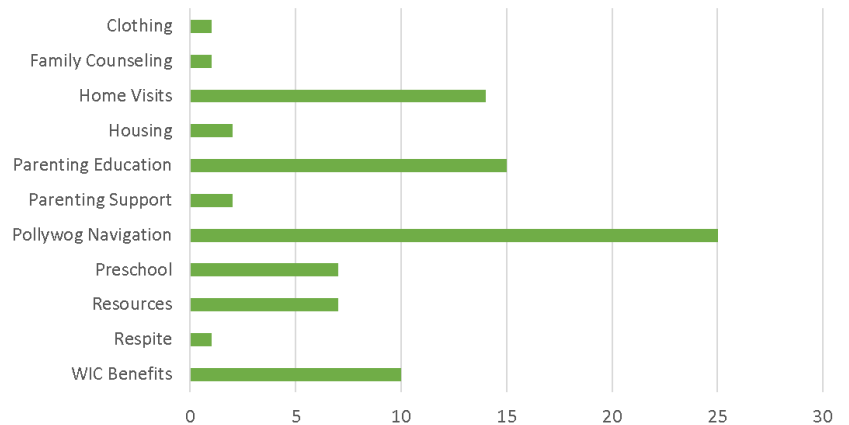
**22** Lincoln County Partners

**26** Benton County Partners

**February Referrals - 69**



**February Service Requests - 92**



## Family Connects



### Family Connects Update, March 2023

#### Family Connects Oregon Evaluation Reports

Portland State program evaluators released their Family Connects Evaluation Report at a meeting of Early Adopters (EA) on 2/22/23. The report contains the results of two evaluations: *The Year Two Early Adopter Findings* and the *Caregiver Decliner Study Findings*.

The *Year Two Early Adopter Findings* evaluation asked questions about successes and challenges the EA sites experienced, how each site addressed these challenges in their Family Connects program, and what was found helpful over the past year. Keep in mind, Year Two for Family Connects Oregon focused on program activities from April 2021 to February 2022. PSU evaluators collected data from four EA sites in March and April of 2022.

The Year Two EA Findings include a list of nine program areas that are ranked according to responses from all four sites in order of most successful/working well to least successful/more challenging. They are:

1. Coordinating and providing Integrated Home Visits (IHVs)
2. Working with other home visiting programs
3. Ensuring equitable access to FCO services
4. Adhering to the FCO evidence-based model
5. Community alignment
6. Hiring and maintaining staff
7. Recruiting caregivers
8. Data systems and monitoring
9. Billing

EA sites also commented on how support for EA sites could be improved, and the report lists the following suggestions:

1. Improve access to FCI's foundational materials, procedures, and technical assistance;
2. Provide more OHA leadership for moving toward a statewide rollout;
3. Offer training that better prepares EA sites to implement FCO.

Along with those over-arching themes for improved support, some specific lessons learned were also named, including:

1. Uncertainty in billing had a destabilizing effect on FCO sites;
2. Intensive coordinated work, that is consistent and individualized to each site, is required at local and state levels;



3. EA sites are most confident in their ability to conduct home visits, and need ongoing support to learn other aspects of the model.
4. Relationships, partnerships, communication, and collaboration are at the core of this work.
5. Families liked having an option for a virtual home visit.

The result of the Year Two Evaluation are recommendations for FCO as they roll-out future FCO sites. These focus on support and leadership at the state level for billing and ensuring universality of access, as well as greater access for EA staff to FCI resources, assistance, and training and other EA sites for peer-learning opportunities.

The *Caregiver Decliner Study* sought to understand why parents chose to not participate in Family Connects when it is offered to them. The research looked at what barriers parents might have in accessing FCO and if those barriers disproportionately affect certain communities. Finally, the evaluators hoped to find out what FCO sites can do to increase participation. Some findings from this survey include:

- A majority (72%) of caregivers stated they declined FCO participation because they had enough people to rely on for support, although this reason was less common among participants who took the survey in Spanish.
- 10% felt uncomfortable having a nurse visit their home.
- Culture and language are part of why families opt out of FCO.
- One-third of participants couldn't remember when they were offered an FCO visit.

On 2/23/23, the Linn/Benton/Lincoln FC team briefly discussed the Caregiver Decliner Study results to consider its implications on how the program is being implemented in our counties. These results will undoubtedly influence advertising and community alignment in the coming year. As we only received these full reports today, we will share a more in-depth response from the LBL site as we consider its findings for our communities.

*(This report both paraphrases and uses direct quotation from the PSU presentation of their findings.)*

## Coordinated Enrollment



# PRESCHOOL P R O M I S E

## Coordinated Enrollment Update

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

Preschool Promise Providers	Total Slots Awarded	Available Slots
Awesome Blossom Child Care, LLC	12	0
Baby Boomers	9	0
Bobbi Ann Corwin	4	0
Bright Bumble Bees	7	0
Cubby Preschool	9	0
Gratitude Gardens	6	0
Happy Munchkins Preschool and Childcare	12	0
Hey Diddle Diddle Learning Center Inc	11	0
Mid-Willamette Family YMCA – Growing Leaders	40	0
Nana's Daycare	6	0
North Albany Learning Center	7	0
Old Mill Center for Children and Families, Inc.	18	0
Rainbow Readers	10	4
Samaritan Early Learning Center	18	1
South Shore Elementary - New	17	0
Strengthening Rural Families - Alsea Pups	18	7
Sunrise Elementary School	18	0
Taft Early Learning Center	8	3
Waverly Elementary School	18	0
Wee Irish	10	0
Yachats Youth and Family Program, Inc	18	4
Total	276	19